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Bristol Board of Education
Bristol, Connecticut
Wednesday, June 10, 2026 – 5:30 p.m.
Special Meeting Minutes

The Bristol Board of Education special meeting was held onWednesday, June 10, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. in the Bristol Board of Education Auditorium located at 129 Church Street and via Zoom Meeting Platform.

Present: Chair Shelby Pons, Commissioners: Jill Fitzsimons-Bula (virtual),Kara Ledger, Robert Parenti, Jennifer Tagariello,Jennifer Van Gorder, and Liaison, Peter Kelley

Absent: Commissioner Kristen Giantonio,Lorianne Osenkowski and Barbara Tedesco

Also, Present: Superintendent Iris White, Mary Hawk, Deputy Superintendent, Jodi Bond, Director of Finance, Dr. Amy Martino, Director of Pupil Services,Joseph Grabowski, Chief Talent Officer, Jeff Telke Supervisor of IT, and Tara Landon School Project Manager

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence:
Chair Pons called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and asked the audience to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Discussion and Possible Action of:
Approval of the Final Plans and Project Manuals for the Edgewood PK Project
Chair Shelby Pons introduced Tara Landon who provided an overview of the Edgewood Pre K renovation project.

Questions and Discussion followed from commissioners about overall cost, site work, exclusions and taxpayer responsibility.

Chair Shelby Pons motioned to approve the final plans and project manual(s) as prepared for bidding and dated June 5, 2026 and the professional cost estimate, completed in accordance with Level 3 of ASTM International Standard E1557, Standard Classification of Building Elements and Related Sitework-UNIFORMAT II for this project, dated June 5, 2026.

Motion made by Jennifer Tagariello and seconded by Jennifer Van Gorder. The motion passed five (5) commissioners IN FAVOR (Tagariello, Pons, Fitzsimons-Bula, Ledger, and Parenti)-and one (1) commissioner OPPOSED (VanGorder).

APPROVED

Appointment of Board Commissioner to School Liaison/Board Representative Assignments
Chair Shelby Pons acknowledged former Vice Chair Maria Simmons following her resignation and introduced Jennifer Tagariello as a new member of the Board of Education. It was recommended that Commissioner Tagariello assume the previous responsibilities held by Simmons, including school liaison duties, board representation, committee assignments, and the role of vice-chair.

Chair Shelby Pons asked for a motion to approve the appointment of Commissioner Tagariello to serve as the School Liaison to SouthSide and Bristol Eastern High School as well as CREC District Representative alternative.

Motion made by Jennifer Van Gorder and seconded by Kara Ledger. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Shelby Pons asked for a motion to approve the appointment of Commissioner Tagariello to serve as Vice-Chair.

Questions and Discussion about the vote of officer process.

Motion made by Kara Ledger and seconded by Robert Parenti. The motion passed unanimously.

Appointment of Board Commissioner to Committee Assignments
Chair Shelby Pons asked for a motion to approve the appointment of Commissioner Tagariello to serve as the chair of the Finance & Operations Committee, member on the Policy Committee, alternate to School Family, & Community Partnership Committee and a member on the AD Hoc-Labor Relations Committee

Motion made by Jennifer Van Gorder and seconded by Kara Ledger. The motion passed unanimously.

<u>Adjournment</u>

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Special Board of Education Meeting adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sydney Molina
Recording Secretary
Bristol Board of Education

APPROVED