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BOARD OF EDUCATION
Budget Workshop #3 Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 23, 2026
Board of Education Auditorium and via the Zoom

The Bristol Board of Education Budget Workshop #3 meeting was held on Thursday, April 23, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bristol Board of Education Auditorium located at 129 Church Street and via Zoom Meeting.

PRESENT: Chair Shelby Pons; Commissioners:Lorianne Osenkowski (virtual), Kristen Giantonio, Jennifer Van Gorder(6:01p.m), Maria Simmons (6:01p.m), Jill Fitzsimons-Bula, Kara Ledger, Robert Parenti, Barbara Tedesco(6:21p.m) and Board Liaison Peter Kelley.

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent White, Jodi Bond, Dr. Amy Martino, Carly Fortin, and Joseph Grabowski

1. Call to Order:
Chair Pons called the workshop to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Public Comment:
Cristalba Alcide addressed the Board in regards to the 2027 Budget and the impact it has on her as a staff member, parent and family residing in the Bristol Community.

3. Discussion (No Action): Overview of potential budget reductions and impacts
Superintendent Iris White provided an overview of potential budget reductions and impacts for the 2027 fiscal year Superintendent budget proposal. After each component of the presentation, time was given for questions or discussion from Commissioners.

- FY 2027 Budget
- Special Education
- General Education
- Education Cost Sharing (ECS) Update
- FY 2027 General Education Staff Requests
- Reductions with a Large Fiscal Impact such as:
    - Removing the 181st day of school and having the state minimum requirements of 180.
    - Freeze Stipends (A2/A3)
    - Removal of Middle School Sports
    - Facilities/Equipment
    - Retirement Savings
    - Salary & Step Freeze (until 2/1/27) negotiations through the Unions.
    - School Closure due to declining enrollment
- City Budget Adoption Timeline

Questions and discussion posed by the Commissioners were answered during the session included:
- Clarification on Education Cost Sharing and allocation of funds if received;
- Pre-K school hours;
- Review of premium optimization and life insurance benefits for cost saving measures;
- Review of High School classes and electives for low enrollment for cost saving measures;

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● Cost saving measures of reduction of Middle School Sports and impact to students;
● Cost saving measures of reduction of 181st school day;
● Finance Dashboard collaboration between Board of Education and Board of Finance to provide a tool to the community to show financial history, trends and projections of the District;
● Comparison of districts within the same DRG for budgetary plans for upcoming years.

3. Discussion and possible action concerning the Superintendent's recommendation to non-renew non-tenured teachers for budgetary reasons

Vice Chair Maria Simmons provided an overview concerning the Superintendent's recommendation to non-renew non-tenured teachers for budgetary reasons as a precautionary measure due to no budget being approved by the Board of Finance.

Vice-Chair Simmons called for a motion to move that the Bristol Board of Education votes not to renew the teaching contract of the following teachers: Sarah Agmon, Cristalba Alcide, Kaitlin Alston, Kelly Aminti, Nathaniel Austin Mathley, Friecka Baldwin, Olivia Bazarewsky, Andrew Beaucar, Karen Bedlack, Emily Belanger, Abigael Bosman, Kaylee Bosques Atchison, Jacob Boutote, Erica Bradley, Ethan Brown, Cara Brown Spencer, Trystan Brunet, Patrick Burke, Andrea Burnell, Michael Cassineri, Mariah Klair Castillo, Christiano Chavez, Jameson Corey, Melaney Coyle, Megan Croce, Silvio D'agostino, Elizabeth David, Jacqueline Davis, Jessica Devoe, Julia Dolce, Erin Dougherty, Jason Downes, Casie Engle, Alison Fitzpatrick, Kayla Gaudet, Alyssa Giancarli, Kieran Glynn, Melissa Green, Logan Greger, Bridget Grenier, Michelle Guastella, Joseph Guerin, Joseph Guerrera, Meghan Hamel, Mykala Heiden, Jessica Hernandez, Jessica Hogan, Elaine Honig, Amanda Hull, Victoria Ieraci, Amy Ieronimo, Paige Janick, Nicole Johnson, Laura Jordan, Kimberly Kanachovski, Eric Kaufman, Brittany Knopf, Kathryn Krawiec Suckley, Patricia Lanesey, Mackensie Larocca, Davianna Larocque Aldi, Brianna Larson, Samantha Laviero, Pamela Le, Cheyenne Lee, Kayla Leitao, Susan Lopez, Jessica Luntta, Sarah Maglio, Lashay Mamuya, Morgan Matos, Meagan Mccane, Riley Mcguire, Sarah Molloy, Madison Morin Scata, Emily Morrissey, Alisha Nadeau, Heather Needham, Lia Negron, Melissa Newell, Kelly Newton, Krista Nichols, Hannah Ojard, Kate Olsen, Julia Pahl, Meghan Palnitkar, Peter Pecora, Maria Perrotti, Alyson Phelan, Jessica Pike, Kelly Pogue, Kayla Policarpio, Colin Pratt, Alexandria Provenzano, Julie Quinlan, Courtney Ravita, Nicole Rawcliffe, Sandra Robair, Susan Rodney, Mitchell Rossi, Brianna Rovella, Orlando Ruiz, Emily Ryan, Andrea Santos, Gerry Schuster, Tatiana Slotnick, Colin Sonstrom, Dana Sooko, Benjamin Stafford, Olivia Stanley, Craig Steszewski, Leanne Stone, Danielle Sullo, Kevin Taylor, Sydney Therrien, Trevor Thomas, Jacklyn Tobin, Jessica Toro, Maria Torres, Rebecca Torres, Jase Trelli, Emily Trudeau, Kenisha Villanueva, Jonathan Wadowski, Katt Ward, Amanda White, Rachael Witkewicz, Ryan Wolf, Jessica Wollman, Marissa Wright, Mikayla Wyskiel, Ashley Zagorski, Samantha Zaprzalka, and Ardita Zhuta for the 2026-27 school year for budgetary reasons only.

Motion made by Maria Simmons and second by Jennifer Van Gorder. Motion passed 5-4, Commissioner Van Gorder, Giantonio, Osenkowski and Parenti voting no.

Questions and discussion regarding the notification process for non-tenured staff and the public disclosure of their names during the meeting.

Adjournment

With no other business before the committee, the meeting was adjourned. (7:31 p.m)

Respectfully Submitted,

Sydney Molina

Recording Secretary
Bristol Board of Education

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