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BRISTOL BOARD OF EDUCATION
Bristol, Connecticut
Wednesday, March 2, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the Bristol Board of Education was held on Wednesday, March 2, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. at the Board of Education auditorium and via the Zoom Meeting Platform.

PRESENT: Commissioners: Eric Carlson, Jennifer Dube, Kristen Giantonio, Shelby Pons, John Sklenka (virtual), Todd Sturgeon, Dante Tagariello, Karen Vibert, and Christopher Wilson (virtual); **ALSO PRESENT:** Dr. Catherine Carbone, Superintendent, Dr. Michael Dietter, Deputy Superintendent, Jill Browne, Business Director, and Jolene Lusitani, Council Liaison

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ MOMENT OF SILENCE

Chair Dube called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and asked attendees to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Dube read the meeting norms.

VOTE TO CONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Dube invited Dr. Carbone, Dr. Galloway, and Jill Browne into Executive Session and called for a motion to Convene into Executive for the purpose of discussing: confidential documents and records related to collective bargaining with Local 818.

Following a motion by Karen Vibert and a second by Kristen Giantonio

The Board of Education unanimously voted to Convene into Executive for the purpose of discussing: confidential documents and records related to collective bargaining with Local 818. (7:03)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

PRESENT: Commissioners: Eric Carlson, Jennifer Dube, Kristen Giantonio, Shelby Pons, John Sklenka (virtual), Todd Sturgeon, Dante Tagariello, Karen Vibert, and Christopher Wilson (virtual); **ALSO PRESENT:** Dr. Catherine Carbone, Superintendent, Dr. Sam Galloway, Director of Talent Management and Jill Browne, Business Director

Called to Order: 7:05 p.m.

Tentative Agreement with Local 818

Commissioner Sklenka addressed the board regarding Local 818. (7:10)

RECONVENE INTO PUBLIC SESSION to take any votes on items discussed in Executive Session.

Chair Dube called Public Session to order. (7:13 p.m.)

Tentative Agreement with Local 818

Chair Dube called for a motion to approve the Tentative Agreement between the Board of Education Personnel Subcommittee and Local 818.

Tentative Agreement with Local 818 – con't

Following a motion by Karen Vibert and a second by John Sklenka, Chair Dube called for a Roll Call Vote.

Following a Roll Call Vote, the motion to approve the Tentative Agreement between the Board of Education Personnel Subcommittee and Local 818 **PASSED** with nine (9) commissioners (Carlson, Giantonio, Pons, Sklenka, Sturgeon, Tagariello, Vibert, Wilson, and Dube) in **FAVOR** of the motion.

STAFF and STUDENT RECOGNITION

2nd Grade Teachers, 2nd Grade Scholars, and Azra Redzic

The Board recognized Grade 2 teachers, scholars, and Mrs. Redzic for completion of the Community Helpers Unit. Mrs. Redzic thanked the literacy coaches and grade 2 teachers that worked on the social studies curriculum and she thanked the Grade 2 teachers across the district. They have just completed a unit entitled Rights Responsibilities of Citizens in Society and Bristol. Mr. Joshua Hubert Grade 2 teacher from South Side School along with his student Kelsey Barnes and her mother were on the Zoom to discuss the unit, and what they had learned. Kelsey also shared some of the interview questions that she asked Dr. Carbone. Mrs. Redzic thanked Mr. Hubert and Kelsey for sharing their work with the board.

Business Office Staff Recognition

Jill Browne, Business Director took time to spotlight the work of the Business Office Staff. Mrs. Browne highlighted the work of the business office over the past two years due to COVID and the day-to-day work that the department takes care of. Mrs. Browne said, "it's sort of the gear turning behind-the-scenes work that seldom gets highlighted and this team has been outstanding rising to any and every challenge over the past two years". The Business Office staff members include Accounts Payable, Heidi Greguoli and Lisa Pelletier; Payroll, Lori Christopher and Charlie Kozikowski; Grants, Jean Hagan and Alicia Krar; Transportation Director AnnMarie Fippinger; Special Education Accounting Clerk, Shirley Baillargeon, and Supervisor of Accounting, Jodi Bond. Staff members were on the Zoom to be recognized. Commissioner Tagariello also shared his gratitude for the work that the business office has done over the past two years and all of the work they do each and every day. He also recognized Mrs. Browne for her strong leadership of such a tremendous team.

Dr. Carbone thanked the business office staff and called attention to the Administrator's Resignation that appears on this evening's agenda. Mrs. Browne will be resigning as she moves onto Ridgefield Public Schools, as the Director of Business and Finance. Dr. Carbone thanked Mrs. Browne for her leadership and hard work over the past 24 months. On behalf of the Central Office Team and the district, she will be missed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

February 2, 2022 – Regular Meeting

Following a motion by Todd Sturgeon and a second by Dante Tagariello

The Board of Education unanimously voted to **APPROVE** the February 2, 2022, Regular Minutes as written.

February 17, 2022 – BoE Workshop

Following a motion by Eric Carlson and a second by Dante Tagariello

The Board of Education unanimously voted to **APPROVE** the February 17, 2022, BOE Workshop Minutes as written.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Communications – Commissioner Giantonio reported that the committee met on March 2nd. The staff shared metrics regarding district communication through ParentSquare. Currently, there is a 99% reach in our district and the district is working towards addressing the remaining 1%; the metric also showed that most contacts preferred email. Staff provided several examples of a new logo and color scheme that will be uniform across the district along with a style guide. Four sets of logos were presented to the committee and the committee narrowed it down to two. The two packages will be presented for parents to choose from and that data will be reviewed at a later meeting. Committee members were also provided with a timeline for the reimagining plan for the district which includes moving our Pre-K to Edgewood, Renovations at Edgewood, redistricting, building an addition to Northeast Middle School, and renovations to Greene Hills and West Bristol. Lastly, the staff presented the current offerings and placement of our internship Pathways and the alignment of the Pathways to our curriculum.

Finance – Commissioner Tagariello reported that the Finance committee met on February 9th. During that meeting, the committee received an update on the fund balance which was \$273,429. One item of note was the considerable activity in our special services line which we continue to monitor closely. In addition to that, the Board had previously implemented the budget freeze and that freeze remains in effect. The cafeteria continues to shine, that fund balance is a positive \$454,000. The last item of note was that there was an error in the estimation of insurance for our budget that we will present to the Board of Finance, overall the budget request may have gone up slightly, but it did not cause a reason for concern.

Operations - Commissioner Carlson reported that the committee met on February 9th. The committee looked at providing feminine hygiene product dispensers for the girl's bathrooms in the high school and junior high schools. This item was moved to the full board for a vote. The committee also discussed the Bioswale Project at Edgewood School, the committee approved the project which is basically taking a drainage ditch and turning it into a planting area to help improve water quality at Edgewood School which is next to the New Britain Watershed property so this is a project working with the Farmington River Watershed, Pequabuck River Watershed and the Public Works Department. The high school culinary arts project was awarded to Drummey Rosane Anderson, Inc. Architecture Firm the contract amount was \$92,500 to design the new culinary arts operation. The BAIMS Mutual use agreement was presented to the board, and the Edgewood roof has issues, and we will be replacing it, but in the meantime, we have to keep patching it.

Personnel – Commissioner Carlson provided the Personnel Committee report in Commissioner Sklenka's absence. The Personnel Committee will move forward with the contract agreement with Local 818 contract, as just discussed in Executive Session. The basic breakdown (and covers custodians, food service and etc.) the first year is a 2.25% raise, in the second year a 2.5% raise, and in the third year a 2.95% raise.

Student Achievement – Commissioner Sturgeon reported that the committee met on February 16th. He apologized for not having his notes from the meeting, he will read them into the record at next month's meeting.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Bristol Central – Fatima Aamir – Junior Representative from Bristol Central reported on recent activities from BC, highlights from the report include basketball has continued to have a strong season by defeating many of the teams they have played against. Senior Night for the girls was held on February 9th and February 11th for the boys, it was a special night to honor the seniors and make memories before they graduate. Spring sports will be starting soon and anyone interested in playing baseball, tennis or lacrosse

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS – cont'd

is encouraged to sign up. Many positive activities are being held in school; the student council decorated the cafeteria windows with positive and uplifting messages, they used bright, eye-catching colors, and even painted some windows. It really puts a smile on people's faces and brightens their day when they look at the messages. Student Council also organized a spirit week after winter break; students got to wear comfy outfits, compete in class colors, and dress as Dynamic Duos. The Interact Club students were able to serve meals to the senior citizens for Valentine's Day. The National Honor Society is recruiting new candidates, students were informed that they are candidates for the National Honor Society if they met the GPA requirements and then were told to fill out an information packet to see if they further qualified.

Bristol Eastern – Trisha Mohan – Senior Representative from Bristol Eastern reported on recent activities from BE, highlights from the report include two days ago BE went through a major change, with no more masks so students are allowed to come into the building with or without one. For the freshman and sophomore class, it is actually their first time attending high school without requiring a mask. Spring sports will be starting up by the end of this month many coaches are hosting team meetings to get new people involved. With the year ending Bristol Eastern has been paying a lot of attention to the seniors. There have been many scholarship workshops with representatives from the Main Street Foundation to help seniors with the Main Street scholarship and the guidance counselors have also hosted a FAFSA breakfast with raffle prizes ranging from a free yearbook to a free cap and gown, a mini-frig, free prom tickets, and even AirPods. Many of the clubs have been making positive changes around the school. The Science National Honor Society has created a composting bin in the lunchroom that is emptied into an outdoor composting bin which is helping to turn our leftover food into healthy soil for the courtyard. The Model UN Club is preparing to leave for New York City for a 4-day trip to attend the Model UN Conference. The Trion group at our school is hosting their annual coffee house to showcase their talents and singing while those attending sip on coffee. Progress 3 is ending this week and Quarter 3 will be ending in a month. Juniors are currently preparing to take the SAT and AP Research students have their ongoing experiments and surveys out at school to get some good research for their papers BEHS is looking forward to the end of the year festivities with fundraising groups on the rise to make it a success and finishing the year academically strong.

CHAIR REPORT – Chair Dube addressed the board. Monday was the first annual Smiles are free day and everybody was able to embrace mask choice if they chose to wear a mask they were able to and if they chose not to they were also able to. Today was Read Across America Day and volunteers were welcome to share a story with our Scholars. Chair Dube recognized the service of Jill Browne our Director of Finance and Operations. Mrs. Browne came to the district during a period of transition that was difficult for the City despite the numerous challenges she tackled organizing our finances and bringing them back on track. She went on to say that Mrs. Browne has been an accessible member of the district leadership team and has constantly communicated with all Commissioners especially the members of the Finance and Operations Committees. While we are sad to see her leave we know that Jill will bring a depth of experience and organization to Ridgefield and we know how lucky they are to have her. On behalf of all the Commissioners, Chair Dube wished Mrs. Browne well in this next chapter of her career and thanked her for her service.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT - Dr. Carbone presented the monthly Superintendent Report. Dr. Carbone shared information with the Board regarding the following topics: A review of the Superintendent's Recommended budget for FY 23; which will be voted on later this evening. The budget was presented at the February Finance Committee meeting and the committee unanimously approved the General fund budget for FY 2023 which reflects a 2.20% increase from the current budget of \$121,650,000. The majority of the increase is driven by a 1.81% increase in salaries due to contractual obligations and a 0.78% increase in requested new positions for the BAIMS. A reminder at the close of FY21, the Board requested that the City Board of Finance set aside a portion of the surplus funds of our FY21 Budget for the Board of Education's future use. This request of 2% equals \$2, 380,440. should the City choose to allocate these set-aside funds, the BoE increase is \$297,560.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – cont’d

Masks and face coverings – Dr. Carbone shared information regarding the upcoming changes to masking protocols in our schools. Beginning on February 28, 2022 Masks and face coverings are optional in all Bristol Public Schools and program spaces, with limited exceptions, unless otherwise directed by the DPH, CSDE or OEC.

- Masks will still be required upon entering all health rooms/nurse stations throughout the district and we continue to urge our families to err on the side of caution when sending their child/children to school if they are symptomatic.
- Masks may be required for staff working in specialized program spaces in which immune or other compromised conditions warrant.

Dr. Carbone reminded families and staff about the continuation of notifying the district liaison, school, and/or school nurse of positive cases - as we will continue to follow the quarantine and isolation protocols as outlined in the Innovate and Elevate Continuation Plan.

Other topics shared by Dr. Carbone included BAIMS - 3rd Round of the Lottery conducted, 30 Seats for grades 6-8 remain; Kindergarten Registration – 253 families currently enrolled, anyone born on or after January 1, 2017, may register; Pre K Applications and Registration are also being accepted. Hubbell is the recipient of the Peary Awards. The Peary Awards celebrate outstanding educators and schools who embody Pear Deck’s values and encourage students to engage with teachers, classmates, and new ideas every day, a school that creates an inclusive and empowering community for both educators and students. Pear Deck is an educational technology company offering a web-based application to K–12 schools and teachers. Hubbell School was secretly nominated by Hubbell teacher Cindy Ahern and they have won the 2022 Outstanding School Culture award; Bristol Public School Rebranding - At last week’s Communications Committee meeting the next steps in Reimaging BPS 2023 plan were discussed and rebranding is a part of the plan. In the upcoming weeks, we will be looking for feedback from our families, staff, and scholars regarding an updated logo and district color palate. Several options were presented to the committee and those presented tonight reflect their choices. Dr. Carbone thanked all of the schools that participated in Read Across America today.

CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Dube called for approval of the Consent Agenda which included Items X.A.1. through X.B.1. Commissioner Vibert asked that Item X.A.1 Administrator Resignation be pulled out for further discussion.

Following a motion by Kristen Giantonio and a second by Dante Tagariello, the Board of Education unanimously voted to approve X.A.2. – X.B.1 of the Consent Agenda.

PERSONNEL

Teacher Resignations

Breen, Susan – EPH – Special Education Teacher – February 10, 2022

Kleidman, Lindsey – BPA – Adult Education Teacher – February 3, 2022

Mazzini, Kristen – WB – Grade 1 Teacher – February 23, 2022

On a motion by Kristen Giantonio and a second by Dante Tagariello, the Board of Education unanimously voted to approve the Teacher Resignations.

New Teacher Hires

Carosella, Joseph – NEMS – Interim Wellness Teacher – effective March 1, 2022
Marsh-Williams, Champagne – DW – Special Education Teacher of the Visually Impaired – eff. 3/14/22
Pineda, Jessica – WB – Grade 2 Teacher – effective February 28, 2022
Tracy, Rebecca – EDGE – Grade 5 Teacher – effective January 24, 2022

On a motion by Kristen Giantonio and a second by Dante Tagariello, the Board of Education unanimously voted to approve the New Teacher Hires.

A-2 Resignation

Bagley, Kenneth – BEHS – Music Director – effective February 10, 2022

On a motion by Kristen Giantonio and a second by Dante Tagariello, the Board of Education unanimously voted to accept the A-2 Resignation.

A-2 Hire

Dumont, Jessica – EDGE – K-5 Technology Leader/Webmaster – effective February 14, 2022

On a motion by Kristen Giantonio and a second by Dante Tagariello, the Board of Education unanimously voted to approve the A-2 Hire.

Teacher Requests for Unpaid Leave of Absence

Piazza, Elizabeth – GH – Kindergarten Teacher – effective February 23, 2022, through April 8, 2022
Zukowski, Erin – SS – Kindergarten Teacher – effective February 7, 2022, through February 22, 2022

On a motion by Kristen Giantonio and a second by Dante Tagariello, the Board of Education unanimously voted to approve the Teacher Requests for Unpaid Leave of Absence.

GRANTS

Consolidated Federal Grant Title I and Title II

On a motion by Kristen Giantonio and a second by Dante Tagariello, the Board of Education unanimously voted to approve the Consolidated Federal Grant Title I and Title II

Mrs. Fortin spoke to the Consolidated Federal Grant Title I and Title II to ensure that everyone had the background of how Title 1 funds are allocated.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Malina Moors – 237 Hull Street – addressed the Board regarding feminine products in school bathrooms.
Lauren Vernagli – 79 Beechwood Lane – addressed the Board regarding Parent Involvement.
De’Ana Prowell – 146 Harmony Road – addressed the Board regarding feminine products.
Sopha Torreso – 85 Fireside Lane – addressed the Board regarding feminine products.
Grace Ragali – 41 Leon Road – addressed the Board regarding discipline and how she was feeling.
Kristen Bevins – 41 Leon Road – addressed the Board regarding the discipline of her daughter.

DELIBERATED ITEMS/DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORTS

Approval of the Superintendent’s Recommended Budget for the 2022-23 School Year

Jill Browne presented the Superintendent’s Recommended Budget for the 2022-23 School year. Mrs. Browne reviewed the general fund budget request presented during the budget workshops and highlighted any changes since that January timeframe. The total recommended general fund budget for FY 2023 reflects a 2.20% increase from the current budget of \$121,650,000. Our budget demonstrates alignment to our district priorities, a responsiveness to the requests of our administrators, and shows a commitment to

Approval of the Superintendent’s Recommended Budget for the 2022-23 School Year – cont’d
improving academic programming, climate initiatives – additionally, it demonstrates the purposefulness of the use of federal relief funds to meet our district’s current and future needs. The Bristol Public Schools general fund budget for the 2022-23 School Year in the amount of \$124,328,000 has been approved by the Finance Committee and will be presented to the Board of Finance on Wednesday, March 16, 2022.

Following a motion by Dante Tagariello and a second by Kristen Giantonio, Chair Dube noted that approval of this motion will result in the budget as presented becoming the Board of Education’s recommended budget. Questions followed regarding the Special Education Administrator position being a 10-month position.

Chair Dube called for a Roll Call Vote.

Following a Roll Call Vote, the motion to approve the Superintendent’s Recommended Budget for the 2022-23 school year in the amount of \$124,328,000 which represents a 2.20% increase to the current operating budget **PASSED** with eight (8) commissioners (Carlson, Giantonio, Pons, Sturgeon, Tagariello, Vibert, Wilson, and Dube) in **FAVOR** of the motion.

Bioswales Project at Edgewood School

Jill Browne presented Bioswales Project at Edgewood School. The Farmington River Watershed Association, Pequabuck River Watershed Association working with Bristol Public Works submitted and received funding for converting swales to bioswales on the Edgewood property. The grant is in the amount of \$179,000. This project will be free to the Board of Education and any additional funds will come from Public Works and the Farmington River Watershed Association. The work involves some plantings and light construction on the property. Aimee Petras from the Farmington River Watershed Association was present on the zoom to explain the project in further detail.

On a motion by Eric Carlson and a second by Dante Tagariello, the Board of Education unanimously voted to grant authorization to Public Works for the Bioswale Project at the Edgewood Elementary School, located at 345 Mix Street, by the endorsement of applications to the Bristol Conservation Commission Inland Wetlands Agency and the Bristol Flood and Erosion Commission Flood Plain Agency.

Feminine Hygiene Product Dispensers

Jill Browne presented the Feminine Hygiene Product Dispensers. At the Operations Committee meeting on February 9, 2022, it was approved to install feminine hygiene product dispensers in the women’s and gender-neutral bathrooms at the middle schools and high schools. (GHK8, WBK8, CHMS, NEMS, BCHS, BEHS, BPA). Commissioner Carlson read the motion:

It is recommended that the Bristol Board of Education approve the purchase and installation of feminine hygiene product dispensers in the middle school and high school women’s and gender-neutral bathrooms. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion.

As requested, Dr. Carbone walked commissioners through the current procedures/access of our female scholars to feminine products. All commissioners were given the opportunity to share their opinions and suggestions on implementation in the district. Commissioners engaged in a lengthy discussion. Dr. Carbone informed commissioners that at this time, the plan is only to dispense sanitary napkins. The dispensing of tampons may be discussed at a later time.

Chair Dube called for a Roll Call Vote.

Feminine Hygiene Product Dispensers – cont'd

Following a Roll Call Vote, the motion to approve the purchase and installation of feminine hygiene product dispensers in the middle school and high school women's and gender-neutral bathrooms **PASSED** with eight (8) commissioners (Carlson, Giantonio, Pons, Sturgeon, Tagariello, Vibert, Wilson, and Dube) in **FAVOR** of the motion.

Healthy Foods Certification for the 2022-23 School Year

Jill Browne presented the Healthy Foods Certification for the 2022-23 School Year. In order to participate in and be eligible for the National School Lunch Program, the Board of Education must approve the following motions with the very specific language contained herein:

Motion #1: - Healthy Food Options: Pursuant to C.G.S. Section 10-215f, the Board of Education or governing authority certifies that all food items offered for sale to students in the schools under its jurisdiction, and not exempted from the Connecticut Nutrition Standards published by the Connecticut State Department of Education, will comply with the Connecticut Nutrition Standards during the period of July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023. This certification shall include all food offered for sale to students separately from reimbursable meals at all times and from all sources, including but not limited to school stores, vending machines, school cafeterias, culinary programs, and any fundraising activities on school premises sponsored by the school or non-school organizations and groups.

Following a motion by Dante Tagariello and a second by Eric Carlson, Chair Dube called for a Roll Call Vote.

Following a Roll Call Vote, the Healthy Food Options motion **PASSED** with seven (7) commissioners (Carlson, Giantonio, Pons, Sturgeon, Tagariello, Wilson, and Dube) in **FAVOR** of the motion; and one (1) commissioner (Vibert) **OPPOSED**.

Motion #2 - Language For Combined Food And Beverage Exemptions: The Board of Education or governing authority will allow the sale to students of food items that do not meet the Connecticut Nutrition Standards and beverages not listed in Section 10-221q of the Connecticut General Statutes provided that the following conditions are met: 1) the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; 2) the sale is at the location of the event, and 3) the food and beverage items are not sold from a vending machine or school store. An "event" is an occurrence that involves more than just a regularly scheduled practice, meeting, or extracurricular activity. For example, soccer games, school plays, and interscholastic debates are events but soccer practices, play rehearsals, and debate team meetings are not. The "regular school day" is the period from midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day. "Location" means where the event is being held and must be the same place as the food and beverage sales.

Following a motion by Dante Tagariello and a second by Kristen Giantonio, Chair Dube called for a Roll Call Vote.

Following a Roll Call Vote, the Combined Food and Beverage Exemptions motion **PASSED** with eight (8) commissioners (Carlson, Giantonio, Pons, Sturgeon, Tagariello, Vibert, Wilson, and Dube) in **FAVOR** of the motion.

Special Services Leadership Team Report

Dr. Kimberly Culkin presented the monthly Special Services Leadership Team Report. As of February 1st, 1,697 of the 8,097 Bristol students are identified as students requiring Special Education programming. This enrollment reflects 20.96% of the total BPS student population. During the month of January, 8 of the 47 newly registered students were identified as students with special needs at the time of registration.

Special Services Leadership Team Report – cont'd

During the month of January, no students newly enrolled in BPS were receiving their programs and services through an out-of-district special education school program at the time of enrollment. As of February 1, 2022, 121 of our 1,697 identified students require out-of-district placements at special education school programs and 71 students require special education programming services at other public out-of-district schools such as magnet schools. These numbers reflect eleven (11) additional private out-of-district program placements and five (5) fewer public school placements as compared to overall out-of-district placements the previous month.

Dr. Culkin also provided commissioners with an update relevant to the preparations for the statewide changes that will be taking place regarding the Individualized Education Program development, format, and electronic management system.

CURRICULUM REVISIONS

Dramatic Theater (Second Reading)

Dr. Samantha Sarli presented the Dramatic Theater Curriculum last month, this is the second reading. It is a .5 credit course that will be offered in the fall with no pre-requisite.

On a motion by Todd Sturgeon and a second by Kristen Giantonio

The Board of Education unanimously approved the Dramatic Theater Curriculum.

Middle School Theater (Grades 6-8) (First Reading)

Dr. Samantha Sarli presented the Middle School Theater (Grades 6-8) Curriculum. This is the middle school concentration and exploratory curriculum. Concentration students meet every other day for 80 minutes all year long, exploratory students will engage in theater once every four days, for 40 minutes, for a full semester (equivalent to approximately 24 classes). There are 9 units of study in 6th and 7th grade, and 8 units of study for 8th grade for the concentration curriculum. The exploratory curriculum takes 2 units from each grade level to round out the exploratory theater pathway. This is the first reading of the curriculum, any questions in the intervening month should be directed to Dr. Sarli.

TEXTBOOK ADOPTION

Textbook Selection: AP/ECE Chemistry (Second Reading)

Dr. Jaime Rechenberg presented the AP/ECE Chemistry Textbook Selection for a Second Reading.

The committee recommended:

- [Chemistry-The Central Science](#) (Pearson)-Recommended by Textbook Review Committee

Rationale for recommended text:

- Highest score on the textbook evaluation form.
- Text writing and language accessible to high school-age students.
- Tutorials and Experimental design activities are included for most chapters. Ancillary manuals are also included. The online accompanying resource also has activities that include tutorials and simulations.

On a motion by Kristen Giantonio and a second by Todd Sturgeon

The Board of Education unanimously approved the AP/ECE Chemistry Textbook Selection.

NEW BUSINESS

X.A.1. Administrator Resignation

Browne, Jill – BOE – Director of Finance and Operations – Effective May 27, 2022

Commissioner Vibert echoed the sentiment of others that spoke this evening in regards to praising Mrs. Browne for the great work she has done in the district; she will be missed.

On a motion by Dante Tagariello, and a second by Todd Sturgeon

The Board of Education unanimously voted to accept the Administrator Resignation.

BUILDING REPORTS

MBIAMS Update

Dr. Dietter provided the Memorial Boulevard Intradistrict Arts Magnet School Update. Photos of the building's progress were shown during Dr. Dietter's presentation. The Bristol AIMS project continues to progress towards our turnover date which is June 1st. We are starting to experience some delays for materials at this time however we are not forecasting these material delays will impact the project completion timeline. Our most recent financials show that the project will be coming in under the \$63 million total project cost. Bristol Public Schools has been working with our local representatives to ensure that recent changes at OSCGR and OPM do not result in project delays. FF&E's (which is Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment) continues; course selection has been ongoing at the high school level and most middle school spaces have been secured.

We are close to finalizing a joint-use agreement with Bristol Parks, Recreation, Youth, and Community Service, this is an effort that will ensure community access and protect this important city asset. We are projecting that we will be able to start bookings in that space sometime in November or December. Dr. Dietter encouraged the audience to look for announcements regarding a community update forum on the project that will most likely happen in April.

South Side School HVAC Project

Tim Callahan provided an update on the South Side HVAC Project. Mr. Callahan took a moment to congratulate Mrs. Browne on her new position and wished her luck. South Side is working well right now, the punch list is almost complete. We should be done with this project shortly.

Northeast Middle School Project

In regards to the Northeast Middle School project, we have begun the preliminary design, we are working on programming. There are a lot of things that go into putting the building together. Things are coming together well and should be ready by the end of May for the project to be submitted to the State in June.

INFORMATION/LIAISON REPORTS

Commissioner Sturgeon reported on the numerous activities at Ivy Drive School.

Chair Dube reported on an event at Mountain View School.

Council Liaison, Jolene Lusitani shared that the City Council has some concerns regarding the MBIAMS Theater and the ability of the events coordinator to book events. She was hired in the summer of 2021 with the intent to start programming this summer to build up the calendar to support the Arts and Culture fund. As a council, they are looking forward to when they can expect a potential date to start booking events. Dr. Dietter shared in his report that in November or December bookings may start. Councilwoman Lusitani will relay that back to the council.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to come before the board, the Board of Education meeting was adjourned. (9:28 p.m.)

Respectfully Submitted,



Susan Everett, Recording Secretary
Bristol Board of Education

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