

School Safety Committee

Wednesday, May 14, 2025 7:00 PM

BOE Auditorium and via Zoom Meeting Platform, 129 Church Street, Bristol, CT 06010

1. **Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance**
2. **Approval of Minutes - January 29, 2025**
3. **Public Comment**
4. **Vote to Convene into Executive Session for:**
 1. **Feedback on handheld wands**
 2. **ALICE training sessions**
 3. **Security Grant**
 4. **List of agenda items to be/not to be discussed during meetings**
5. **Reconvene into Public Session**
6. **Discussion: Scheduling School Safety Meeting in August**
7. **Adjournment**

The minutes presented within this document are a summary of the discussion that took place at the School Safety Committee Meeting. To view the meeting in its entirety please go to: [Jan. 29, 2025 SSC Recording](#)



School Safety Committee Meeting Minutes January 29, 2025

A Bristol Board of Education School Safety Committee meeting was held on January 29, 2025, in the BoE Auditorium and via the Zoom meeting platform.

PRESENT: Committee members: Lori Osenkowski, Russell Anderson, Maria Simmons

ALSO PRESENT: Commissioners: Shelby Pons, Jill Fitzsimons-Bula, also, Iris White, and Stephen Cabelus.

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M.

2. Approval of Minutes:

On a motion by Commissioner Simmons and seconded by Commissioner Anderson the November 13, 2024, regular meeting minutes were approved.

3. Public Comment:

There was no public comment this evening.

4. Approval 2025-2026 Meeting Schedule:

On a motion by Commissioner Simmons and seconded by Commissioner Anderson, the 2025-2026 Meeting Schedule was approved. It was noted that in the May meeting, there will be a discussion as to possibly adding a Special School Safety meeting in August to review items for the start of the 25-26 school year.

5. Information and Discussion - Mr. Steve Cabelus - Dir. of School Safety:

Mr. Cabelus gave updates on the following:

- Safety Audits at BEHS and BCHS – currently waiting for quotes for cameras and emergency alert systems.
- Two new staff members for CHMS and GHS – currently no open vacancies.
- ALICE Training Sessions – Two sessions completed and will be offering another training session in February 2025.

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- He attended a Capital Region Emergency Planning Committee meeting.
6. **Discussion - Hand-held security wands in schools:**
Principal Mike Higgins from BEHS spoke on this topic. He feels it would be a positive addition to the detection of vapes along with the already installed vape sensors in the bathrooms. They have seen an increase in THC vapes. The policy committee will hold a special meeting before the BOE meeting on February 5th to approve a Hand Held Security Wand Policy. If it is approved in the Special meeting it will then go forward to the BOE meeting for full board approval. Once the policy is approved there can be a proper rollout to all staff and parents and begin use of the wands.
 7. **Discussion - Determine recurring items to be included on every School Safety Committee agenda:**
Steve is going to meet with Iris and they will put together a general list of topics as a guideline of what not to discuss and present them to the committee.
 8. **Discussion - Bylaw 9132 - School Safety Committee:**
A discussion on the Bylaws took place and this will be a continuing discussion as to the changes and updates take place of this newly created committee.
 9. **Adjournment:**
The School Safety Committee meeting was adjourned at 6:59 p.m. by Commissioner Osenkowski.

Submitted by:
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Recording Secretary
Bristol Board of Education