

**BRISTOL BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2020**

The Operations Committee met on Wednesday, August 26, 2020 via Webex online meeting platform

Present: Committee Chair Eric Carlson, John Sklenka, and Chris Wilson

Also Present: Jill Browne, Timothy Callahan, Dr. Catherine Carbone, Mike Dietter, Kristine Deleo  
Jennifer Dube, Kristen Giantonio

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm by Chair Carlson  
Pledge of Allegiance  
The meeting norms were reviewed.

**2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 22, 2020 REGULAR MEETING**

*On a motion by Commissioner Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Sklenka, it was unanimously voted to approve the July 22, 2020 meeting minutes.*

**3. UPDATE ON NEMS BUILDING PROJECTS**

**Timothy Callahan Presented:**

- NEMS Ceiling Tiles: Contractor – Conn Acoustics
  - Project is substantially complete with minor punch list items to be completed
  
- NEMS Gym Floor: Contractor – Kenvo Floors
  - The floor is installed
  - The base and thresholds need to be installed – Will be installed Friday 8/28/2020
  - Electrical is complete for the bleachers – the bleachers are being installed on 8/29 and 8/30/2020
  
- Both projects are on schedule and under budget

**4. PLANT A TREE AND FLOWERS AT HUBBELL SCHOOL FOR DEBORAH KRENICKI**

**Kristine DeLeo**

- Kristine DeLeo proposed to plant a tree and flowers in front of the school by the flagpole near the entryway
- Looking to purchase a red maple; something low maintenance

**On a motion by Commissioner Sklenka and seconded by Commissioner Wilson it was unanimously voted to approve allowing a small tree and flowers be planted in front of Hubbell School in memory of Deborah Krenicki.**

- Dr. Dietter stated this is a wonderful way to memorialize Deborah Krenicki and her contributions to the Bristol Public Schools. Some consideration should be given to demarcating the tree was planted in her honor – something tasteful and small

## **5. PLOWING REQUEST FOR RESIDENT ON SOUTH STREET**

### **Jill Browne Presented:**

- The resident at 533 South Street has requested that we begin to plow in front of his home again because we will be opening MBIAMS and the closure of MBMS was the reason we had stopped – the letter received was reviewed
- In 2012, during redistricting, there were several homes that received notice that we would not be doing snow removal on their property
- In 2017, all other residents received notice that we were no longer doing snow removal for any private homes/property
- The house in question is 5 houses down from Veteran’s Memorial Park
- Recommend that the Bristol Public Schools does not begin to plow the sidewalk that is requested
  - Chair Carlson was on City Council when the Bristol Public Schools stopped plowing private sidewalks specifically during redistricting and schools were closing there was no need to continue to plow – When MBIAMS opens, there may not be any student walkers to the school in that area
  - Commissioner Carlson would recommend he bring his request to the Parks Department because there is foot traffic because they are a few houses up from Veteran’s Memorial Park

**On a motion by Commissioner Sklenka and seconded by Commissioner Wilson it was unanimously agreed that the Bristol Public Schools will not plow the sidewalk for 533 South Street Bristol, CT.**

- Commissioner Wilson stated that the situation is difficult because of past practice. This is an equity issue – How do you decide which neighborhoods you shovel the sidewalks for and which neighborhoods you don’t. Just because they are near the school does not bear the responsibility for the school district to plow people’s sidewalks. To be consistent with how we treat other people in the community, this request should not be honored.

Letter to the resident will be sent out from the business office.

## **6. PUBLIC COMMENT**

- None at this time

## **7. OLD BUSINESS**

- None at this time

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

- Commissioner Carlson was looking at equipment at an HVAC supply place concerning air quality – He will be dropping off some literature about different products to the Board of Education.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business to come before the committee. The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tara Landon

APPROVED