



Policy Committee Meeting Minutes
May 24, 2023

A meeting of the Bristol Board of Education Policy Committee was held on May 24, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. in Room 36 of the Bristol Board of Education and via the Zoom Meeting Platform.

PRESENT: Commissioners: Kristen Giantonio, Shelby Pons, Todd Sturgeon, Jennifer Dube, Dante Tagareillo, Russell Anderson, Eric Carlson, Jill Fitzsimons-Bula

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Michael Dietter & Dr. Catherine Carbone

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:38 P.M.

2. Approval of Minutes:

On a motion by Commissioner Pons, seconded by Commissioner Tagareillo, the minutes were approved from April 26, 2023.

3. Public Comment:

Russell Anderson voiced concern about Agenda item #5 - Consumption of Alcohol on School Property. He stated he feels there are more cons than pros. He's concerned about the liability and bad PR. He stated that we need to be careful when considering this offering at BAIMS and to be cautious with this decision.

4. Activity Fees - Discussion Item:

Commissioner Giantonio opened the discussion with the committee. There were several suggestions put forward that would offer potential student relief in fees. Specifically in gate fees and wanting to offer a broader relief if offered for BPS students or for parents/guardians of athletes an offering of 2 sporting ticket passes per family. It was suggested to look at one piece of this issue and then it could always be changed. Need to collect more data as to where you want to provide

relief . Collect that data then come back to the committee with a motion. There were suggestions to take a layered approach and at plays use the wording “Suggested Donation”. Other discussion was centered around Students should show their student ID and Bristol Residents and Parents should show ID for free entry into all sporting events. Dr. Carbone reviewed what Gate Fees were used for such as Invitationals, broken equipment, ceremonial items such as flowers, plaques and awards. She also explained that Gate Fees is a subset of Student Activity Fees mainly used in sports. She reviewed an example of a class and what fees would be used for. She is not aware of students at BE or BC being charged for any activity that they are allowed to participate in. The only exception was the class that are now juniors at BC because they weren’t able to fundraise during the pandemic for their senior year. The discussion was then moved to agreeing to put together regulation language that would help move this issue forward with a motion for regulations.

The discussion was closed by Commissioner Giantonio at 7:46 p.m.

5. Consumption of Alcohol on School Property - Discussion Item:

Commissioner Giantonio opened the discussion. Dr. Dietter gave a brief overview of our Current BoE Policies. Board Policy 3515 (Community Use of School Facilities) establishes various rules and regulations for the rental of school facilities. Board Policy 1316 (Conduct on School Property) states that “the Board expects that no person on school property shall... [c]onsume, possess, distribute or be under the influence of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs...” Board Policy 4218.231 (Drug and Alcohol-Free Workplace) Board regulations regarding fundraising and advertising also prohibit alcohol promotion. See Board Regulation 1324 (Fundraising); Board Regulation 1325 (Advertising). Discussion continued around the mutual use agreement at BAIMS. Also, discussed was the rental agreement, liability insurance, parallel process with the City of Bristol, and the information shared from our BoE Atty. suggesting a slow methodical approach to offering alcohol at BAIMS.

The discussion was closed by Commissioner Giantonio at 8:14 p.m.

6. **Policy 1416** – Community Relations – Fiscal Authorities – Review/Revise.
The policy was reviewed and no action was taken.
7. **Policy 1600** – Relations between Non-Public and other Educational Organizations and the Schools – Review/Revise.
The policy was reviewed and no action was taken.
8. **Policy 1640** – Relations with Colleges and Universities shared services – Review/Revise.
The policy was reviewed and no action was taken.
9. **Policy 1660** – Cooperative Arrangements with Business and Industry – Review/Revise.
The policy was reviewed and no action was taken.
10. **Adjournment:**
The Policy Committee meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m. by Commissioner Giantonio.

Submitted by:

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Recording Secretary

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