

The minutes presented within this document are a summary of the discussion that took place at the Policy Committee Meeting. To view the meeting in its entirety please go to: [Nov. 21, 2023 Policy Meeting Recording](#).



Policy Committee Meeting Minutes November 21, 2023

A meeting of the Bristol Board of Education Regular Policy Committee was held on November 21, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. via the Zoom Meeting Platform ONLY.

PRESENT: Committee members: Shelby Pons, Kristen Giantonio, Jill Fitzsimons-Bula

ALSO PRESENT: Commissioners: Maria Simmons, Dr. Michael Dietter, Dr. Catherine Carbone.

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:08 P.M.

2. Approval of Minutes:

On a motion by Commissioner Giantonio and seconded by Commissioner Fitzsimons-Bula, the minutes were approved from September 27, 2023.

3. Approval of Minutes:

On a motion by Commissioner Giantonio and seconded by Commissioner Fitzsimons-Bula, the minutes were approved from October 25, 2023.

4. Public Comment: There was no public comment this evening.

5. Discussion Items -

Policy 1230 - Community Relations

Policy 3515 - Conduct on School Property

Policy 1316 - Community Use of School Facilities

Policy 4118.231 - Drug and Alcohol-Free Workplace

Policy 5131.6 - Alcohol Use, Drugs and Tobacco

On a motion by Commissioner Giantonio and Commission Fitzsimons-Bula, this item was opened for discussion.

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Commissioner Pons reviewed Atty. Ritter's response with the committee. After discussing the many options to consider and the possibility of the City moving in the direction of an ordinance change; before moving this item to the Full Board on a motion by Commissioner Pons and seconded by Commissioner Fitzsimons-Bula, this discussion item will be added to the next Policy Committee's meeting agenda for continued discussion.

6. Discipline and Recess Model Policy 5144.4:

On a motion by Commissioner Pons and seconded by Commissioner Fitzsimons-Bula this item was opened for discussion. After discussing the language in both the model policy and the current BPS policy there was a motion by Commissioner Giantonio and seconded by Commissioner Pons to table this item for further discussion until the next meeting and for Commissioners to bring specific questions regarding Policy 5144.4.

7. Menstrual Product Update:

On a motion by Commissioner Pons and seconded by Commissioner Fitzsimons-Bula this item was tabled until the next Policy Meeting.

8. Policy 6146.2 - Statewide Proficiency Mastery Examinations:

Dr. Dieter spoke about this policy. The policy was simply updated to be more accurate and up-to-date with the 2023 standards. On a motion by Commissioner Pons and seconded by Commissioner Giantonio, Policy 6146.2 will be moved to the Full Board for approval.

9. Adjournment:

The Policy Committee meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m. by Commissioner Pons.

Submitted by:

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Recording Secretary

Bristol Board of Education