

## **Regular Policy Committee Meeting**

Wednesday, March 22, 2023 6:00 PM

BOE - Room 36 and via Zoom Meeting Platform, 129 Church Street, Bristol, CT 06010

1. **Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Meeting Norms**
2. **Approval of Minutes - February 22, 2023**
3. **Public Comments:**
  - a. Send your comments  
to: michellecrowley@bristolk12.org
  - b. Be sure to put PUBLIC COMMENT - POLICY in the subject line.
  - c. Include your name and address.
  - d. Direct your comments to the Committee Chair.
  - e. Your comments will be read at the meeting by the Committee Chair.
  - f. All comments should be written in an appropriate manner. Comments regarding personal or confidential student information shall not be discussed under public comment.
  - g. Any comments not adhering to the guidelines will not be read at the meeting
4. **Policy 1331 - Smoke Free Environment**
5. **Policy 1412 - Community Relations - Fire Department**
6. **Policy 1415 - Community Relations - BPRYCS**
7. **Adjournment**



**Policy Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**February 22, 2023**

A meeting of the Bristol Board of Education Policy Committee was held on February 22, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in Room 36 of the Bristol Board of Education and via the Zoom Meeting Platform.

**PRESENT:** Commissioners: Kristen Giantonio, Shelby Pons (virtual), Jennifer Dube, Dante Tagareillo, Eric Carlson

**ALSO PRESENT:** Dr. Michael Dietter, Dr. Catherine Carbone, Carly Fortin, Michael Higgins (virtual), Melanie Vetrano (virtual) & Ryan Broderick

**1. Call to Order:**

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

**2. Approval of Minutes:**

On a motion by Commissioner Pons, seconded by Commissioner Giantonio, the minutes were approved from January 25, 2023. Commissioner Tagareillo abstained.

**3. Public Comment:**

There was no public comment this evening.

**4. Policy 5123 - Promotion/Acceleration/Retention - Review and Revise**

After review of the policy it was agreed upon to move the policy to the full board to accept revisions to Policy 5123. Motion to review by Commissioner Tagareillo and seconded by Commissioner Giantonio. Motion to accept by Commissioner Tagareillo and seconded by Commissioner Pons.

**5. Policy 6174 - Summer School - Review and Revise**

After review of the policy it was agreed upon to move the policy to the full board to accept revision to Policy 6174. Motion to review by Commissioner Tagareillo and seconded by Commissioner Pons.

Motion to accept by Commissioner Tagareillo and seconded by Commissioner Giantonio.

**6. Discussion/Update - Gate Fees**

Dr. Dietter reviewed when Gate Fees are collected and what they are currently used for in the schools. He also stated that starting in the Fall of 2023 - there will be a Family Pass for each athlete to have 1 Parent/Guardian admitted free of charge and there will also be a student section of 25 seats for any student that requests through the Principal or Athletic Coordinator to be admitted free of charge.

Due to the hiring of a new Athletic Director and the committee requiring more data there will not be any updates and or changes to the Gate Fees at this time.

**7. Adjournment -**

The Policy Committee meeting was adjourned at 6:41 p.m. by Commissioner Giantonio.

Submitted by:

***Michelle L. Crowley***

Recording Secretary

Bristol Board of Education

## Community Relations

### Smoke Free Environment

#### Students

In accordance with law and to promote the health and safety of all students and staff, the District prohibits all employees, students and patrons from smoking or using tobacco or tobacco products in all school facilities, buildings, and all school property, both inside and outside and buses or other District transportation at all times, including athletic events and meetings. Tobacco includes, but is not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, snuff, smoking tobacco, smokeless tobacco, nicotine delivering devices (e-cigarettes) or vapor products, chemicals or devices that produce the same flavor or physical effect of nicotine substances; and any other tobacco or nicotine innovations. This prohibition extends to all facilities the District owns/operates, contracts for or leases to provide educational services, routine health care, daycare or early childhood development services to children, as well as facilities in which services are not provided to children.

#### Definitions

**Electronic nicotine delivery system** means an electronic device used in the delivery of nicotine or other substance to a person inhaling from the device, and includes, but is not limited to, an electronic cigarette, electronic cigar, electronic cigarillo, electronic pipe or electronic hookah and any related device and any cartridge or other component of such device.

**Liquid nicotine container** means a container that holds a liquid substance containing nicotine that is sold, marketed or intended for use in an electronic nicotine delivery system or vapor product, except “liquid nicotine container” does not include such a container that is prefilled and sealed by the manufacturer and not intended to be opened by the consumer.

**Vapor product** means any product that employs a heating element, power source, electronic circuit or other electronic, chemical or mechanical means, regardless of shape or size, to produce a vapor that may or may not include nicotine that is inhaled by the user of such product.

This prohibition does not apply to any private residence or any portion of a facility that is used for inpatient hospital treatment of individuals dependent on, or addicted to, drugs or alcohol in which the District provides services.

In addition, the prohibition does not apply to a classroom where a demonstration of the use of an electronic nicotine delivery system or vapor product is taking place as part of a medical or scientific experiment or lesson.

Breaks by employees to smoke or use tobacco products are considered recreational activities. If an employee takes a break from work to smoke or use tobacco products or leaves school grounds at any time for any reason other than District business, including to smoke or use tobacco products, He/she will not be considered to be acting within the normal course and scope of employment.

An ongoing program of student support and counseling will be offered to provide support for students who wish to break the smoking habit.

#### Staff and Public

An ongoing program of staff support and counseling will be offered to provide support for staff who wish to break the smoking habit.

A sign shall be posted on school premises indicating that smoking, including the use of e-cigarettes is prohibited by state law.

(cf. [1120](#) Board of Education Meetings)

(cf. [1330](#) Use of School Facilities)

(cf. 4118.231/4218.231 Employee Smoking, Drinking, and Use of Drugs on School Premises)

(cf. [5131.6](#) Drugs, Tobacco, and Alcohol)

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

[10-233a\(h\)](#) Definitions, “School-sponsored activity”

[19a-342](#) Smoking prohibited in certain places. Signs required. Penalties. (as amended by PA 19-13)

[21a-242](#) Schedules of controlled substances.

P.A. 14-76 An Act Concerning the Governor’s Recommendations Regarding Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems and Youth Smoking Prevention

P.A. 15-206 An Act Regulating Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems and Vapor Products

P.L. 107-110, Section 4303, “Non-smoking Policy for Children’s Services”

20 U.S.C. 7181-7184 The Pro Children Act of 2001, PL 107-110, 115 Stat 1174

**Policy adopted:**

## **Community Relations**

### **Fire Department**

Members of the Volunteer Fire Department and the Town Fire Marshall play a vital role in the school safety program. The Superintendent of Schools and administrative staff shall have the following responsibilities:

1. Establish and maintain relationships with the local Fire Marshall and Fire Departments.
2. Work with the faculty in determining the nature and timing of the Department's participation in the school program.
3. Coordinate and supervise planned activities.

As necessary or appropriate administrators shall seek the advice and cooperation of the Fire Marshall and Fire Department in :

1. Planning and conduct of fire drills.
2. Fire prevention education.
3. First aid, especially in fire related incidents.
4. Conforming to state and local fire codes.

(cf. [6114](#) Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness)

Policy adopted:

## Community Relations

### Coordination with Other City Departments

#### ~~Park and Recreation Department~~

In keeping with its dedication to serving the youth of Bristol, the Board of Education shall cooperate, whenever possible, in efforts by other city departments to provide educational and recreational programs for the children of the city.

All arrangements with [Bristol Parks, Recreation, Youth and Community Services \(BPRYCS\)](#) ~~Parks and Recreation Department~~, or other departments for use of school facilities for such programs shall be subject to the policies approved by the Operations Committee and Board of Education, and shall be administered by the Superintendent or designee, in conformance with city ordinances, insurance and other legal restrictions.

Use of school buildings or fields will be coordinated through the Facilities and Athletics Departments.

**Policy Adopted: July 7, 1993**

**Policy Revised: December 6, 2017**

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