

City of Bristol
Special Board of Finance Meeting
April 20, 2022

A special meeting of the Board of Finance was held on April 20, 2022 in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 111 North Main Street, Bristol, Connecticut. The following were in attendance: Chairman John Smith, Mayor Jeffrey Caggiano, Commissioners Ron Burns, Glenn Heiser, Marie O'Brien, Mark Whitford and Jon Mace (entered at 5:42 p.m.) Commissioners Absent: Orlando Calfe and David Maikowski.

Also present from the Comptroller's Office: Diane Waldron, Robin Manuele, and Jessica Pilgrim.

1. Call to order

John Smith called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. Presentation regarding Reimagining Bristol Public Schools.

Kate Carbone, discussed the Reimagining Bristol Public Schools approved by the Bristol Board of Education on June 2, 2021. The process involved updated enrollment and feasibility studies, student achievement was analyzed, workshops were held by the Operations Committees on the variety of schools models, feedback was obtained from the school community through Thought Exchange, as well as obtaining feedback from the Board of Education through workshops. The Reimagining Bristol Public Schools 2023 plan was adopted by the BOE in June 2021.

The Reimagining BPS 2023 goals include:

- Renovate old and outdated schools
- Redistrict to create parity in class size and demographics
- Adopt consistent grade configurations/instructional models across all schools aligned to the developmental plane of child
- Increase access to full day PK programming

The highlights of this plan include:

- Close Edgewood and Repurpose to Pre-K Academy
- Relocate BECC and scattered PK sites
- Reconfigure grade bands to Stand-Alone PreK, K-5, 6-8, and 9-12
- Build larger NE Middle School
- Redistricting to align to larger NE and align to HS feeder pattern
- Spot renovations at West Bristol and Greene Hills (K-5)
- Moderate Renovations at Edgewood
- Phase redistricting into two stages to address building projects

The Reimagining BPS 2023 is divided into two phases, phase 1 (2023-2026) includes opening BAIMS, closing Edgewood and repurposing to PK Academy, Relocating BECC and scattered PK sites, Redistricting PK-8, moderate renovations at Edgewood and building a larger NEMS. During phase II in 2026, redistricting to align to larger NE and HS feeder pattern, spot renovations at West Bristol and Greene Hills and final reconfiguration of grade bands to PK, K-5, 6-8, and 9-12.

Enrollment projections were reviewed for the district from 2020-2030. The highest projection in any given year is being used for the enrollment projections districtwide for 2020-2030 for the plan and capacity assumptions. The district maps were reviewed for the redistricting phases and a potential implementation schedule.

Recently, the NEMS Committee voted to build new at a cost of \$89,068,962, compared to the original CIP request of \$75,402,400. Expected state reimbursement is \$34,685,104. Mayor Caggiano stated the \$14 million increase in the NEMS was unknown to the City, Board of Finance and City Council and noted better communication is needed on these projects.

3. Adjournment

Mayor Caggiano made a motion seconded by Commissioner O'Brien "To adjourn" at 6:09 p.m.

Attest:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Diane M. Waldron".

Diane M. Waldron
Board of Finance Clerk