

The minutes presented within this document summarize the discussion of the Regular Finance and Operations Committee meeting. To view the meeting in its entirety and hear full reports, please click the following link: [2/11/26 Regular Finance & Operations Meeting](#)



BRISTOL BOARD OF EDUCATION
Bristol, Connecticut
Wednesday, February 11, 2026 – 6:00pm
Regular Finance and Operations Committee Meeting Minutes

The Bristol Board of Education Regular Finance and Operations Committee Meeting was held on Wednesday, February 11, 2026 at 6:00pm in the Bristol Board of Education Auditorium located at 129 Church Street and via Zoom Meeting Platform.

Present: Committee Chair Maria Simmons, Commissioner Kara Ledger and Chair Shelby Pons

Also Present: Superintendent Iris White, Jodi Bond, Director of Finance, Collin Uryase Transportation Director, Amy Martino, Director of Pupil Services, Joseph Grabowski, Chief Talent Officer, Commissioner Robert Parenti and Kristen Giantonio.

1. Call to Order - Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Simmons called meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and asked the audience to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance

2. Approval of Minutes - 01/14/2026 Regular Finance & Operations Committee Meeting

Commissioner Simmons called for a motion to approve the 01/14/2026 minutes. The motion was made by Kara Ledger and seconded by Shelby Pons.

The Finance and Operations Committee voted 2-1 to approve the January 14, 2026, regular meeting minutes as written with (1) abstention from Commissioner Simmons..

3. Public Comment

No public comment at this time.

4. 2026 Budget update through 1/31/26

Jodi Bond, Director of Finance provided the 2026 Budget update through 1/31/26. Currently in a deficit of (\$7,279,646) as we await our budgeted revenue sources (Medicaid, Excess Cost, Tuition, Rentals). Special Education is driving the deficit, at (\$3,724,140) specifically substitute paraprofessionals, professional services and outplaced tuition.

We continue to closely monitor the general education side of the budget which is \$3,786, 654 unencumbered. This will continue to shrink as it is largely benefits, and we forecast our sub lines to be close to \$1 million over budget.

Questions and discussion followed regarding the report.

5. Cafeteria Report

Jodi Bond provided the Cafeteria Report. Our cafeteria snapshot at 1/31/26 shows a deficit of (\$236,182) as we await Federal and State reimbursement. We served our scholars 37,774 breakfasts, 86,946 lunches, and 1,148 snacks in January.

Questions and discussions followed regarding the report in regards to expectation of reimbursement.

6. Appropriation transfers over \$10,000

Jodi Bond provided the Appropriation Transfers over 10,000. Funds were reappropriated within the Special Education budget from Speech Pathology services to SPED software for software licenses. There was also a reappropriation from Speech Pathology to Special Education lines, moving salary savings to the professional services line for vacancy coverages.

Questions and discussions followed regarding the reappropriation of funds.

7. Pupil Personnel Services Report

Dr. Amy Martino presented the monthly Pupil Personnel Services Report. Dr. Martino reported As of February 1, 2026, 1,768 of the 7,868 enrolled Bristol students are identified as requiring Special Education programming. This enrollment reflects 22.47% of the total BPS student population. As of February 1st, 127 students with disabilities required out-of-district placements at private special education school programs. There were 86 students requiring special education programming services at other public out-of-district schools, including magnet schools. During the month of January 2026, 27% of the newly registered students were identified as students with special education programming needs at the time of registration with 1 student requiring their programming and services at an out-of-district special education school program. During the month of January, there were (27) 211 calls and (7) 911 calls.

As of February 1, 2026, all represented budget lines are trending as expected with the exception of the public placed tuition and professional services line which are trending higher than expected this month. The general budget overview report from Mrs. Bonds show Special Education lines currently over budget due to the entry of all encumbrances, however, please note that this does not yet reflect anticipated excess cost reimbursement, Medicaid payments, or tuition revenue that the Board of Education expects to receive. At this time, we do anticipate being over budget if all encumbrances remain through the end of the fiscal year.

Questions and discussions followed regarding the report, specifically in regards to vacancies within the Pupil Services department.

8. Student Activity Accounts through 1/31/2026

Jodi Bond provided the student activity accounts as of January 31, 2026.

Bristol Central Athletics began this year with a balance of \$53,781.55. A total of \$53,047.04 in expenses and \$72,102.19 in receipts left a balance of \$72,836.70. Please note: of this balance, \$24,757.63 is gate fee net income, and the remainder is fundraising proceeds for individual sports teams.

The BCHS Student Activity Fund began the year with \$155,105.57. They had \$65,346.50 in expenditures and \$80,233.08 in receipts, leaving a month-end balance of \$169,992.15.

Bristol Eastern Athletics began this year with a \$18,572.98 balance. A total of \$29,865.05 in expenses and \$29,973.98 in receipts left a balance of \$18,681.91. Please note, this entire balance is fundraising proceeds for individual sports teams.

The BEHS Student Activity Fund began the year with \$147,122.42. They had \$65,805.29 in expenditures and \$102,876.82 in receipts, leaving a month-end balance of \$184,193.95.

Jodi Bond noted that they are moving some funds from Dues & Fees within the Athletics general fund to the activity account. As there is a frequent need to write checks on demand for athletic tournaments/events. Often the hosting school or venue is not a vendor and we do not have enough notice to complete the vendor process and then the PO process. These fees are now budgeted within the general fund (in the absence of gate fees). At the end of the fiscal year, any remaining dues and fees funds in the activity account will be returned to the general fund.

Questions and discussions followed regarding the report.

9. Operations Committee

There was no report from Operations to come before the committee

10. VOTE TO CONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION *for the purpose of:*

- a. Discussion and Possible Action On Bus Contract

On a motion by Kara Ledger, seconded by Shebly Pons

Maria Simmons invited Superintendent Iris White, Jodi Bond, Director of Finance and Collin Urasye, Director of Transportation into Executive Session. (6:25 P.M.)

Commissioners discussed the bus contract.

11. VOTE TO RECONVENE INTO PUBLIC SESSION to vote on any items from Executive Session

Maria Simmons called for a motion to reconvene into public session to vote on any items from Executive Session (7:01 P.M.) *Motion made by Commissioner Kara Ledger, seconded by Ex-Officio Chair Shelby Pons.*

No votes were taken on the bus contract.

10. Adjournment

There being no other business before the committee, the Finance and Operations Committee Meeting should be adjourned. (7:01 p.m.)

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sydney Molina".

Sydney Molina
Recording Secretary
Bristol Board of Education

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