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BRISTOL BOARD OF EDUCATION
Bristol, Connecticut
Wednesday, June 10, 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, June 10, 2026 at 6:00pm in the Bristol Board of Education Auditorium located at 129 Church Street and via Zoom Meeting Platform.

Present: Committee Chair Jennifer Tagariello, Commissioner Kara Ledger, Robert Parenti

Also Present: Superintendent Iris White, Mary Hawk, Deputy Superintendent, Jodi Bond, Director of Finance, Dr. Amy Martino, Director of Pupil Services, Joseph Grabowski, Chief Talent Officer, and Jeff Telke, Supervisor of IT

1. Call to Order - Pledge of Allegiance

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

2. Approval of Minutes

2.1 Regular Finance & Operations Committee Meeting- May 13, 2026

Commissioner Tagariello called for a motion to approve the May 13 2026 minutes as written. The motion was made by Kara Ledger and seconded by Robert Parenti.

The Finance and Operations Committee voted to approve the May 13 2026, regular meeting minutes as written with a 2-1(abstain) vote, Commissioner Tagariello abstained.

3. Public Comment

No public comment at this time.

4. 2026 Budget update through 4/30/26

Prior to Jodi Bond, Director of Finance providing her update to the 2026 Budget through 5/31/2026, Ms. Bond answered questions from her budget report, cafeteria report and appropriation report from 5/13/2026 due to her absence. Mrs. Bond then proceeded to provide the 2026 Budget update through 5/31/26.

Currently in a deficit of (\$4,736,318) with Special Education driving the deficit, at (\$4,445,909). Special Education Professional Services and Out-Placed Tuitions are the drivers of this deficit.

The general education portion of the budget continues to be closely monitored and currently reflects \$1,346,458 in unencumbered funds. However, based on current spending patterns and anticipated needs, it is expected that all remaining funds will be utilized by year-end.

The overall deficit can be reduced closer to the original projected deficit of \$3.4 million through maximizing available SEED, DRIP, and other grant funding opportunities, as well as limiting purchases to essential items for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Questions and discussion followed regarding the report specifically in regards to Medicaid billing for Special Education.

5. Cafeteria Report

Jodi Bond provided the Cafeteria Report update through 5/31/26. Currently, Pending March, April, and May Federal and State reimbursement, our Cafe snapshot reflects a surplus of \$846,611

The Director further reported that during the month of May, we served our scholars 50,773 breakfasts, 107,345 lunches, and 1,399 snacks in May.

Following the report, a discussion took place concerning initial planning efforts for an anticipated deficit in next year's Cafeteria budget.

6. Appropriation transfers over \$10,000

Jodi Bond reported that the following appropriation transfers exceeding \$10,000 occurred during the month of April:

- In the month of May, \$16,950 was re-appropriated from Athletics Professional Services to Athletics Stipends to appropriately cover the correct line (stipends originally paid from DW line).

No questions and discussion followed regarding the report.

7. Pupil Personnel Services Report

Dr. Amy Martino provided a Pupil Personnel Services Report enrollment and services within the district. The identification rate of Bristol Public School students requiring special education programming as of June 1, 2026 was 1823 of 7951 of the BPS students, which reflects 22.92%.

The Board was informed that during the month of May 2026, 59% (10 of 17) of newly enrolled students to BPS were receiving special education services; none of our newly registered students attended an ODP placement at the time of enrollment.

In addition, the Board received an update regarding emergency response activity during the month of March. There were (28) calls to 211 and (6) calls to 911.

As of June 1, 2026, all represented budget lines are trending close to the budgeted figure for the 25-26 school year with the exception of transportation. We anticipate additional transportation invoices through June 30, 2026. At this time, we continue to forecast being over budget by the end of the fiscal year.

The committee discussed expanding Special Education programming for the 2026-2027 school year after the report. This conversation centered on students returning to the district and the necessity of paraeducator support, including a cost comparison between hiring in-house staff and utilizing agency services.

8. Student Activity Accounts through 5/31/26

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

Bristol Central Athletics began this year with a balance of \$53,781.55. A total of \$92,197.24 in expenses and \$89,661.19 in receipts left a balance of \$51,245.50. Please note: of this balance, \$23,859.45 is gate fee net income and funds for dues and fees, and the remainder is fundraising proceeds for individual sports teams.

The BCHS Student Activity Fund began the year with \$155,105.57. They had \$166,272.22 in expenditures and \$180,381.90 in receipts, leaving a month-end balance of \$169,215.25.

Bristol Eastern Athletics began this year with a \$18,572.98 balance. A total of \$44,445.17 in expenses and \$59,768.59 in receipts left a balance of \$33,896.40. Please note: of this balance, \$6,933.11 is to support tournament fees for Spring sports. The remaining balance is fundraising proceeds for the individual sports teams.

The BEHS Student Activity Fund began the year with \$147,122.42. They had \$142,698.06 in expenditures and \$176,377.75 in receipts, leaving a month-end balance of \$180,802.11.

No questions and discussion followed regarding the report.

9. Old Business

9.1 Finance Dashboard

Jeff Telke, Supervisor of IT, provided an overview of the public view of the financial dashboard. Mr. Telke explained that the dashboard is currently in development and highlighted its customizable capabilities, which allow for the display of both comprehensive District-wide and specific departmental budget data. He emphasized that creating this proprietary reporting system in-house has led to cost reductions for the District while offering the public and administrators increased autonomy and flexibility in financial data visualization.

Questions and discussion about disclaimers that will be included in the public version of the Financial Dashboard to maintain transparency regarding the evolving nature of expenditures.

10. Adjournment

Commissioner Jennifer Tagariello called for a motion with there being no other business before the committee, the Finance and Operations Committee Meeting should be adjourned. Motion made by Kara Ledger, seconded by Robert Parenti. **Motion adjourned. (6:42 p.m.)**

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Sydney Molina". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sydney Molina
Recording Secretary
Bristol Board of Education

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