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BRISTOL BOARD OF EDUCATION
Bristol, Connecticut
Wednesday, August 12, 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, August 12, 2026 at 6:00pm in the Bristol Board of Education Auditorium located at 129 Church Street and via Zoom Meeting Platform.

Present: Commissioner Kara Ledger, Robert Parenti,

Absent: Chair Jennifer Tagariello

Also Present: Superintendent Iris White, Jodi Bond, Director of Finance, Mary Hawk, Deputy Superintendent and Dr. Amy Martino, Director of Pupil Services

1. Call to Order - Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Parenti 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- June 10, 2026

Commissioner Simmons called for a motion to approve the June 10, 2026 minutes. The motion was made by Kara Ledger and seconded by Robert Parenti.

The Finance and Operations Committee voted unanimously to approve the June 10, 2026, regular meeting minutes as written.

3. Public Comment

No public comment at this time.

4. 2026/2027 Budget Update

4.1 2026 Budget update through June 30, 2026

Jodi Bond, Director of Finance provided the 2026 budget up through June 30, 2026. As of 8/5/2026 in a deficit of (\$2,463,976) with \$61,801 remains encumbered, while we await a few late invoices. Special Education driving the deficit, at (\$3,150,151 with \$5,959 still encumbered. Private & Public (outplaced) Tuitions, Professional Services, and Sub Paras are the main drivers of the deficit.

Utilizing the DRIP and SEED Grants, we are able to bring some students back to the district, we were able to realize additional savings in the general fund, and reduce the originally anticipated deficit.

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Jodi Bond provided the Cafeteria Report update through 6/30/26. Currently, Pending May and June Federal and State reimbursement, our Cafe snapshot reflects a surplus of \$125,731. This surplus will be fully expended in FY 27.

The Director further reported that during the month of June, the district served our scholars 39,899 breakfasts, 83,727 lunches, and 529 snacks.

For appropriations we reallocated \$24,175.94 from R&M to Professional Services for the moving expense of PreK out of the Giamatti space.

Questions and discussion followed regarding the report specifically about the final number for the overall deficit, the cafeteria budget and the deficit to follow next year.

4.2 2026 Budget update through July 31, 2026

Director of Finance Jodi Bond presented the 2026 budget update through July 31, 2026. Actual expenditures totaled \$3,234,003, with \$10,271,488 in encumbrances as of July 31, 2026. The Director noted that payroll encumbrances will be finalized upon the completion of hiring and staff placement. Additionally, the district plans to implement a quarterly audit of open purchase orders, specifically targeting tuition and transportation, to enhance the accuracy of encumbrance reporting.

Director of Finance Jodi Bond provided the July 2026 Cafeteria Report, which reflects a surplus of \$166,156 pending federal and state reimbursement; these funds are designated for full expenditure in the 2027 fiscal year.

Additionally, the district reported that 10,105 breakfasts and 11,393 lunches were served to students in July.

Director of Finance reported the following appropriation transfer over \$10,000, that were completed in July:

- Reallocated \$29,207 from WBS to NEMS for an In-School Suspension position
- Reallocated \$35,784 within the Athletics budget moving membership dues from High School to District Wide
- Reallocated \$10,000 in Athletics from DW equipment to HS equipment (for track & field)
- Reallocated \$54,713.80 within Athletics moving coaching stipends from HS to MS
- Reallocated \$11,000 within the ESL budget (supply line to professional services) to cover Language Line services

Questions and discussion followed regarding the report specifically about a committee to discuss the cafeteria deficit. The Director of Finance will provide 1:1 meetings with Board members to discuss the budget.

5. Pupil Personnel Services Report

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Dr. Amy Martino provided a Pupil Personnel Services Report enrollment and services within the district. As of July 31, 2026, 1,722 of the 7,646 enrolled Bristol students are identified as requiring Special Education programming. This enrollment reflects 22.52% of the total BPS student population.

As of August 1st, 121 students with disabilities required out-of-district placements at private special education school programs. There were 89 students requiring special education programming services at other public out-of-district schools, including magnet schools.

During the month of July 2026, 46% (31 of 68) of the newly registered students were identified as students with special education programming needs at the time of registration with. None of the newly registered students required programming and services at an out-of-district special education school program.

During the month of July, there were no 211 or 911 calls.

Per request, the yearly trends by month have also been included to view changes across each month from 2019-2026. It was to be noted that enrollment fluctuates drastically during July and August, which impacts enrollment numbers.

As of July 31, 2026, all budget lines remain fully available, with the exception of Private Placement Tuition, where expenditures have begun as anticipated. Encumbrances for the 2026-2027 school year have not yet been fully processed across all budget lines. As expenditures and encumbrances are entered throughout the year, we will continue to closely monitor each account and provide regular updates on budget status, including any areas of concern or emerging fiscal trends.

No questions and discussions followed regarding the report.

6. Student Activity Accounts through July 31, 2026

Director of Finance Jodi Bond provided an update on the Student Activity Accounts reporting for the closing of the 2026 budget as follows:

The Bristol Central Athletics account began the 2026 fiscal year with a balance of \$53,781.55, expenditures through 6/30/26: \$96,831.42, revenue through 6/30/26: \$89,397.19, year-end balance: \$46,347.32. Of this balance, \$20,829.27 is gate fee income and the remaining is fundraising.

The BCHS Student Activity Fund began the 2026 fiscal year with a balance of \$155,105.57, expenditures through 6/30/26: \$208,175.17, revenue through 6/30/26: \$203,570.55, year-end balance: \$150,500.95.

Bristol Eastern Athletics began the 2026 fiscal year with a balance of \$18,572.98, expenditures through 6/30/26: \$48,111.11, revenue through 6/30/26: \$63,952.34, year-end

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balance: \$34,414.21. Of this balance, \$8,641.78 is gate fee income and the remaining is fundraising.

The BEHS Student Activity Fund began the 2026 fiscal year with a balance of \$147,122.42, expenditures through 6/30/26: \$199,994.16, revenue through 6/30/26: \$190,504.43, year-end balance: \$137,632.69.

Director of Finance Jodi Bond provided an update on the Student Activity Accounts reporting for the beginning of the 2027 fiscal year:

The Bristol Central Athletics account began the 2027 fiscal year with a balance of \$46,347.32, expenditures through 7/31/26: \$5,736.86, revenue through 7/31/26: \$22,207.50 year-end balance: \$62,817.96. Of this balance, \$38,749.77 is gate fee income/dues & fees funds and the remaining is fundraising.

The BCHS Student Activity Fund began the 2027 fiscal year with a balance of \$150,500.95, expenditures through 7/31/26: \$3,190.25, revenue through 7/31/26: \$150, year-end balance: \$147,460.70.

Bristol Eastern Athletics began the 2027 fiscal year with a balance of \$34,414.21, expenditures through 7/31/26: \$0, revenue through 7/31/26: \$0, year-end balance: \$34,414.21. Of this balance, \$8,641.78 is gate fee income and the remaining is fundraising.

The BEHS Student Activity Fund began the 2027 fiscal year with a balance of \$137,632.69, expenditures through 7/31/26: \$2,113.20, revenue through 7/31/26: \$3,647.76, year-end balance: \$139,167.25.

No questions or discussion follow the report.

7. Adjournment

Commissioner Parenti 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. (6:20 p.m.)**

Respectfully Submitted,



Sydney Molina
Recording Secretary
Bristol Board of Education