

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: [4/8/26 Regular Finance & Operations Meeting](#)



BRISTOL BOARD OF EDUCATION
Bristol, Connecticut
Wednesday, April 8, 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, April 8, 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 Robert Parenti

Absent: Mary Hawk, Deputy Superintendent and Dr. Amy Martino, Director of Pupil Services

Also Present: Superintendent Iris White, Jodi Bond, Director of Finance, Joseph Grabowski, Chief Talent Officer, and Peter Fusco, Director of Facilities & Operations

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

2.1 Regular Finance & Operations Committee Meeting- March 11, 2026

Commissioner Simmons called for a motion to approve the March 11, 2026 minutes. The motion was made by Kara Ledger and seconded by Robert Parenti.

The Finance and Operations Committee voted unanimously to approve the March 11, 2026, regular meeting minutes as written.

3. Public Comment

No public comment at this time.

4. 2026 Budget update through 3/31/26

Jodi Bond, Director of Finance provided the 2026 Budget update through 3/31/26. currently in a deficit of (\$3,115,086) with Special Education driving the deficit, at (\$3,951,195). We continue to closely monitor the general education side of the budget, which currently shows \$2,506,310 unencumbered. Based on current spending patterns and needs, anticipate utilizing all of these remaining funds.

Questions and discussion followed regarding the report, specifically the trend of deficit spending for this time of the year.

5. Cafeteria Report

Jodi Bond provided the Cafeteria Report update through 3/31/26. Pending March Federal and State reimbursement, our Cafe snapshot reflects a surplus of \$191,229. We served our scholars 45,665 breakfasts, 107,047 lunches, and 1,797 snacks in March.

No questions and discussions followed regarding the report.

6. Appropriation transfers over \$10,000

Jodi Bond reported there were no appropriation transfers exceeding \$10,000 were made during March.

7. Pupil Personnel Services Report

Jodi Bond presented on behalf of Dr. Amy Martino whom was representing the Board of Education at the City Finance Meeting.

Mrs. Bond reported the Pupil Personnel Services Report as of April 1, 2026. The identification rate of Bristol Public School students requiring special education programming as of April 1, 2026 was 1821 of 7939 of the BPS students, which reflects 22.94%. As of April 1st, 126 students with disabilities required out-of-district placements at private special education school programs. There were 91 students requiring special education programming services at other public out-of-district schools, including magnet schools.

During the month of March 2026, 36% (7 of 34) of newly enrolled students to BPS were receiving special education services; 1 of our newly registered students attended an out-district-placement at the time of enrollment. During the month of February, there were (49) 211 calls and (8) 911 calls.

As of April 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 State Placed Tuition subline within the Public Placed Tuition line is 3 times higher than the budgeted amount with a large increase this fiscal year.

Questions and discussions followed regarding the report.

8. Student Activity Accounts through 3/31/26

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

Bristol Central Athletics began this year with a balance of \$53,781.55. A total of \$70,323.18 in expenses and \$86,794.19 in receipts left a balance of \$70,252.56. Please note: of this balance, \$30,760.63 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 \$78,788.60 in expenditures and \$114,522.61 in receipts, leaving a month-end balance of \$190,839.58.

Bristol Eastern Athletics began this year with a \$18,572.98 balance. A total of \$42,775.20 in expenses and \$50,846.59 in receipts left a balance of \$26,644.37. Please note: of this balance, \$6,979.11 is gate fee net income, and the remainder is fundraising proceeds for individual sports teams.

The BEHS Student Activity Fund began the year with \$147,122.42. They had \$91,956.57 in expenditures and \$125,529.39 in receipts, leaving a month-end balance of \$180,695.24.

Questions and discussions followed regarding the report.

9. Operations Committee

9.1 Solar Arrays at BEHS & BCHS

Peter Fusco, Director of Facilities & Operations brought to the attention of the committee the proposal of Solar Arrays at BEHS & BCHS. Mr. Fusco introduced Adam Teft and Sean Dunn from TitanGen who provided a presentation on the conceptual idea of Solar on both Bristol Central High School and Bristol Eastern High School grounds and rooftops. The presentation was an overview on cost savings for the district, timeline, and placements of solar arrays.

Peter Fusco asked for a motion to approve the move of the Solar Arrays at BEHS & BCHS to the full board.

Motion made by Kara Ledger and seconded by Robert Parenti. Motion passed, voted unanimously to approve the move of the Solar Arrays at BEHS & BCHS to the full board.

Questions and discussions followed the presentation of Solar Arrays at BEHS & BCHS to both Sean Dunn and Peter Fusco in regards to reimbursements, upfront costs, and preferred placement of solar panels.

10. New Business

No new business to be reported at this time.

11. Adjournment

There being no other business before the committee, the Finance and Operations Committee Meeting should be adjourned. (6:46 p.m.)

Respectfully Submitted,



Sydney Molina
Recording Secretary
Bristol Board of Education