

**BRISTOL WARREN REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

**Minutes Approved  
Monday, March 31, 2025**

The meeting of the Bristol Warren Regional School Committee was held in person on Monday, March 31, 2025 at Mt. Hope High School, Cafeteria located at 199 Chestnut Street, Bristol, RI 02809. The meeting link can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LD15Nfficf8>

Present: Adam McGovern, Nicky Piper, Jessica Almeida, Kyle Jackson, Carly Reich, Megan Ferreira, Glenn Donovan, Christine Barlow, Margaret Richards, Lisa Colwell- Director of Student Services, Ana Riley- Superintendent, Diane Sanna- Assistant Superintendent, Danielle Carey- Director of Finance and Administration, Mary Ann Carroll- Legal Council

Absent:

**I. OPEN SESSION**

Chairperson McGovern called the meeting to order at approximately 7:04 pm.

**II. OPENING BUSINESS**

A. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairperson McGovern invited all present to stand to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. MOTION TO SEAL EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES (Meeting Date 3/31/25)**

Chairperson McGovern asked for a motion to seal the Executive Session minutes.

MOTION: Ms. Reich made a motion to seal the Executive Session minutes; seconded by Ms. Almeida. The motion was approved (9-0).

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was 1 person who signed up for Public Comment. Please see the meeting video for discussion: Mr. DeBlois at 8:55.

**V. PRESENTATION**

The Presentation was the Mid-Year Assessment Update presented by Dr. Sanna. Please see the meeting video for presentation/discussion at (Overview) 12:35, (Colt Andrews) 21:45, 25:50, (Guiteras) 27:21, 30:11, (Hugh Cole) 30:39, 36:00, (Rockwell) 40:16, 44:26, (Kickemuit) 53:00, 57:35 (Mt Hope) 57:48, 1:03:53.

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**VI. CONSENT AGENDA**

Chairperson McGovern asked if any member of the School Committee wanted to remove any items from the Consent Agenda. No items were removed and Chairperson McGovern asked for a motion to approve all the items under the Consent Agenda

MOTION: Ms. Almeida made a motion to approve all items on the Consent Agenda; seconded by Ms. Barlow. The motion was approved (8-0-1) with Ms. Piper abstaining.

- A. Approval of Minutes
  - a. 3/12/25 School Committee Meeting
- B. Homeschool Requests (6)

**VII. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS**

- A. **Action to approve (a) an extension of the 2024 Notes Maturity Date from April 5, 2025 to June 5, 2025; and (b) to pay accrued interest on the 2024 Notes on or before June 5, 2025**

Please see the meeting video for discussion at 1:08:40.

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MOTION: Mr. Donovan made a motion to approve (a) an extension of the 2024 Notes Maturity Date from April 5, 2025 to June 5, 2025; and (b) to pay accrued interest on the 2024 Notes on or before June 5, 2025; seconded by Ms. Reich. Please see the meeting video for discussion at 1:11:23. The motion was approved (9-0).

- B. **Action to approve Borrowing and Issuance of Not to Exceed \$90,000,000 in a one-year note (2025 Note) under the authority of the voter approved \$200,000,000 School Bond to refund the principal and interest due on the 2024 Note, to finance additional school projects, pay capitalized interest and costs of Issuance.**

Please see the meeting video for discussion at 1:13:20.

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MOTION: Ms. Reich made a motion to approve Borrowing and Issuance of Not to Exceed

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**C. Budget Transfers**

Please see the meeting video for discussion at 1:18:44.

Chairperson McGovern asked for a motion to approve the Budget Transfers.

MOTION: Ms. Almeida made a motion to approve the Budget Transfers; seconded by Mr. Donovan. The motion was approved (9-0).

**D. Update on Student Transportation Commission**

This item was discussion only. Please see the meeting video for discussion at 1:20:40.

**E. Student Transportation Resolutions**

Please see the meeting video for discussion at 1:33:30.

MOTION: Chairperson McGovern made a motion to sign a Resolution supporting two things H5420 & S636 which would amend (RIGL) **31-22.1-1** to increase the allowable pupil passenger limit to ten (10) Rhode Island and S397 which would allow the Division of Motor Vehicles to abbreviate and reduce the School Bus Driver Certification training course for applicants holding a commercial driver's license and would also allow the Division of Motor Vehicles to issue a temporary school bus driver's certificate to applicants who have been certified as a school bus driver in a State bordering Rhode Island; seconded by Ms. Piper. Please see the meeting video for discussion at 1:35:20. The motion was approved (9-0).

Ms. Piper made a motion that items F-K be voted on as one motion; seconded by Ms. Reich. The motion was approved (9-0).

**F. JLG- Homeless and Migrant Students- (New Policy)- Final Read**

**G. KHA- Public Solicitation in the Schools (Review)- Final Read**

**H. KI- Visitors to the Schools (Review)- Final Read**

**I. KEB- Public Complaints about School Personnel (Review)- Final Read**

**J. KJ- Relations with Community Organizations (Review)- Final Read**

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**K. KL- Relations with Governmental Authorities (Review)- Final Read**

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MOTION: Mr. Jackson made a motion to approve policies JLG- Homeless and Migrant Students- (New Policy)- Final Read, KHA- Public Solicitation in the Schools (Review)- Final Read, KI- Visitors to the Schools (Review)- Final Read, KEB- Public Complaints about School Personnel (Review)- Final Read, KJ- Relations with Community Organizations (Review)- Final Read, KL- Relations with Governmental Authorities (Review)- Final Read; seconded by Ms. Reich. The motion was approved (9-0).

Chairperson McGovern asked for a motion to adjourn Public Session.

MOTION: Ms. Reich made a motion to adjourn Public Session; seconded by Ms. Almeida. The motion passed (9-0). The public meeting adjourned at approximately 8:40 PM.