

**BRISTOL-PLYMOUTH REGIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2026
6:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Estele C. Borges, Chair; Louis Borges, Jr., Michael J. Dolan, Edward F. Dutra, Jr., Timothy J. Holick, George L. Randall, III, Richard J. Spada, Jr., Joseph M. Zinni, Jr., Abraham Oquendo, Student Representative

MEMBERS ABSENT:

James W. Clark

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:

Dr. Alexandre Magalhaes, Superintendent-Director; Andrew Rebello, Assistant Superintendent; Nadine Rose, School Business Administrator; Pamela Casna, Assistant Director/Principal; Jacqueline Boudreau, Treasurer

OTHERS PRESENT:

Senior student Serenity Cross; Senior student Riley Deveney; Junior student Tamara Rivera-Dejesus; Senior student Julianna Fyfe; Senior student Emily Santos

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with Miss Borges leading all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Miss Borges informed everyone that the meeting is being recorded and videotaped.

Miss Borges asked if anyone had public input.

Motion to close the public input.

Motion by Edward F. Dutra, Jr., second by Timothy J. Holick

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Louis Borges, Jr., Michael J. Dolan, Edward F. Dutra, Jr., Timothy J. Holick, George L. Randall, III, Richard J. Spada, Jr., Joseph M. Zinni, Jr.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS**Information: A. Calendar**

Dr. Magalhaes stated that April 3 is Good Friday, April 20 is Patriots' Day and school offices are closed, April 20-24 is Spring recess, April 24 is the TACC Legislative Breakfast, and April 25-29 is the DECA ICDC in Atlanta.

3. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES/APPROVAL OF MINUTES**Action, Minutes: A. Regular Meeting - March 4, 2026**

Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 4, 2026.

Motion by Edward F. Dutra, Jr. second by Louis Borges, Jr.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Louis Borges, Jr., Michael J. Dolan, Edward F. Dutra, Jr., Timothy J. Holick, George L. Randall, III, Richard J. Spada, Jr., Joseph M. Zinni, Jr.

Action, Minutes: B. FY2027 Budget Public Hearing - March 4, 2026

Motion to approve the minutes of the FY2027 Budget Public Hearing of March 4, 2026.

Motion by Joseph M. Zinni, Jr., second by Edward F. Dutra, Jr.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Louis Borges, Jr., Michael J. Dolan, Edward F. Dutra, Jr., Timothy J. Holick, George L. Randall, III, Richard J. Spada, Jr., Joseph M. Zinni, Jr.

Information, Report: C. Warrant Subcommittee

Miss Borges reported there have been ten (10) warrants signed for the month of March.

4. AUDIENCES AND COMMUNICATIONS

Information: A. Donation

Miss Borges read the letter sent to Eric and Tanya Kelly thanking them for donating a 2013 Nissan Sentra to the Automotive Technology program.

Motion to make the letter part of the record.

Motion by Edward F. Dutra, Jr., second by Michael J. Dolan

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Louis Borges, Jr., Michael J. Dolan, Edward F. Dutra, Jr., Timothy J. Holick, George L. Randall, III, Richard J. Spada, Jr., Joseph M. Zinni, Jr.

5. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Information: A. Community Service Club

Serenity Cross, Riley Deveney, and Abraham Oquendo spoke about the recent Community Service trip to Florida with Habitat for Humanity. They discussed their experience in Florida, fundraising, and what a great opportunity it was to make a difference and see first hand how everything is done.

Mr. Dutra stated it is a great opportunity for the students to work helping people, everyone should be doing that, and a great compliment for what the students do at B-P.

Dr. Magalhaes added that he received a letter from Habitat for Humanity commending the great job done by everyone from B-P.

Miss Borges thanked the students and asked them to introduce themselves to the Committee members.

Information: B. 2026 BPA State Leadership Conference

Riley Deveney, Serenity Cross, and Tamara Rivera-Dejesus spoke about the recent BPA State Leadership Conference. They discussed what BPA does, their experience in attending the conference and how it prepares students for careers and applying what they have learned in the classroom, and with continued support their chapter will continue to thrive. They each took turns reading the B-P winners at the conference and thanked the Committee for their continued support.

Miss Borges thanked the students, indicated the Committee is happy to continue their support in what they are doing, and asked them to introduce themselves to the Committee members.

Information: C. 2026 SkillsUSA District Competition

Julianna Fyfe discussed the SkillsUSA program, Community Service projects, the Fall leadership conference, networking, District testing, more students getting involved, the students who qualified for States, two state officer candidates this year, and thanked the Committee for all the support they have given the students.

Questions were asked and answered regarding the date of the State Conference and which field they cleaned up for the Community Service project.

Miss Borges thanked the Skills students who attended and asked them to introduce themselves to the Committee members

Information: D. 2026 DECA State Conference

Emily Santos discussed the recent DECA State conference, the number of students that placed at States and will be attending the ICDC conference, her experience leading up to the conference, fundraising, and appreciates the Committee's support.

Comments were made by the Committee members about the teachers doing an excellent job, they did not previously have these types of programs, and it is great to see them coming to fruition and creating outstanding students.

Miss Borges thanked the DECA students who attended and asked them to introduce themselves to the Committee members.

Information: E. Trust Donation

Dr. Magalhaes updated the Committee on the trust donation mentioned at last month's meeting and wanted to correct the record that it was not an anonymous donation. He stated the donation came from the trust of Paul W. Phillips, Jr. who died in October 2023 in Florida. Mr. Phillips did not have any children or family, so when he died, he thought of our organization and was determined to leave B-P part of his assets as a generous gift as he liked the trades and never forgot about that.

Information: F. School Building Update

Dr. Magalhaes reported the timeline for the new building: school closed April vacation for sewer tie in; knocking down the gym in June for the road to be complete; packing up the school in June; allowing a small group to work in the new building in July; closing the current school as of July 13; ribbon cutting in July; and full occupancy effective August 18.

Questions were asked and answered regarding student parking, walkways, the tie in with MassDOT, and exiting school grounds.

Information: G. School Waiver

Dr. Magalhaes informed the Committee that he applied for the 180-school day requirement waiver due to the snow. DESE approved the waiver, June 26 is now the last day of school for students, teachers will work half days on June 29 and 30, and parents will be notified.

A question was asked and answered regarding the current last day of school.

Motion to accept the changes for the last day of school.

Motion by Louis Borges, Jr., second by Michael J. Dolan

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Louis Borges, Jr., Michael J. Dolan, Edward F. Dutra, Jr., Timothy J. Holick, George L. Randall, III, Richard J. Spada, Jr., Joseph M. Zinni, Jr.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7. NEW BUSINESS

Action: A. Operation and Management of the Food Service Program - VOTE

Mrs. Rose explained the steps for the Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Food Service Program, 11 companies requested the information, 2 submitted proposals (one of which did not meet the criteria), and she is recommending Chartwells for the operation and management of the school food service program.

Questions were asked and answered regarding who we use now, why the other company did not meet the criteria, total amount for Chartwells, and how often do we send out an RFP.

Motion to select Chartwells as the vendor for the operation and management of the School Food Service Program for one year beginning FY27 with an option to renew for up to four additional years for a maximum total of five (5) years.

Motion by Timothy J. Holick, second by Edward F. Dutra, Jr.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Louis Borges, Jr., Michael J. Dolan, Edward F. Dutra, Jr., Timothy J. Holick, George L. Randall, III, Richard J. Spada, Jr., Joseph M. Zinni, Jr.

Information: B. Superintendent-Director

Miss Borges stated that we need to start having discussions about Dr. Magalhaes' successor as he is leaving in July. This process should be done in open session to comply with the Open Meeting Law, it needs to be transparent as possible, we will not be having this discussion in Executive Session, and Item #7C is not for this purpose. She opened it up to the Committee for discussion.

Questions were asked and answered regarding if we are obligated to do a national or statewide search in order to select a Superintendent; if we posted, would we be able to set a quick deadline; and if we had someone capable in house for two years, is that enough.

Discussion was made regarding owing it to our District and students to make sure we are getting the best candidate and open it to a search, the switch over to the new school, and they would like to see someone that has knowledge of our school. Mr. Dolan and Mr. Spada strongly suggested that the position be open to a nationwide search, but if the Committee does not think we should do that for Mr. Rebello, then they would support him.

Miss Borges asked Mr. Rebello to inform the Committee if he is interested in this position and why he should be the next Superintendent if he chooses.

Mr. Rebello answered yes and stated he is prepared for this transition, would like to continue to build on some events happening at B-P, he is ready, 100% committed, and it would be the honor of a lifetime to be considered as the next Superintendent.

A question was asked and answered regarding Mr. Rebello's longevity and what it would look like in the future if he was attached to B-P.

Miss Borges stated that just because she has been asked, we are under no obligation to do a search and reminded everyone that their job as a School Committee is to set policy and hire the Superintendent.

Motion to select Andrew Rebello as the candidate for Superintendent.

Motion by Timothy J. Holick, second by Edward F. Dutra, Jr.

Additional discussion was made regarding Mr. Rebello and his qualifications, and someone who is already working in the school should be the one to move up when a position opens.

Motion to amend the previous motion to: Motion to select Andrew Rebello as Superintendent subject to contract negotiations.

Motion by Timothy J. Holick, second by Edward F. Dutra, Jr.

Roll call: Miss Borges, yes; Mr. Borges, yes; Mr. Dolan, yes; Mr. Dutra, yes; Mr. Holick, yes; Mr. Randall, yes; Mr. Spada, yes; Mr. Zinni, yes.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Miss Borges congratulated Mr. Rebello.

Action: C. Executive Session pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(2) to conduct strategy session in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct contract negotiations with nonunion personnel

Miss Borges tabled this item to a future date.

Motion to table the Executive Session to a future date.

Motion by Edward F. Dutra, Jr., second by Michael J. Dolan

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Louis Borges, Jr., Michael J. Dolan, Edward F. Dutra, Jr., Timothy J. Holick, George L. Randall, III, Richard J. Spada, Jr., Joseph M. Zinni, Jr.

Mr. Dolan stated he previously asked to receive a monthly budget report and would like to make a motion to receive said report on a monthly basis.

Discussion was made regarding the budget report, the Committee sees the spending every month when warrants are signed which would be duplicitous, you can always request the budget information from Mrs. Rose, should it be monthly in the packet or a quarterly presentation, the Committee should keep an eye on the expenses and not just the School Business Administrator as it would be helpful to the communities going through difficult times, and we could possibly have a report twice a year instead of monthly.

Motion to provide a budget report on a monthly basis in our packet and present the budget to the School Committee on a quarterly basis.

Motion by Michael J. Dolan, second by Richard J. Spada, Jr.

Yes: Louis Borges, Jr., Michael J. Dolan, Timothy J. Holick, George L. Randall, III, Richard J. Spada, Jr., Joseph M. Zinni, Jr.

No: Edward F. Dutra, Jr.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

8. ADJOURNMENT

Action: A. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion by George L. Randall, III, second by Edward F. Dutra, Jr.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Louis Borges, Jr., Michael J. Dolan, Edward F. Dutra, Jr., Timothy J. Holick, George L. Randall, III, Richard J. Spada, Jr., Joseph M. Zinni, Jr.

The regular meeting ended at 6:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy A. Costa
Administrative Assistant/Recording Secretary

Documents referenced during the meeting:

Calendar

3/4/26 Regular Meeting Minutes

3/4/26 FY2027 Budget Public Hearing Minutes

Warrant Report

3/3/26 Thank You Letter

Community Service Club 2026 PowerPoint

BPA State Leadership Conference 2026 Results

SkillsUSA District Competition 2026 Results

DECA State Conference 2026 Results

Operation and Management of the School Food Service Program RFP List