

BRISTOL-PLYMOUTH REGIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2026
6:00 P.M.

This meeting was held remotely in accordance with the Governor of Massachusetts' March 28, 2025 Act Extending Certain COVID-19 Measures Adopted During the State of Emergency in 2020 in reference to the Open Meeting Law G.L. c. 30A, Section 20.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Louis Borges, Jr., James W. Clark, Michael J. Dolan, Edward F. Dutra, Jr., Timothy J. Holick, George L. Randall, III, Joseph M. Zinni, Jr.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Estele C. Borges, Chair; Richard J. Spada, Jr.

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mark Adrean, PMA; Chad Crittenden, PMA; Jon Pope, PMA; Caitlin Osepchuk, HMFH; Beverly Rebelo, Vocational Technical Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with Mr. Borges leading all in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Borges informed everyone that the meeting is being recorded. Mr. Borges welcomed everyone to the first School Committee meeting in the new school.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Information: A. Calendar

Mr. Rebello stated the last day to submit nomination papers to the District is August 18; we tentatively will fully occupy the new building on August 18; Fall sports begin on August 24; Freshmen orientation is August 31; September 1 is the teachers first day; September 1-2 are full PD days for staff; and September 3 is the students first day.

3. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES/APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action, Minutes: A. Regular Meeting - June 3, 2026

Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 3, 2026.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: James W. Clark, Michael J. Dolan, Edward F. Dutra, Jr., Timothy J. Holick, George L. Randall, III, Joseph M. Zinni, Jr.

Information, Report: B. Warrant Subcommittee

Mr. Borges reported that thirty (30) warrants have been signed for the months of June and July.

Information: C. Personnel Subcommittee

Mr. Holick reported the Personnel Subcommittee met earlier this evening where Mr. Rebello gave an update on personnel changes and the outlook for the 2026-2027 school year.

4. AUDIENCES AND COMMUNICATIONS

Information: A. Resignations/Retirement

Mr. Rebello reported four resignations and retirements: Tracy Costa will be retiring; Teacher Jennifer Karamanian resigned; Teacher Lindsey Lariviere resigned; and Teacher Lisa Roe resigned.

A question was asked and answered regarding if it is too late in the year to give a resignation.

5. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Information: A. Fall Update

Mr. Rebello reported what the school year will look like in the next few months, shaping our vision together, key milestones from now through December, building operations, parking, culture and values, practices within the building, launching Portrait of a Graduate, outlook on the budget, staffing, and partnerships, and he will provide the Committee with progress updates.

Information: B. Project Update

Mr. Adrean discussed the ongoing/completed work, upcoming work, contingency update, cash flow/budget update, project schedule, and contract deadlines.

Questions were asked and answered regarding the gym not being taken down yet, is the road going to be completed for the start of school, if there is anything the Committee could help with, how are the students getting from the parking lot to the school, and how were the shops designed.

Information: C. 2026 SkillsUSA National Conference Results

Mr. Rebello reported that Senior student Albert Gouveia was recognized at graduation for his second place finish at SkillsUSA Nationals in June in Atlanta, and he would like to again honor Albert tonight for his accomplishment. Albert is currently working with his co-op employer full-time in collision repair.

Information: D. 2026-2027 New Hires

Mr. Rebello informed the Committee that there are currently eleven (11) new hires.

Information: E. B-P News

Mr. Rebello stated there are 5 articles from the Taunton Gazette: 1) football; 2) ribbon cutting - an amazing event and moment in the school's history; 3) softball; 4) baseball; and 5) lacrosse.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Action, Information: A. 2026-2027 Post-Secondary Dental Assisting Program Handbook Changes - VOTE

Motion to accept the changes to the 2026-2027 Post-Secondary Dental Assisting Program Handbook as presented.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: James W. Clark, Michael J. Dolan, Edward F. Dutra, Jr., Timothy J. Holick, George L. Randall, III, Joseph M. Zinni, Jr.

Action: B. 2026-2027 Student/Parent Handbook - VOTE

Motion to accept the changes to the 2026-2027 Student/Parent Handbook as presented.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: James W. Clark, Michael J. Dolan, Edward F. Dutra, Jr., Timothy J. Holick, George L. Randall, III, Joseph M. Zinni, Jr.

Action: C. 2026-2027 Practical Nurse Program Student Handbook Changes - VOTE

Motion to accept the changes to the 2026-2027 Practical Nurse Program Student Handbook as presented.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: James W. Clark, Michael J. Dolan, Edward F. Dutra, Jr., Timothy J. Holick, George L. Randall, III, Joseph M. Zinni, Jr.

Action: D. Updated 2026-2027 School Calendar - VOTE

A question was asked and answered regarding the 10:30 start time.

Motion to approve the updated 2026-2027 school calendar as presented.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: James W. Clark, Michael J. Dolan, Edward F. Dutra, Jr., Timothy J. Holick, George L. Randall, III, Joseph M. Zinni, Jr.

Information: E. Trust Donation

Mr. Rebello reminded the Committee of the trust donation we received. The funds are currently in a money market, and it is up to the Committee to either set up a subcommittee today to discuss what to do with the funds or wait until September.

A question was asked and answered about the interest rate for the money market.

Mr. Dolan, Mr. Clark and Mr. Holick volunteered to be on the subcommittee.

7. NEW BUSINESS

Action: A. Appointment of District Clerk/Secretary

Motion to appoint Andrew D. Rebello as District Clerk/Secretary.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: James W. Clark, Michael J. Dolan, Edward F. Dutra, Jr., Timothy J. Holick, George L. Randall, III, Joseph M. Zinni, Jr.

Action: B. 2026-2027 Early Childhood Education Center Handbook Changes - First Reading

A discussion was made to waive the first reading and approve the changes to this handbook tonight.

Motion to waive the first and second reading and accept the changes to the 2026-2027 Early Childhood Education Center Handbook as presented.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: James W. Clark, Michael J. Dolan, Edward F. Dutra, Jr., Timothy J. Holick, George L. Randall, III, Joseph M. Zinni, Jr.

Information: C. Admissions Policy - First Reading

Discussion was made regarding the changes in the Admission Policy, and Mr. Rebello stated there is a chart in the packet for the Committee's reference regarding the total acceptances and applications by town.

Questions were asked and answered regarding the lottery system, exploratory in the Admissions Policy, the number of days for exploratory, and the State approval process.

Action: D. MASC/MASS Joint Conference Delegate - VOTE

Motion to appoint Richard J. Spada, Jr. as the MASC/MASS Joint Conference Delegate.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: James W. Clark, Michael J. Dolan, Edward F. Dutra, Jr., Timothy J. Holick, George L. Randall, III, Joseph M. Zinni, Jr.

Action: E. MASC/MASS Joint Conference Alternate - VOTE

Motion to appoint Michael J. Dolan as the MASC/MASS Joint Conference Alternate.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: James W. Clark, Michael J. Dolan, Edward F. Dutra, Jr., Timothy J. Holick, George L. Randall, III, Joseph M. Zinni, Jr.

Action: F. READS Collaborative Board of Directors - VOTE

Motion to allow Mr. Rebello to serve as the Bristol-Plymouth Regional Technical School District representative on the Board of Directors of READS Collaborative.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: James W. Clark, Michael J. Dolan, Edward F. Dutra, Jr., Timothy J. Holick, George L. Randall, III, Joseph M. Zinni, Jr.

Action: G. Executive Session for the purpose of discussing strategies for collective bargaining matters with the Bristol-Plymouth Educators Union in accordance with M.G.L. 30A, Section 21 (a)(3).

Motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing strategies for collective bargaining matters with the Bristol-Plymouth Educators Union in accordance with M.G.L. 30A, Section 21 (a)(3) because to do so in open session could be detrimental to the position of the School Committee.

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

Roll Call: Mr. Borges, yes; Mr. Clark, yes; Mr. Dolan, yes; Mr. Dutra, yes; Mr. Holick, yes; Mr. Randall, yes; Mr. Zinni, yes.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

The regular meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy A. Costa
Administrative Assistant/Recording Secretary

Documents referenced during the meeting:

Calendar

6/3/26 Regular Meeting Minutes

Warrant Report

Resignations/Retirements

One-on-One Meeting Series regarding Fall Update

Soft Cost Contingency/Allowances for building project

SkillsUSA National Leadership & Conference Write-Up

New Hires 2026-2027

Taunton Gazette article "Bristol-Plymouth looks to build on last season's momentum"

Taunton Gazette article "A New Era for Bristol-Plymouth"

Taunton Gazette article "See all 30 2026 Taunton Daily Gazette Softball All-Scholastics"

Taunton Gazette article "Presenting Daily Gazette's Baseball All-Scholastics"

Taunton Gazette article "2026 TDG Boys Lacrosse All-Scholastics"

Updated 2026-2027 School Calendar

2026-2027 Early Childhood Education Center Family Handbook Changes

2027 Admission Policy with Acceptance by Town Chart