

TIVERTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE
TIVERTON, RHODE ISLAND

Date: June 9, 2026

Place: Tiverton High School Library
100 North Brayton Rd.
Tiverton, RI 02878

Time: 7:00 pm Open Session followed by Executive Session

Minutes

Attendance: Board Members Present D. Farnworth, K. Paquette, J. Sherman, D. Pallasch, E. Pavao
Administrators Present: C. Haskins, S. Kraeger, B. Andrade

1. Call to Order/ Pledge of Allegiance
2. Open Forum
 - No one
3. Special Recognition
 - Tiverton Middle School Mock Trial Presentation
 - Tiverton High School Field Hockey Team
 - Tiverton High School Softball Team
4. Executive Session
 - D. Pallasch made a motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to:
RIGL 42-46-5(a)(2) (Discussion of High School Principal's Contract)
K. Paquette seconded the motion.
Vote: 5-0

5. Return to Open Session

Chair D. Farnworth reported that no votes were taken in Executive Session.

 - D. Pallasch made a motion to seal the Executive Session minutes pursuant to RI General Laws 42-46-5 & 6.
E. Pavao seconded the motion.
Vote: 5-0
6. Consent Agenda – Consideration and Possible Votes
 - a. School Committee Meeting Minutes
 - Regular Session Minutes – May 19, 2026
 - Executive Session Minutes – May 19, 2026
 - Special Meeting Minutes – May 26, 2026
 - b. Enrollment
 - May Enrollment

J. Sherman made a motion to approve the Executive Session Minutes from May 19, 2026, and the Special Meeting Minutes from May 26, 2026.

E. Pavao seconded the motion.

Vote: Unanimous

K. Paquette requested that the word “Local” be added under the Superintendent’s Updates to read:
 “The Special Education Local Advisory Committee will hold its Awards Night on May 20, 2026, at the THS Library.”

K. Paquette also raised questions regarding enrollment numbers, which Superintendent Haskins addressed.

J. Sherman made a motion to approve the Regular Session Minutes of May 19, 2026, as amended.

K. Paquette seconded the motion.

Vote: 5–0

D. Pallasch made a motion to approve the May Enrollment.

J. Sherman seconded the motion.

Vote: 5–0

7. Chairperson’s Remarks

- Congratulations to the Class of 2026
- Gratitude for all who contributed to Tiverton Schools’ success this year

8. Superintendent Update

- Congratulations to the Class of 2026 on reaching this important milestone. We wish all graduates continued success in their future endeavors.
- Pocasset Elementary School achieved an outstanding attendance rate of 98.8% for the week of May 25, 2026.
- Tiverton Middle School also demonstrated positive progress, increasing its attendance by 6.6% during the week of May 18, 2026.
- Resignations:
 Kellie Boone, Tiverton Middle School Teacher Aide
 Amy Donnelly Roche, Principal, Pocasset Elementary School
- Appointments:
 Douglas Massey, Tiverton Middle School Custodian

9. Policy Updates:

- a. Personal Electronic Devices Policy
 - Move to the second read.

10. General Business – Consideration and Possible Votes

- a. Vote to Approve Tiverton High School Principal’s Contract
 - E. Pavao made a motion to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the Tiverton High School Principal’s Contract for Joseph Battaglia, pending legal review.
 - D. Pallasch seconded the motion.
 - The vote taken was 4–1, with K. Paquette opposed.
- b. Discussion and Approval of Vertical Raise Agreement with the Athletic Department
 - J. Sherman made a motion to approve the Vertical Raise Agreement with the Athletic Department.
 - D. Pallasch seconded the motion.
 - The vote taken was 3–2, with K. Paquette and E. Pavao opposed.
- c. Revised Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Portsmouth
 - D. Pallasch made a motion to approve the Revised Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Portsmouth.
 - K. Paquette seconded the motion.

- The vote taken was unanimous.
- d. Vote to Approve Recommendation to Revise Tiverton High School Program of Studies – U.S. History Graduation Requirement.
 - J. Sherman made a motion to approve the recommendation to Revise Tiverton High School Program of Studies – U.S. History Graduation Requirement.
 - D. Pallasch seconded the motion.
 - The vote taken was 4–1, with K. Paquette opposed.
- e. Vote to Approve Memorandum of Understanding Between the Tiverton School Department and the R.I. Council 94, AFSCME, AFL-CIO on Behalf of Local 2670.
 - D. Pallasch made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding Between the Tiverton School Department and the R.I. Council 94, AFSCME, AFL-CIO on Behalf of Local 2670.
 - J. Sherman seconded the motion.
 - The vote taken was 4–1, with K. Paquette opposed.
- f. Discussion and Review Tiverton High School Advanced Placement (AP) Program – 2024-2025 School Year
 - Superintendent Haskins presented the Board with an overview of the Tiverton High School Advanced Placement (AP) Program for the 2024–2025 school year. The presentation included a review of course offerings and student exam results.
- g. Discussion of Tiverton High School USTA Grant Application
 Superintendent Haskins updated the School Committee on the Tiverton High School USTA Grant Application. The update was based on a review of available funding and the immediate need to proceed with repairs to bring the tennis courts into satisfactory condition. The Tiverton School Department will be applying for Category II funding (Resurfacing and Fencing).
- h. Vote to approve Joint Resolution 2026-01 Between the Town of Tiverton and Tiverton School Department
 - K. Paquette made a motion to amend Joint Resolution 2026-01 between the Town of Tiverton and the Tiverton School Department, changing the citation from Pursuant to 2-122(a) to 2-133(a).
 - J. Sherman seconded the motion.
 - The motion passed unanimously.
 - K. Paquette then made a motion to approve the amended Joint Resolution 2026-01 between the Town of Tiverton and the Tiverton School Department.
 - J. Sherman seconded the motion.
 - The motion passed with a vote of 4–1, with D. Pallasch opposed.
- i. Monthly Financial Report – May
 - B. Andrade presented the May financial report to the School Committee, reporting that approximately \$30 million has been expended to date, representing 84% of the operating budget. Current projections indicate that the district is expected to close the fiscal year within its authorized budget.

11. Re-enter Executive Session

E. Pavao was not in attendance for the second session of the Executive Session

- D. Palsch made a motion to enter into executive session pursuant to:
 - a. RIGL 42-46-5(a)(1) (Job performance, character, physical or mental health) (Superintendent's Evaluation)
 - b. RIGL 42-46-5(a)(2) (Administrative Contracts)
 - c. RIGL 42-46-5(a)(7) (Discussion of potential grant/investment of public funds whose premature public disclosure would adversely impact the public interest.)
- J. Sherman seconded the motion
- The vote taken was unanimous

12. Return to Open Session

- a. Report on any votes taken in Executive Session
 - D. Farnworth reported that no votes were taken during the executive session.
- b. Motion to Seal the Executive Session minutes pursuant to RI Gen Laws 42-46-5 & 6.
 - D. Pallasch made a motion to seal the minutes.
 - J. Sherman seconded the motion.
 - The vote taken was 4 - 0

13. Announcements/Future Meetings – Chairperson July 14, 2026

14. Adjournment time was 10:04 pm

- D. Pallasch made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
- J. Sherman seconded the motion.
- The vote taken was 4 - 0

Respectfully submitted,

CA. Mendes