Barrington School Committee
Barrington Administration Office
283 County Road, Barrington, RI

March 3, 2026

Roll Call:
School Committee: Vice-Chair Frazier Bell, Tim McNamara, Karen Rasnick
School Administration: Superintendent Robert Mitchell, Assistant Superintendent, Ruth Corley.
Thomas Peck, Elizabeth Singh, were not present.

School Committee Business:
Mr. Bell requested a motion to call the meeting to order. Mrs. Rasnick moved and Mr. McNamara seconded. The motion passed 3-0 with Mr. Bell, Mrs. Rasnick, and Mr. McNamara voting in the affirmative.
Meeting called to order at 4:30 PM

Mr. Mitchell began the discussion by requesting that the School Committee approve changing the scheduled Family Engagement Day on March 4, 2026, to a regular school day in order to make up one of the snow days resulting from the Blizzard of 2026.

Mr. Corley then requested that March 23, 2026, previously scheduled as a professional development day, be changed to a regular school day for all students in grades PK–8. As Barrington High School has Senior Project presentations scheduled that day, the proposal included an early dismissal (12:15 PM) for high school students to accommodate the presentations. The high school will make up the half day of lost instructional time by holding regular start times (no late start) on two Tuesdays. Chris and his team will determine which two Tuesdays will follow the regular start schedule.

The Committee discussed that the district currently has six snow days to make up. Rhode Island Department of Education (RIDE) is likely to waive two of those days due to the declared state of emergency. The Committee expressed appreciation for the administration's creativity and efforts to identify solutions that will allow the school year to conclude as scheduled.

Mr. Corley presented an MOA signed by NEAB removing one PD from educators grades 6-12 as stated in the contract. This goes with changing March 23, 2026 to a regular school day.

Mr. Bell requested a motion to make March 4, 2026, originally a family engagement day at the high school, a full school day for PK-12. Mrs. Rasnick moved and Mr. McNamara seconded. The motion passed 3-0 with Mr. Bell, Mrs. Rasnick, and Mr. McNamara voting in the affirmative.

Mr. Bell requested a motion to make the March 23, 2026 professional development and senior project work day, a full school day for Pre-K through grade 8, and a regular start time day with a dismissal at 12:15 for the high school, with the high school making up the additional instructional

time on two Tuesday mornings. Mrs. Rasnick moved and Mr. McNamara seconded. The motion passed 3-0 with Mr. Bell, Mrs. Rasnick, and Mr. McNamara voting in the affirmative.

Mr. Bell requested a motion to approve the MOA between the Barrington School Committee and the NEAB that outlines how professional development days and school days will be considered for the rest of this school year. Mrs. Rasnick moved and Mr. McNamara seconded. The motion passed 3-0 with Mr. Bell, Mrs. Rasnick, and Mr. McNamara voting in the affirmative.

Mr. Bell requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Rasnick moved and Mr. McNamara seconded. The motion passed 3-0 with Mr. Bell, Mrs. Rasnick, and Mr. McNamara voting in the affirmative.

Adjournment: 4:38 PM

Approved: April 16, 2026