

Warwick School Committee

Open Session Minutes

Tuesday, July 14, 2026

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The Warwick School Committee met in Open Session at Veterans Middle School on Tuesday, July 14, 2026. Chairman Galligan called the meeting to order at 5:01PM

Roll Call

Shaun Galligan, Chair, Present

Leah Hazelwood, Vice Chair, Present

Michelle Kirby-Chapman, Present

David Testa, Present

Sean Wiggins, Present

Moved by Mr. Testa seconded by Mr. Wiggins to go into closed session for discussion and/or action regarding those items of business exempt from open meetings under General Laws of Rhode Island, RIGL 42-46-5 (a(1),a(2),a(4),a(8),a(9))

Motion Passes (5-0)

Ayes: Galligan, Hazelwood, Kirby-Chapman, Testa, Wiggins

6:30PM - Return to Open Session

Vote to seal minutes of Executive Session - Moved by Mr. Testa, seconded by Mr. Wiggins and Ms. Hazelwood approval

Motion Passes (5-0)

Ayes: Galligan, Hazelwood, Kirby-Chapman, Testa, Wiggins

Votes taken in Executive Session - none

Public Comment on Agenda Items

Darlene Netcoh - request to pay for turnitin.com urge you to vote for it. Valuable source. The documentation about doing the study as to redistricting. Those saying close Scott Elementary, new houses being built.

Recommended Actions

Moved by Mr. Testa, seconded by Mr. Wiggins and Ms. Hazelwood approval of Minutes of Public Session - June 9, 2026

Motion Passes (5-0)

Ayes: Galligan, Hazelwood, Kirby-Chapman, Testa, Wiggins

Moved by Mr. Testa, seconded by Mr. Wiggins and Ms. Hazelwood approval of Minutes of Executive Session - June 9, 2026

Motion Passes (5-0)

Ayes: Galligan, Hazelwood, Kirby-Chapman, Testa, Wiggins

Moved by Mr. Testa, seconded by Mr. Wiggins and Ms. Hazelwood approval of Minutes on Public Session - June 30, 2026

Motion Passes (5-0)

Ayes: Galligan, Hazelwood, Kirby-Chapman, Testa, Wiggins

Moved by Mr. Testa, seconded by Mr. Wiggins and Ms. Hazelwood approval of Minutes of Executive Session - June 30, 2026

Motion Passes (5-0)

Ayes: Galligan, Hazelwood, Kirby-Chapman, Testa, Wiggins

Moved by Mr. Testa, seconded by Mr. Wiggins and Ms. Hazelwood approval of Warrants - July 14, 2026

Motion Passes (5-0)

Ayes: Galligan, Hazelwood, Kirby-Chapman, Testa, Wiggins

Announcements-Personnel-As Presented - [Personnel Announcements July 14, 2026](#)

New Appointments: Mr. Galligan asked Ms. Jacques to announce those members who are not members of the WTU or WISE. Ms. Jacques stated only Megan Jamieson. Mr. Galligan looking for a motion to move approval on the appointment as presented of Megan Jamieson - moved by Mr. Testa, seconded by Mr. Wiggins and Ms. Hazelwood approval

Motion Passes (5-0)

Ayes: Galligan, Hazelwood, Kirby-Chapman, Testa, Wiggins

Retirements: Moved by Mr. Testa, seconded by Ms. Hazelwood approval

Motion Passes (5-0)

Ayes: Galligan, Hazelwood, Kirby-Chapman, Testa, Wiggins

Resignations: Moved by Mr. Testa, seconded by Ms. Hazelwood approval

Motion Passes (5-0)

Ayes: Galligan, Hazelwood, Kirby-Chapman, Testa, Wiggins

Coaching Recommendation(s) - [Coaches](#)

Adoption of Policies

2nd Read

- [Policy GBN - Disqualification of Job Applicants with Criminal Convictions](#) - Moved by Ms. Hazelwood, seconded by Mr. Wiggins approval

Motion Passes (5-0)

Ayes: Galligan, Hazelwood, Kirby-Chapman, Testa, Wiggins

New Business

1. Discussion/Presentation: Title I Eligibility - [Title I Program Overview Presentation](#)
2. Discussion/Update: Capital and Construction Projects Update - No updates
3. Discussion/Update: High School Projects Update - No updates
4. Discussion/Update: FY26 Budget Update

Warwick School Department implemented a new accounting system, Munis, on July 6, 2026, experiencing minor transition issues.

Fiscal Year 2025 audit documentation is complete; awaiting auditor feedback.

Fiscal Year 2026 year-end process is ongoing with preliminary reports subject to change.

The district faces an estimated **\$260,000 shortfall** in FY26 due to Rhode Island's denial of FEMA funds related to the 2026 blizzard.

Title One and other federal education funding may see reductions, with anticipated budget impacts for FY27 and beyond.

5. Discussion/Update: Superintendent Update

Superintendent McCaffrey thanked Dr. Schultz for her years of service, highlighting her positive impact.

Ongoing renovations at the Career and Technical Center (part of Toll Gate project) include:

- Ceiling and floor remodeling
- Heating and plumbing upgrades
- Parking lot refurbishments

Summer school and Extended School Year (ESY) programs are active.

Facilities cleaning and preparation for the upcoming school year are on schedule

6. Discussion/Update: Gorton Building Update - Preliminary update on the Gorton building. The main concern would be some capital improvements that should be looked at by a third party.
7. Discussion/Action: Superintendent and Director of Human Resources Disciplinary - Moved by Mr. Testa, seconded by Mr. Wiggins. Upholding the recommendation of the Superintendent, 2nd by Mr. Galligan approval to uphold Administration recommendation

Motion Passes (5-0)

Ayes: Galligan, Hazelwood, Kirby-Chapman, Testa, Wiggins

Items 8 through 22 taken as a whole

8. Discussion/Action: Contract for Attendance/Tuancy Officer
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10. Discussion/Action: Contract for Human Resources Office Manager
11. Discussion/Action: Contract for Transportation Manager
12. Discussion/Action: Contract for Assistant Principal
13. Discussion/Action: Contract for Assistant Principal of Teaching and Learning
14. Discussion/Action: Contract for Principal - Elementary
15. Discussion/Action: Contract for Principal - Elementary
16. Discussion/Action: Contract for Principal - Elementary
17. Discussion/Action: Contract for Principal - Elementary
18. Discussion/Action: Contract for Principal - Middle
19. Discussion/Action: Contract for Assistant Director of Curriculum
20. Discussion/Action: Contract for Assistant Director of Special Education
21. Discussion/Action: Contract for Director of Federal Programs, Grants and Strategic Planning
22. Discussion/Action: Contract for Director of Student Services

Items 8 - 22 Moved by Mr. Testa, seconded by Mr. Wiggins approval

Motion Passes (5-0)

Ayes: Galligan, Hazelwood, Kirby-Chapman, Testa, Wiggins

23. Discussion/Action: WTU Grievances

- a. Grievance 601 - has been withdrawn
- b. Grievance 602 - Motion to table Grievance 602 - Moved by Ms. Hazelwood and Mr. Wiggins, seconded by Mrs. Kirby-Chapman and Mr. Galligan approval

Motion Passes (5-0)

Ayes: Galligan, Hazelwood, Kirby-Chapman, Testa, Wiggins

24. Discussion/Action: Resolution Requesting Redistricting Analysis - Moved by Mr. Testa, seconded by Ms. Hazelwood approval

Motion Passes (5-0)

Ayes: Galligan, Hazelwood, Kirby-Chapman, Testa, Wiggins

25. Discussion/Action: Approval FY27 July Expenditures

- a. Change Orders - Moved by Mr. Testa, seconded by Ms. Hazelwood and Mr. Wiggins approval

Motion Passes (5-0)

Ayes: Galligan, Hazelwood, Kirby-Chapman, Testa, Wiggins

- b. General Funded Requisitions - Moved by Mr. Testa, seconded by Mr. Wiggins and Ms. Hazelwood approval

Motion Passes (5-0)

Ayes: Galligan, Hazelwood, Kirby-Chapman, Testa, Wiggins

- c. External Funded Requisitions - Moved by Mr. Testa, seconded by Mr. Wiggins approval

Motion Passes (5-0)

Ayes: Galligan, Hazelwood, Kirby-Chapman, Testa, Wiggins

- d. Bid Awards - Moved by Mr. Testa, seconded by Mr. Wiggins and Ms. Hazelwood approval

Motion Passes (5-0)

Ayes: Galligan, Hazelwood, Kirby-Chapman, Testa, Wiggins

Public Comment

Darlene Netcoh - I want to wish Dr. Frederickson well. Has done a great job.

Gorton Administration building - previous administration created the Gorton Taj-ma-hall. However, now that you own it, have you thought about renting space? You can be the owners and get some revenue. The Deed states it has to be used for education purposes.

Mary Townsend - our district has students in our Bridge program and we rent an apartment that the students use to learn the skills they will need when they go on. Just a thought.

Docket Session

This portion of the meeting is for School Committee members to request items to be docketed for future agenda(s) or for items to be assigned to sub committees by the School Committee Chair.

Future Meetings

Building Committee Meeting - Wednesday, August 5, 2026 - 7:30AM

Monthly School Committee Meeting - Tuesday, August 11, 2026 - 5:30PM

Policy Subcommittee Meeting - Tuesday, August 25, 2026 - 4:30PM

Health & Wellness Subcommittee Meeting - TBD

Fiscal Subcommittee Meeting - TBD

Community Outreach - August 3, 2026 5:30PM

Adjournment

Moved by Mr. Testa, seconded by Mr. Wiggins to adjourn the meeting

Motion Passes (5-0)

Ayes: Galligan, Hazelwood, Kirby-Chapman, Testa, Wiggins

Meeting adjourned at 7:21PM