

Cumberland School Department

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Cumberland School Committee Meeting

A regular meeting of the Cumberland School Committee will be held on

Thursday, September 10, 2026,

at the Cumberland High School Auditorium,
2600 Mendon Road, Cumberland, R.I., at **7:30 PM.**

Whenever Possible, a Live Stream of the Meeting can be found at:

<https://www.youtube.com/@CumberlandSchls>

Document Access: <https://cumberlandschools.org/minutes-and-agendas/>

Agenda –

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Approval of Agenda
- IV. Consent Agenda
 - A. Approval of Minutes
 - 1. Regular Meeting 8/27/2026
 - 2. Executive Session 8/27/2026
 - B. School Bus Inspection Reports 8/20/2026
 - C. Enrollment Report 9/9/2026
 - D. Transportation Update
 - E. Residency Truancy Report 9/8/2026
- V. Report Out of Executive Session Meeting
 - A. Report Out of Executive Session Meeting on 9/10/2026
 - 1. Report Out of Executive Session Votes
 - 2. Vote to Seal Minutes of Executive Session
- VI. Personnel Announcements, Which May Include Resignations, Appointments, and Coaching Appointments
- VII. Reports of Standing Committees
 - A. Policy & Procedures Sub-Committee Update
 - B. Fiscal Management Sub-Committee Update
 - C. Achievement & Communications Sub-Committee Update
 - D. District Health & Wellness Sub-Committee Update
- VIII. Old Business
 - A. Transpar Update
 - B. Discussion Only: 2027/2028 Start and End Times
 - C. Discussion Only: 2027/2028 Redistricting
- IX. Comments from the Public
- X. New Business
 - A. Discussion and/or Vote on Quote for One Additional On-site Visit and One Virtual Meeting with Transpar Group, LLC
 - B. Recommendation by the Superintendent to Hire an Independent Investigator to Review Allegations by a Former Non-Tenured Teacher that their Nonrenewal was Handled Improperly and to Review the Administration's Handling of the Nonrenewal Process

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- C. Discussion and/or Action on Subsection B
- D. Recommendation by Superintendent to Retain Special Legal Counsel to Participate in/Conduct Trainings with Members of the Cumberland School Community, e.g., Staff, Students, Parents, on Bullying/Discrimination or Behavior that Violates School Conduct Rules
- E. Discussion and/or Action on subsection D
- F. Discussion and/or Vote on Nonresident Student Tuition Contract for the 2026-2027 School Year in the amount of \$17,454.00
- G. Discussion and/or Vote to Approve Home Instruction Requests for the 26/27 SY
- H. Discussion and/or Vote to Approve Resolutions:
 - 1. SC-PR-09-2026-094 to You Science for Industry Recognized Certifications+ Site License for CHS CTE Pathway Program in an amount not to exceed \$5,950.00
 - 2. SC-PR-09-2026-095 to Rhode Island Community Training Center for the CHS EMT Course, Instruction and Texts in an amount not to exceed \$11,000.00
 - 3. SC-PR-09-2026-096 to Ai3 Architects, Inc. for B.F. Norton ES August Invoice #0026B-2405.000 in an amount not to exceed \$33,250.00
 - 4. SC-PR-09-2026-097 to Colliers Project Leaders for August Project Management Invoice #0001212047 in an amount not to exceed \$36,421.30
 - 5. SC-PR-09-2026-098 to Above and Beyond Tree Service, LLC for Tree Trimming and Removal at Cumberland Hill and High School in an amount not to exceed \$7,375.00
- I. Discussion and/or Vote to Approve Payment of Bills
- XI. Vote to go into Executive Session Discussion on Items Referred to in R.I.G.L. § 42-46-5: Before going into executive session, the school committee shall state for the record that any persons to be discussed pursuant to subsection (1) have been notified, and this statement shall be noted in the minutes of the meeting.
 - A. Litigation-Exception 2 and Investigation- Exception 4
 - 1. Discussion of Allegations by Former Non-tenured Teacher that their Nonrenewal was Handled Improperly
 - 2. Recommendation by Superintendent that School Committee Hire an Independent Investigator to Review this Specific Claim and to Review the Entirety of the School Department's Nonrenewal Process
 - 3. Legal Advice Regarding Above
 - B. Litigation/Legal Advice – Exception (2)
 - 1. Discussion and/or Action on Parent's Request to Resolve Claims Relating to Allegations of Off-Campus Hazing and/or Bullying Incident
 - 2. Discussion and/or Action Regarding Settlement Demand by Former Teacher A, response to same
- XII. Vote to Reconvene Meeting in Open Session
- XIII. Report Out of Executive Session Meeting
 - A. Report Out of Executive Session Votes
 - B. Vote to Seal Minutes of Executive Session
- XIV. Adjournment


Amy S. Vogel, Chairperson
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