BRIDGEPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION
AGENDA OF OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2026 - 5:30 PM
CITY HALL ROOM 305
45 LYON TERRACE
BRIDGEPORT, CT 06604

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Approval of the Minutes**
    a. Approval of the Minutes January 22, 2026
3. **Old Business**
4. **New Business**
    a. FY 26-27 Budget Workshop and discussion open to all Board Members and possible referral to the full Board of recommendations to the proposed 26-27 Budget.
5. **Adjourn**

Thursday, January 22, 2026

MINUTES OF THE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE BRIDGPEORT BOARD OF EDUCATION, held January 22, 2026, at Bridgeport City Hall, 45 Lyon Terrace, Bridgeport, Connecticut.

Present were members chair Jennifer Perez, Maritza Estremera Jimenez, and Jowanne Burks-Jennings*. Board members Albert Benejan Grajales, Willie Medina*, Andrew Woodson*, and Robert Traber* were present.

*remote participation

The meeting was called to order at 5:39 p.m.

Ms. Estremera Jimenez moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of September 3, 2025. The motion was seconded by Ms. Perez and unanimously approved.

Jamie McCarvill, finance manager of the facilities department, presented on the elevator modernization project at JFK/Six to Six Magnet. She said the contract is with Aligned Elevator. The $300,000 cost is capital funded. She said they are on a cooperative contract and the city attorney also created a contract.

In response to a question, Ms. McCarvill said another quote is not required for a cooperative contract, but we did get another quote that was higher. Jorge Garcia, chief operations officer, said we've been struggling with the elevator company we've been using, and the new proposal came in lower.

In response to a question, Mr. Garcia said this is a new vendor. He said we've been doing new assessments for all elevators throughout the district. He said the vendor has resources that will enable faster acquisition of needed parts.

Ms. Estremera Jimenez moved "*to refer to the full board for approval of the contract for the elevator modernization at JFK/Six to Six Magnet School*." The motion was seconded by Ms. Perez and unanimously approved.

The next agenda item was on a contract for HVAC controls at Bridgeport Military Academy. Ms. McCarvill said the controls will allow regulating airflow and temperatures remotely. She said it is a qualified purchase. The vendor is CTC, which is one of two vendors used throughout the district for controls.

Ms. McCarvill said the contract is for $495,290. It is funded through $300,000 in capital funding and the remainder is from a DRIP grant received from the state. She said the district received $1.3 million overall in the DRIP grant.

Mr. Garcia said this falls in line with controlling buildings at the optimum level. He said more projects funded by DRIP will be brought to the board.

Ms. Estremera moved "*to refer to the full board for approval of the HVAC control contract for BMA*." The motion was seconded by Ms. Perez and unanimously approved.

The next agenda item was on the SEED grant.

Michele McKinley, chief of special education, said the SEED grant was a critical investment in strengthening the ability of the district to meet the needs of students with disabilities. She said it would provide staff, tools and resources for students. It is a special appropriation from the state and the funds are to be used for new special education purposes. She said we're looking at expanding social workers and preschool teaching staff because of mental health needs; updating instructional materials and supplies; and ensuring we have enough evaluation tools. An IEP development program is also being considered.

In response to a question, Ms. McKinley said the grant is for two years. She said positions such as social workers would be at risk if the funding ended; if pre-K classes continue to expand, the district would have to fund those teachers.

Hannah Whitley of grants development and management said the grant is written into Connecticut law for two years, but legislators would have to vote to consider extending it.

In response to a question, Ms. McKinley said the grant this year is $2.6 million

Ms. Estremera Jimenez moved *"to refer to the full board for approval of the SEED grant."* The motion was second by Ms. Perez and unanimously approved.

Ms. Perez moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Estremera Jimenez and unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John McLeod