

AGENDA

CHARIHO REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, March 10, 2026

Chariho Middle School Auditorium and Music Room
455 Switch Rd B, Wood River Junction, RI 02894

6:30 pm – Call to order in Open Session and convene Executive Session

7:00 pm - Reconvene Open Session

A vote may be taken on any item on this agenda.

Note: The public is welcome to any meeting of the School Committee or its subcommittees. If communication assistance (readers/ interpreters/captions) or any other accommodation is needed to ensure equal participation, please contact the Superintendent's office at least two (2) business days prior to the meeting. Any changes to this agenda will be posted on the school district's website (www.chariho.k12.ri.us) as well as in the Chariho Administration Building at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the meeting. Individuals requesting special notice on the revised agenda must call (401) 364-7575 to make the arrangements for the same.

I. Meeting Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Silent Meditation

II. Motion/Vote to go into Executive Session

A. Under the authority of R.I. Gen. Laws Section 42-46-5(a)(5) for the purpose of discussions or considerations related to the acquisition of real property for public purposes, wherein advanced public information would be detrimental to public interest. *(1. Land and Elementary Capital Plan update)*

B. Under the authority of R.I. General Laws Section 42-46-5(a)(8) for the purpose of reviewing and/or approving matters which relate to the privacy of students and their records. *(1. Approval of the Executive Session Minutes of February 10, 2026 (Home Instruction Requests) 2. Approval of additional Home Instruction Requests.)*

Any persons to be discussed have been notified.

III. Reconvene Open Session

IV. Closing/Sealing of Executive Session Minutes

V. Disclosure of Executive Session Votes

VI. Recognition (10 minutes)

SPORTS – **Indoor Track State Meet 2/14/26:** Lidia Taber set school records in the 55m (7.49) & 300m (41.47) run; Meriden Alge, State Champion in the 1000m run; Boys 4x800 relay teammates, Isaac Graham, Gus Freelove, Ethan McCann, and Leo Haxton are State Champs and qualified for Nationals! **Boys Swim Division Championships 2/14/26-** South Country Swim Co-op finished 4th in the state. Chariho Swimmers are Benjamin Labonte, Dominic Giordano, Ian MacInnis, and Jameson Cooley. **Girls Swim Division Championships 2/15/26** - Westerly/Chariho Girls Swim Co-op finished 3rd at the Division 2 Championships after coming off an undefeated regular season. Special shoutout to Sonja Beasley for earning 2nd place in the 200 & 500 yd freestyle. **Congratulations to our First-Place relay teams** - *On both the 200 & 400 yard relay teams:* Alexia McCabe, Olivia O'Neil, and Sonja Beasley; *On the 200 yard relay team* – Peyton Pietraszka; *On the 400 yard relay team* – Avery Lamb.

CHARIHO HS - State Pro-Start Competition: Senior students- Natalee Bernard, Rachel Gillis, Madison Newett, and Ava O'Brien won second place in this competition and were awarded \$12,000 each in a scholarship to J.W.U.; Junior Students - Logan Berdos, Lilyana Juneau, Madison Niewiecki, and Rosie Sposato, won first place and were each awarded a \$20,000 scholarship to J.W.U. Congratulations to all the students and their teacher, Donald Fair, for these amazing accomplishments!

Chariho School Level Poetry Out-Loud contest - This year's contest was won by Holly Shilale! Holly will represent Chariho in the Poetry Out Loud State Competition (Sat 3/7/26) at the Providence Public Library! Congratulations to our runner-ups: Kelley Drake and Lillian Hall. We are very proud of all the students who participated in this year's competition by memorizing and reciting a variety of poems that celebrate America's 250th Anniversary. We also thank our Judges: Rebecca Burns, Johannah LaFountain, Regan Clark, Tatiana Sullivan, and Jasmine Learner! -submitted by Dana Hall.

Rhode Island ART ANCHOR AWARDS - Please congratulate the following students on their awards at the 2026 RI Art Anchor Awards. All Chariho submissions may be viewed in the shared folder [[HERE](#)].

Winners

Sonja Beasely, Grade 11	Best in Category (Ceramics) for <i>Downward Spiral of Coral Bleaching</i>
Chloe Burns, Grade 12	Anchor Award (Photography) for <i>Cupcake</i>
Talia Lodge, Grade 9	Visual Art Studio Pathway – Anchor Award (Printmaking) for <i>Crowd</i>
Chloe Pease, Grade 12	Social Justice Wave Award for <i>You Are What They Eat (Sculpture)</i>
Grace Reynolds, Grade 12	Anchor Award (Mixed-Media) for <i>Flower Triptych</i>
Lidia Taber, Grade 12	Best in Category (Film/Video) for <i>Baking</i>

Honorable Mentions

Finnley Butler, Grade 11	Photography, <i>Cooper</i>
Carissa Conroy, Grade 12	Photography, <i>Bumble Bee</i>
Michael Finch, Grade 10 CALA	Photography, <i>Little Big Lady</i>
Anthony (Tony) Guglielmo, Gr. 12	Sculpture, <i>The End of the Record</i>
Lillian Hall, Grade 10	Drawing, <i>Christmas Diet Coke</i>
Ada (Grey) Katter, Grade 10	Drawing, <i>Letendre Foot</i>
Raegan Marsh, Grade 11	Photography, <i>Strength in Stillness</i>
McKenzie McKnight, Grade 12	Ceramics, <i>Flowers Bloom</i>
Sadie Mitkowski, Grade 12	Mixed-Media, <i>Red Supergiant (Triptych)</i>
Emily Murphy, Grade 12	Photography, <i>Untitled</i>
Sasha Rogers, Grade 12	Drawing, <i>Good Boy</i>
Sophia Wiitala, Grade 12	Mixed-Media, <i>Whitney Brings Joy</i>

The exhibition is currently on display at the Alex and Ani building at Rhode Island College through March 17. We encourage you to join us for the closing reception on March 15 from 1:45–2:45 p.m.

VII. Public Forum (30 minutes)

VIII. Business

- A.** Discussion and Vote: FY 27 Budget Adoption
- B.** Discussion and Vote: Unified School Construction/Capital Improvement Bond Language for legislation
- C.** Discussion and Vote: Request for Waiver for School Days - School Closure due to Blizzard of 2026
- D.** Discussion and Vote: Transportation Bid from Ocean State Transit
- E.** Discussion and Vote: Transfer of \$125,000.00 from Fund Balance to Grounds Services Acct.

IX. Consent Agenda Items for approval and vote (2 minutes)

A. Minutes

- 1. Minutes of the Regular Session - School Committee meeting on 2/10/26.
- 2. Minutes of the School Committee Budget Workshop, 2/3/26
- 3. Minutes of the School Committee Special Meeting, 2/3/26

B. Bill Review

C. Budget Transfers & Updates

D. Out of State Field Trips

E. Grants

F. Permission to Issue Bids/Request Quote

G. Personnel Actions

H. Donations

X. Reports

A. Superintendent Reports

1. School Calendar Potential Changes based on legislation
2. Civics Engagement Summit
3. Artessy

B. Coming events - can also be found on our district website calendar at the following address under the District Information tab: <https://www.chariho.k12.ri.us/>

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EVENT

Thursday, 3/12/26	ESS Parent Workshop: Building Capacity – Support Adults to Avoid Burnout (Virtual)
Thursday, 3/12/26	Early Release Day – No Pre K
Monday, 3/16/26	District PD Day – No School For Students
Tuesday, 3/17/26	District Health and Wellness Subcommittee Meeting 4pm – CHS Library
Monday, 3/23/26	Richmond ES – SIT Meeting – RES Library – 5:30pm
Thursday, 3/26/26	Charlestown ES – SIT Meeting – 3:30 pm
Friday, 3/27/26	Skills USA Dinner –CTC Rm. 107 – Seating times: 4:30; 5:30; and 6:30pm
Friday, 3/27/26	ARTESSY starts – CHS Chorus Concert from 7-9pm
Saturday, 3/27/26	ARTESSY continues – at CHS 10am – 2pm
Wednesday, 4/1/26	CMS SIT Meeting – CMS Library / Media Center – 3:25pm
Friday, 4/3/26	ALL SCHOOLS AND OFFICES CLOSED – Holiday
Monday, 4/6/25	CALA CSIT Mtg. at CALA ALP Rm. 124
Tuesday, 4/7/26	All-Day Referendum on the Chariho SC Budget
Wednesday, 4/8/26	RES Family Game night 5:30pm
Wednesday, 4/8/26	CHS National Honor Society Ceremony – CMS Auditorium at 5:30pm
Thursday, 4/9/26	Early Release Day – No Pre K
Friday, 4/8/26	CMS Drama Production 6pm at CMS Auditorium
Saturday, 4/8/26	CMS Drama Production at CMS 1:30pm and 6pm
Tuesday, 4/14/26	School Committee Meeting – CHS 7pm

Important note: Mon, 4/20/26 through Fri, 4/24/26- ALL SCHOOLS CLOSED FOR SPRING VACATION WEEK

XII. School Committee Requests for Future Agenda Items or Legal Opinions

XIII. Adjournment

The meeting will be available for viewing using the following link:

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLjtoRWOc_Ov9u6vK7QAuwMDivBGmlce3O

Posted Friday, March 6, 2026
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