

AGENDA
CHARIHO REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
June 17, 2025

Chariho High School Library & Conference Room
453 Switch Road, Wood River Junction, RI 02894

6:45pm – Call to order in Open Session and convene Executive Session
7:00pm - Reconvene Open Session

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

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

II. Motion/Vote to go into Executive Session

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 Executive Session Minutes of May 13, 2025 - Approval of Home Instruction Requests; 2. Approval of additional Home Instruction request)*
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. Recognitions

A. District

1. Recent Chariho Retirees- Congratulations and Best Wishes on your next chapter!

Susan Allen	Dianne Devereaux	Dorinda Pizone
Diane Ballata	Mary Beth Florenz	Dan Potts
Elizabeth Charpentier	Lisa Gervasini	Susan Rice
Sandra Cook	Diane McKeen	Lauri Travis
		Lori Vanasse

2. From the SCALES Farm to School Team

The Chariho SCALES Farm to School Team would like to thank so many people for a successful year! As you can see, it truly takes a village. If anyone would like to participate in Year 2 with Chariho's USDA Project SCALES grant, please contact Katie Kirakosian or Susie Scanapieco.

- Thank you to our nineteen (19) Interns in Year 1! They were integral to our success with increasing locally grown foods in school meals, increasing nutrition security for students, and decreasing food waste in our cafeterias.
- Thank you to the Chartwells staff for supporting our students behind the scenes.
- Thank you to Rachel Axelson, and Erin Rooney for launching our hydroponic towers at CMS and CHS. Thank you to Stacie Peppard and Chris Haberek for their expertise and collaboration as well.
- Thank you to Chef Reilly and her students for their support in using our new dehydrators to make healthy apple and carrot chips for Richmond Elementary School's Field Day last week.
- Thank you to our community partners, including Farm Fresh RI, Gotham Greens, Johnson & Wales University, Pete's Grocery, Richmond Stop & Shop, RICAN, RIDE, Rhode Island Healthy Schools Coalition,

Rhode Island School Recycling Project, Rhody Wild Sea Gardens, the Tomaquag Museum, URI, Wild Harmony Farm, and the Wellbeing Collaborative.

- Thank you to the local farms that donated to our two Pop-Up Shops: Quonnie Farms, Spring Hill Sugar House, and the Farmer’s Daughter.
- Thank you to the High School Earth Club, FBLA, and Richmond Greenhouse and Gardens for your amazing work.

B. CHARIHO HIGH SCHOOL / CTC

1. Project MFG Event - An instructor, two students, and two chaperones represented CHARIHO on a field trip to Big Rapids Michigan from June 2-5, 2025. The purpose of this trip was to participate in a national competition hosted by Project MFG at Ferris State University, on June 3rd, 2025 with an awards ceremony on June 4th. Their itinerary included a tour of the Submarine Museum and attendance at the Celebration of Trades dinner. The competitors were: Jared Minick and Cooper Senecal; Chaperones were Zachary Folsom, Ryan Senecal, and Steven Minick.

2. Robert (Bob) Mayne – Chariho High School Math Teacher. Out of a highly impressive pool of candidates, Mr. Mayne was chosen to receive RIMTA’s memorial Amedeo DeRobbio Award in honor of his outstanding lifetime contributions. This award is presented annually to one educator who demonstrates Mack DeRobbio’s spirit and enthusiasm for Mathematics.

C. CHARIHO MIDDLE SCHOOL

Congratulations to Crystal Apple Award winner Jennifer Mossner, Dean of Students at Chariho Middle School! The award is given to teachers, administrators, and support staff who demonstrate excellence in their profession, inspire students, and engage the community. Educators are recognized for their dedication, instructional and motivational skills, and ability to challenge and inspire students.

Congratulations to the Chariho Middle School Science Olympiad winners for 2025!

From Trisha Whipple - I wanted to share the incredible experience we had at the State Science Olympiad Competition at Rhode Island College. Almost every single student on our team earned a medal which is an achievement we’ve never reached before at this level of competition. We brought home 8 medals: 6 bronze, 1 silver, and 1 gold, and a 4th place trophy overall. What truly made this day unforgettable was the pride and heart our students showed. After final placements were announced, they turned to me and said, *“It’s okay, Miss Whipple, we moved up from last year, and we doubled our medal count. We didn’t have to win, we’re proud of what we did.”* It was one of the most meaningful moments of the entire season! Here is a [slidedeck](#) with photos of our team!

Air Trajectory	3 rd Place	Zachary Heddberich and Noah Vandever
Anatomy	3 rd Place	Ava Bertrand and Harper McCall
Code Busters	3 rd Place	Preston Davis, Connor Gwaltney, and Ian MacInnis
Crime Busters	3 rd Place	Ava Bertrand and Harper McCall
Disease Detectives	5 th Place	Titus Castrataro and Sebastian Schzer
Dynamic Planet	6 th Place	Zachary Heddberich and Landon Pirotte
Ecology	4 th Place	Keeland Velandler and Ross Doescher
Entomology	3 rd Place	Keeland Velandler and Ross Doescher
Experimental Design	5 th Place	Ava Bertrand and Harper McCall
Fossils	2 nd Place	Ross Doescher and Noah Vandever
Helicopter	1 st Place	Loius Dancause and Ian MacInnis
Microbe Mission	5 th Place	Landon Pirotte and Harper McCall
Mission Possible	3 rd Place	Landon Pirotte and harper McCall
Reach For The Stars	5 th Place	Loius Dancause and Aubrey Parr
Road Scholar	7 th Place	Ross Doescher and Keeland Velandler
Tower	7 th Place	Ian MacInnis and Titus Castrataro
Wind Power	4 th Place	Loius Dancuse and Aubrey Parr

D. RICHMOND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL Crystal Apple Award Winner, Karrie Carriero! Principal Martin expressed that Ms. Carriero goes above and beyond to teach as many students as possible with quality, explicit instruction, and connects with students by getting to know their strengths and individual needs on a deeper level. She is always friendly and helpful to her colleagues too! Congratulations Karrie!

E. ATHLETICS

The Chariho Middle School Boys Track Team won the Middle School State Championship for the first time since 1989! Head Coach, Erica Ball and Assistant Coach, Rachel Lawrence. Congratulations!

VII. Public Forum

VIII. Policy

- 1. Voluntary Change of Elementary District** – Requested by J. Purcell
- 2. Purchasing Policy Update** – Requested by G. Zenion
- 3. Chariho Student Representative and Liaison Proposal** - Requested by J. Purcell

IX. Business

- A. Approval of Main Campus Bond Resolution**
- B. Say Something MOU for approval**
- C. Student Resource Officer MOU for approval**
- D. Curriculum for approval – Physical Education Grades 7 & 8**
- E. Revised Curricula for approval – Visual Arts (K-12); Music (K-12); World Language (5-12)**
- F. Hopkinton – Hope Valley Elementary School MOU for approval**
- G. Ashaway School Lease for Approval**
- H. Grants for approval**
 1. Champlain Foundation Grant – \$99,701.17 for CHS Science classroom upgrades
 2. School Shield Grant - up to \$25,000 for school safety upgrades
- I. Approval of Apple Finance Agreement** – *Vetted through Atty. Anderson and Technology*
- J. Update on Chariho Cowboys' request – for discussion purposes-** Requested by L. Chapman
- K. Review and discussion of Chariho Rules of Conduct and Rhode Island - Code of Basic Management Principles and Ethical School Standards** – Requested by D. Tefft
- L. Necessity for School Construction Committee** – School Committee Membership– Req. by J. Purcell
- M. Budget Update and Budget Transfers for approval** – *per usual*

X. Consent Agenda Items

A. Minutes

1. Minutes from the Regular Session of the Chariho School Committee from May 13, 2025.
2. Minutes from the Special Meeting of the Chariho School Committee from May 20, 2025.
3. Minutes from the Health & Wellness Subcommittee from May 27, 2025

B. Bill Review

C. Personnel Actions - Rescission of certified non-renewal

D. Permission to Issue Bids/Request Quote

E. Permission to Award Contracts

F. Home Instruction

G. Grants

H. Donations

1. The Spring Hill Sugarhouse Farm donated two (2) half gallons of syrup for our Richmond Elementary School 4th Grade Rhode Island Celebration Day on June 6th.
2. Sandra Boudreau donated women's golf clubs and golf balls to our Charger Golf Team.
3. Arthur Haskins donated two (2) boxes of Pickleballs with 12 dozen in each box for the CHS and CMS P.E. classes.
4. Anonymous donation of \$ 500.00 to our "Love of Music" scholarship.
5. Vanessa and Patrick Freelove recently planted several small trees at Charlestown Elementary School. We also thank them for adding plants to the large planters in front of the school. Their time and expertise have helped to further beautify the outside of our school.

6. Mr. Richard Lyall donated a 2008 Chevrolet Tahoe Hybrid vehicle to our Chariho Career and Tech Center Automotive Department.
7. Pamela Brennan donated books to the Richmond Elementary School Library from the Hardy Boys Mystery Collection.
8. Anonymous donation of \$250.00 to defray the cost of school lunches debt at Charlestown Elementary School.
9. Larry Phelps generously donated a generator, a garden house, a sub pump, and garden hoe to the Dan Potts Chariho Community Kid Grow Garden.
10. Thompson Sawmill donated two (2) solid oak 12' boards for Richmond Elementary School to create a raised garden bed.
11. Gotham Greens donated four (4) flats of seedlings for our hydroponic unit.
12. Richmond Stop and Shop donated carrots and apples to support a dehydrated healthy snack for the Richmond Elementary School field day, led by Mellissa Richard. The dehydrators and supplies were purchased with the USDA SCALES grant. Thank you also, to Chef Reilly and her students for their support!

XI. Reports

A. Superintendent's Report

1. Graduation
2. Summer Updates

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

DATE	EVENT
6/18/25	Last Day for all students – Have a safe and happy Summer Break!
6/19/25	Holiday for all Staff – All offices Closed
6/20/25	Last Day for all Faculty and School Year Staff
7/15/25	Scheduled School Committee Meeting
8/19/25	Scheduled School Committee Meeting

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, June 13, 2025**

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