



BSD School Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 7, 2026 at 6:00 PM

Hunt Middle School - Library 1364 North Avenue

Commissioners present: Wick, Wool, Campriello, Sowers, Waltz, Golden, Amato, Price, O'Toole, Price, Ericksen, Zygmant, Vanderputten

Student Rep: Harte, Garvey-Ibrahim

Staff present: Superintendent Flanagan, Bonnie Ryder, Nate Lavery, Stephanie Phillips, Michelle Meola, Katherine Grykien

1. Opening

- A. Call meeting to order
6:08pm

2. Swearing in of new/renewing Commissioners

Wool, Golden, Campriello, Amato, O'Toole, Ericksen, Zygmant, Vanderputten

3. Election of Officers

- A. Chair
I motion to nominate Clare Wool for the BSD Board Chair
Commissioners Waltz/Golden
Motion passes unanimously
- B. Vice Chair
I motion to nominate Jeff Wick for the BSD Vice Chair
Commissioners Vanderputten/Campriello
Motion passes unanimously
- C. Clerk
I motion to nominate Lucia Campriello for the BSD Clerk
Commissioners Sowers/Ericksen
Motion passes unanimously

4. Agenda

- A. Items to be removed from the Consent Agenda - none
- B. Approval of the agenda
Commissioners Sowers/Waltz
Motion passes unanimously

5. Public Comment

- A. Public Comment
Richard Hilliard - regarding e-bikes
- B. Board Reflections
Commissioner Vanderputten - thanks to the new commissioners. Agrees with the E bike concerns with Mr. Hilliard
Commissioner Golden: Shoutout to the Mayor for the State of the City address about the new high school
Commissioner Campriello: Shoutout to the Equity Office for their programming at Champlain Elementary

6. Student Recognition

Tonight we have the honor of celebrating four BTC students who have been named *Vermont Presidential Scholars*.

I'll start by recognizing Barwaaqo Hussein Sugow and Gina Kim, and I'd like to ask them to come up front please. Barwaaqo is a BHS senior and Gina Kim is a South Burlington High School senior. Both Barwaaqo and Gina are standouts students in the Health Sciences Academy at BTC, and both have been named a Vermont Presidential Scholar in Career and Technical Education.

This is one of the highest honors a graduating senior can receive, recognizing not just academic excellence, but also leadership and community service. We are so proud to have you representing BSD, our technical center, and Burlington and South Burlington schools.

In addition to Barwaaqo and Gina, two other BTC students received the Presidential Scholar Award but could not be here tonight – Riley Grace Tierney from BFA/Fairfax is VT Presidential Scholar in Career and Technical Education, and Payton Hruby, from Colchester High School, has been named a VT Presidential Scholar in the Arts. I hope you will join me in congratulating them on this award as well.

Big shout out to BTC teachers who nominate our students for these awards and always center the achievements of our young people!

Barwaaqo and Gina, we want you to know how proud we are of you for being recognized with this Award and how grateful we are to have you in the Burlington School District. On behalf of Burlington School District, please join me in congratulating Barwaaqo, Riley, Gina, and Payton. Please give them a round of applause!

7. Consent Agenda

Commissioners Price/Waltz

Motion passes unanimously

- A. Routine Financial Reports
 - [2026 February Warrants.pdf](#) 
 - [2026 February Variance Report.pdf](#) 
 - [2026 February Cash Balance Update.pdf](#) 
- B. Routine Hiring Recommendations
 - [April 2026 Routine Hiring Recommendations - CONSENT AGENDA.pdf](#) 
- C. March 10 School Board Meeting Minutes
- D. March 10 Finance & Facilities Committee Meeting Minutes
- E. March 17 School Board Retreat/Training Minutes
- F. March 24 Curriculum Committee Meeting Minutes
 - [3 24 26 Curriculum Committee Meeting Minutes.pdf](#) 
- G. March 24 Policy & Governance Committee Meeting Minutes
 - [3 24 26 Policy Committee Meeting Minutes.docx \(1\).pdf](#) 
- H. Action: Bid Approval Stormwater Project
 - [Bid Recap_BHS Stormwater Improvements 20260407.pdf](#) 
- I. Action: Bid Approval Champlain Roof
 - [Bid Recap_Champlain Roof 20260407.pdf](#) 

8. Chair's Report

Chair Wool - Thank you to all the new and existing board members

9. Student Representative Report

BHS (Burlington High School):

- 1. District Jazz Festival (4/10)
- 2. Fine Arts Night + Spring Concert 4/16

HMS (Hunt Middle School):

- 1. Spring sports begin 4/6

Edmunds Middle School:

1. **Spring sports begin 4/6**

Edmunds Elementary

1. **Fine Arts Night 4/9**

Sustainability academy

1. **Community dinner 4/15 5-7**
2. **Thingyan water festival 4/13 (Burmese New Year celebration)**

CP Smith:

1. **Fun run 4/11 9-11 Saturday (fitness run fundraiser for school programs)**

10. Executive Session

Commissioners Campriello/Price

Motion passes unanimously

Motion to exit Executive Session

Commissioners Golden/Price

- A. Motion to consider Executive Session under 1 V.S.A. 313 (a) because pre-mature general public knowledge would put the District at a substantial disadvantage to discuss:
1. (c) The appointment or employment or evaluation of a public officer or employee, provided that the public body shall make a final decision to hire or appoint a public officer or employee in an open meeting and shall explain the reasons for its final decision during the open meeting.
 2. 313 (4) a disciplinary or dismissal action against a public officer or employee.

11. Superintendent's Report

- A. Discussion: March Superintendent Reflection

IAA Kindergarten – IAA Kindergarten enrollment is down this year so we announced that we are planning to move one Kindergarten classroom from IAA to Champlain Most families are choosing their local neighborhood schools and ONE student population is down. With this decision, about 20 families will receive their first or second choices, which includes Champlain and Edmunds. This is not an indicator of closing the school and we will work to bring enrollment back next year. One key way to do that is by placing an additional PreK classroom at IAA next year -which also adds a Pre-K to the district and 2 pre-k's at IAA overall. Working with my team, leadership and families to do more marketing of the school. Meeting with PTO Presidents soon.

Stormwater Grant

- We received additional funding for the stormwater project on the new BHS/BTC campus.
- Will allow us to do two major things that we wanted to do but couldn't find the money for previously.
- First, we can turn the stormwater treatment site into an outdoor classroom. We had intended to do this as part of the project originally, but it was cut to save

money. Now we have funds to do this.

- Second, we will be able to fix the drainage on the baseball and athletic fields.
- Big thank you to Director Lavery for identifying these funds and how to make the best use of them for students and our community.

BHS/BTC Project

- It's almost time to celebrate!
- Temporary Certificate of Occupancy means we can start moving in furniture
- Hard hats are still required!
- Planning to host graduation in the new gym!
- Solar is complete, gym floors are done, auditorium seats are in!
- Public Tours planned for all summer
- Big ribbon cutting and block party planned for August (TBD!)

Equity Events

- Sankofa Poetry Slam – A celebration of Black Excellence through Spoken Word. Thursday, April 9. 5:30-7PM at Richard Kemp Center
- Reading to End Racism is happening in schools now. If you want to read to students, please let me know and I will connect you.
- *Come to the Table* – Our third annual statewide gathering focused on educating multilingual students will take place May 1st and 2nd at Saint Michael's College.

B. Action: Sustainability Academy Principal Hiring Recommendation

I move to accept Superintendent Flanagan's recommendation to hire **Antony Dennis** as the Sustainability Academy Principal, starting as a regular administrator on July 1, 2026, for the 2026/2027 school year.

Commissioners Vanderputten/Waltz

Motion passes unanimously

[SA PRINCIPAL HIRING MEMO 04.07.2026.docx.pdf](#) 

C. Discussion: Strategic Plan Priority Area 2/3 - posted on Diligent.

Board/district leadership discussion & Q&A

[Priority Area 2 Memo and Presentation 04_07_26.pdf](#) 

12. District Policies

A. Action: Sunset Outdated Policies

I move to sunset the policies identified for sunsetting in the April 7, 2026, Policy Sunsetting Action memo.

Commissioners Vanderputten/Campriello

Motion passes unanimously

[Policy Sunsetting Action 20260407 \(1\).pdf](#) 

13. Committee Updates

- A. Policy & Governance
Meeting 4/28
Chairs/Co Chairs: Commissioners Wick, Campriello, Vanderputten
- B. Diversity, Equity & Inclusion
Meeting 4/14
Co Chairs Commissioners Waltz/Ericksen
- C. Finance & Facilities
Meeting 5/5
Chair Commissioner Sowers
- D. Curriculum
Meeting 4/28
Co Chairs Commissioners Price/Golden

14. Adjournment

- A. Motion to adjourn
Commissioners Sowers/Campriello
Motion passes unanimously
8:40pm