



BSD School Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 5, 2026 at 6:00 PM

Hunt Middle School - Library 1364 North Avenue

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

Commissioners absent: Zygmant

Student Rep: Harte, Garvey-Ibrahim

Staff present: Superintendent Flanagan, Bonnie Ryder, Nate Lavery, Kellie Klasen, Victor Prussack, Lauren Klaffky

1. Opening

- A. Call meeting to order
6:12pm

2. Agenda

- A. Items to be removed from the Consent Agenda - none
- B. Approval of the agenda
Amending agenda #7 (Executive Session) to #3
Commissioners Wool/Waltz
Motion passes unanimously

3. Executive Session

- 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: (b) labor relations agreements with employees.
Commissioners Ericksen/Golden
Motion passes unanimously

Exit Exec Session
Commissioners Waltz/Golden
Motion passes unanimously

4. Public Comment

- A. Public Comment

Barbara Shitara

B. Board Reflections

Chair Wool - Thanks to Barbara. Tom will follow up with her

5. Consent Agenda

Commissioners Sowers/Waltz

Motion passes unanimously

A. Routine Financial Reports

[2026 March Warrants.pdf](#) 

[2026 March Variance Report.pdf](#) 

[2026 March Cash Balance Update.pdf](#) 

B. Routine Hiring Recommendations

[May 2026 Routine Hiring Recommendations - CONSENT AGENDA.pdf](#) 

C. School Board Meeting Minutes

D. 4/28 Curriculum Committee Meeting Minutes

[4 28 26 Board Curriculum Committee Meeting Minutes \(1\).pdf](#) 

E. 4/14 Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee Meeting Minutes

[4 14 2026 DEIC Meeting Minutes.pdf](#) 

F. 4/28 Policy & Governance Committee Meeting Minutes

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G. Action: Policy 2.4 Planning & Budgeting

[2.4 Monitoring Report 2026 Planning and Budgeting.pdf](#) 

H. Action: BTC's Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment (CLNA)

[Director Summary CLNA 2025-2026 for Burlington School Borad \(1\).pdf](#) 

[2025-2026 CLNA Information-BTC \(1\) \(1\).pdf](#) 

I. Class Size Procedures

[Class Size Procedure.docx.pdf](#) 

J. Action: Bid approval for Champlain Window Replacement

[Bid Recap Champlain Window Replacement 20260505.pdf](#) 

K. Action: Annual Bonding Authorization

[FY27 Bonding Authorization 20260505.pdf](#) 

6. Student Representative Report

BHS (Burlington High School):

1. **BHS academic awards night 5/18**
2. **BHS small Ensemble concert, cathedral church of st paul, 5/21**
3. **All state music festival (5/7-9)**

4. **Spring play (5/14 5/15 5/16)**

EMS (Edmunds Elementary):

1. **Band concert 5/28**
2. **Chorus concert 5/21**
3. **Orchestra concert 5/19**

HMS (Hunt Middle School):

1. **Spring chorus concert 5/6**
2. **Science fair 5/12**
3. **Band concert 5/20**

Sustainability Academy:

1. **SA garden work day 5/9 2-5**
2. **SA trout parade 5/29**
3. **School sing-along 5/15**

Flynn Elementary School:

1. **Flynn Kindergarten orientation 5/20**

CP Smith:

1. **Cp Smith spring concert 5/29**
2. **Kindergarten orientation 5/20**

7. Chair's Report

We can formally support the resolution that I have sent out to our board that has been brought to us by Friends of Vermont Public Education in support of a statewide policy that would require Vermont independent/private schools that receive public dollars to adhere to Vermont's Education Quality Standards that are required by law for all of Vermont public schools.

Burlington School Board Equity Quality Standards Resolution

Whereas:

- Vermont has a responsibility to ensure that all students funded by public dollars are afforded substantially equal access to high quality educational opportunity
- Education Quality Standards (EQS) establish the State's expectations and regulations for curriculum, staffing, student supports, and school quality
 - Public school districts are required to meet EQS in full
 - Independent schools receive public tuition dollars without being held to the same standards
 - This creates inconsistency in expectations for schools supported by the same source of public funding and a lack of transparency and accountability for every Vermont student.

Resolved:

- The Burlington School Board formally calls upon the Legislature to incorporate, as part of its broader education reform efforts, a statewide policy requiring that all independent schools receiving public tuition dollars meet Vermont's Education Quality Standards

Be it Further Resolved:

- The Burlington School Board will communicate this position directly to its legislative delegation and relevant legislative committees

Adopted on: May 5, 2026
Commissioners Wool/Sowers
Resolution passes unanimously

8. Superintendent's Report

A. Discussion: April Superintendent Reflection

Break in April

1. Teacher appreciation week
2. May Madness — Lots of celebration, planning for summer and next year and closing the year strong
3. Eagle Bay Principal Hiring
4. BHS - Getting Ready
5. Legislation - We're watching it!

- a. **Senate has been reviewing the house plan and has begun work on their own version, they are looking to build off the CESAs plan, but they are just starting to work on the details this week. I'd say the senate appears to be ok with the extended timeline to foundation formula in 2030 which remains the top concern. And they have removed the legacy debt provision from their latest draft which of course we will be fighting to get back in.**

B. Action: BAA contract ratification

I move to ratify the tentative agreement reached between the Board's negotiation team and the Building Administrators' Association and authorize the Board Chair to execute a final contract that is consistent with the terms outlined in the tentative agreement.

Commissioners Vanderputten/Sowers

Motion passes unanimously

[Contract Ratification Building Administrators' Association 2026-2028.pdf](#) 

C. Discussion: Strategic Plan Priority Area 1 with mid-year chronic absenteeism data
Posted on Diligent

[Priority Area 1 Memo and Presentation 042026.pdf](#) 

D. Action: Policy 2.5 Asset Protection

I move to approve the recommendation that the Superintendent is in compliance with Policy Title 2.5

Commissioners Price/Vanderputten

Motion passes unanimously

[2.5 Monitoring Report 2026 Asset Protection.pdf](#) 

9. District Policies

A. Policy C72 Cellphone Use by Students (1st reading)

Posted on Diligent Will go to 2nd reading on 6/2/26

[C72 Equity Tool Cell Phone Use by Students 3.17.26.docx.pdf](#) 

[C72 Cell Phone Use by Students 1.6.26.docx.pdf](#) 

B. Action: Sunset Outdated Policies

I move to sunset the policies identified for sunsetting in the May 5, 2026, Policy Sunsetting Action memo.

Commissioners Vanderputten/Ericksen

Motion passes unanimously

[Policy Sunsetting Action 20260505.pdf](#) 

[Policy & Governance Committee Action 20260505.pdf](#) 

10. Board Self Governance

A. Policy 3.3 Delegation to the Superintendent

Posted on Diligent

[Burlington-School-Board-Policy-July-2020-2 \(1\).pdf](#) 

B. Policy 3.0 Global Governance - Management Connection

Posted on Diligent

[Burlington-School-Board-Policy-July-2020-2 \(1\).pdf](#) 

11. Committee Updates

A. Policy & Governance - next meeting 5/26

B. Diversity, Equity & Inclusion - next meeting 5/12

C. Finance & Facilities - next meeting on 6/2

D. Curriculum - next meeting 5/26

12. Adjournment

Commissioners Price/Ericksen

Motion passes unanimously

8:28pm

A. Motion to adjourn