



BSD School Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 1, 2026 at 6:00 PM

Hunt Middle School - Library 1364 North Avenue

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

Student Reps Present: Garvey-Ibrahim, Fitzgerald

Staff Present: Superintendent Flanagan, Lauren Klaffky, Bonnie Ryder, Nate Lavery

1. Opening

- A. Call meeting to order
6:04pm

2. Agenda

- A. Items to be removed from the Consent Agenda
None
- B. Approval of the agenda
Commissioners Erickson/Campriello
Motion passes unanimously

3. Public Comment

- A. Public Comment - None
- B. Board Reflections - None

4. Consent Agenda

Commissioners Sowers/Ericksen

Motion passes unanimously

- A. Routine Financial Reports
[July 26 Warrant Approval.pdf](#) 
[2026 July Variance Report.pdf](#) 
[2026 July Cash Balance Update.pdf](#) 
- B. Routine Hiring Recommendations
[September 2026 Routine Hiring Recommendations - CONSENT AGENDA.pdf](#) 
- C. 8/4 School Board Meeting Minutes

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D. 8/11 Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee Meeting Minutes

[8 11 2026 Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee Meeting Minutes \(1\).pdf](#) 

E. 8/25 Curriculum Committee Meeting Minutes

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5. **Student Representative Report**

All schools: Yom Kippur 9/21

BHS(Burlington High School)

1. **Senior Info Night 9/10 in the BHS auditorium (college apps, deadlines, financial aid)**
2. **BHS open house 9/16**
3. **Homecoming dance 9/19**

Champlain:

1. **Harvest festival 9/18 celebrating school garden harvest**
- 2.

BTC (Burlington Technical Center)

1. **Open houses: 22nd BHS/BTC complex, 23rd: Open house 200 Davinci, 24th: Open house EES**
2. **Workforce in motion event at Expo 9/29 (Hands-on tech demos, teaching skills, trades, job opportunities for students/career exploration)**

Edmunds:

1. **picture day Sept 11th**

CP Smith:

1. **Open house 9/17**
2. **Kindergarten flower ceremony 9/25, a way to welcome the kindergarteners**

Flynn:

1. **Picture day Sept 10th**
2. **Hosts the “Playing Fields” on September 15th at 6:00pm (a collaboration with BSD and the Flynn to celebrate back to school.**
3. **Back to school bbq and open house Sept 17th**

EES: (Edmunds Elementary)

1. **PTO welcome back BBQ 9/18**

6. **Chair's Report**

A. Action: Merger Committee Membership

Motion: The Burlington School Board appoints the following board members to the Vermont State Merger Committee serving 2026-2027.

Lucia Campriello P&G committee

Kendra Sowers F&F committee

Jean Waltz DEI committee

Gary Golden Curriculum committee

Clare Wool Chair

This represents the maximum amount of representation- if our board decides in the future to reduce to (3) minimum we can decide at that time as a board once the merger meetings begin. This is to safeguard our voice based on the size of our district.

Commissioners Wool/Wick

Motion passes unanimously

7. Superintendent's Report

A. Student Recognition:

BHS Heroes

At this time, I'd like to ask Daniel Gavin and the BHS Heroes club to join us. Dan Gavin, or Herr Gavin as he is called in class, is the German teacher at BHS and he also runs the BHS Heroes club. BHS Heroes is a Burlington High School club dedicated to helping and giving back to our community.

They offer a variety of opportunities each year for students to gain volunteer hours and increase their involvement in their community. They work with many different community organizations, including North End Food Pantry, the Red Cross, Spectrum, and more.

We are here today to recognize the students in the BHS Heroes club who this summer were named the 2025-2026 Vermont Principals Association D1 Food Drive State Champions!

The VPA partnered with Market 32 to create a statewide food drive, offering state championships in each athletic division. BHS Heroes joined students from Mt. Abe and Bellcote as State Champions. Together, students from across the state brought in more than 1,800 food items. The Heroes Club won a \$500 gift card to Market 32, which they said would be used to buy and donate more food. Anja, Harper, Rowan, Nora, Adele

We are so proud to have the BHS Heroes as members of our community. Herr Gavin, could you introduce your team please? Congratulations, BHS Heroes! Please give our students and their fearless leader a round of applause.

B. Discussion: August Superintendent Reflection

1. First Days of School – Our 10 Schools are open and running smoothly.
 - a. BHS/BTC is off and running. I am really proud of the work Principal Westdijk and her leadership team have done to create thoughtful transitions to the new building.
2. Busing – Hearing Concerns about GMT bus trip times from south end to BHS/BTC and from ONE to HMS. Working closely with GMT, who is reviewing data.
3. HMS – Some families are concerned about the #7 buses are leaving at 7:20 and 7:40, both getting to HMS on time this week. GMT is reviewing ridership and times and our team is working with them on this.
4. BHS/BTC – Two issues – New building and no neighborhood special and hasn't been since we switched to 9:00 start and moved to Macy's.
 - a. GMT added an extra bus at the transit center during peak BHS morning commute times to cover potential overflow, and added an extra afternoon bus from EMS to the Boys & Girls Club.

- b. Because to the transfer they also added an additional security guard
 - c. Transit times across various South End addresses for almost all locations door-to-door times generally range between 22 and 40 minutes. Returning home at 3:15 PM shows nearly identical times.
 - d. Adding new routes would require a 3–4 month union bidding process and significant extra cost, and I'm not sure how much it would help but we will continue monitoring this with GMT.
- 3. Summer Meals Program - Our summer meals program distributed more than 100,000 meals to children in Chittenden and Grand Isle counties. There was overwhelming demand for this service yet again this year. Shout out to Laura La Vacca and our School Nutrition team.
- 5. Playing Fields is September 15, 6PM at Flynn Elementary School.
- 6. Annual collaboration with The Flynn Performing Arts Center to bring free, immersive celebrations of art to our community as we celebrate the new school year. Please come!
- C. Discussion: Budget Timeline
Documents are posted on Diligent
[FY28 Budget Timeline Memo 20250901.pdf](#) 
[FY28 Budget Development Timeline.pdf](#) 
- D. Discussion: Strategic Plan Development
Memo posted on Diligent
- E. Discussion: Cooperative Educational Service Areas (CESA) and Merger Committee
Documents are posted on Diligent
[Chittenden Central CESA and Act 170 Merger Study Group Overview Memo 20260901.pdf](#) 

8. Board Self Governance

Documents posted on Diligent

[Board-policies-Dec-2023-searchable \(1\).pdf](#) 

- A. Policy 4.0 Global Governance Commitment
- B. Policy 4.5 Board Members' Code of Conduct

9. Committee Updates

- A. Policy & Governance
Next meeting 9/22/26
- B. Diversity, Equity & Inclusion
Next meeting 9/8/26
- C. Finance & Facilities
Met tonight, will meet again 10/6/26

- D. Curriculum
Next meeting will be 9/22/26

10. Adjournment

- A. Motion to adjourn
Commissioners Price/Waltz
Motion passes unanimously
7:38pm

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