BURRILLVILLE SCHOOL COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
October 14, 2025

Reported By: Christina David **Location:** BHS Media Center

Time Began: 5:30 PM **Adjourned:** 7:01 PM

Attending: Chair T. Lacey, Vice-Chair J. Calapai, Clerk D. Landry, S. Bouzan, D. Allen, V. Bevilacqua, S. St. Pierre, Student Representative Benjamin Pina

NOTE: Live streaming was note available for this meeting and was noted on the agenda.

1. **Convene in Open Session – Welcome, Roll Call, Pledge of Allegiance**
   Chair T. Lacey opens the meeting at 5:30 pm, takes roll call and leads the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **Move to Executive Session under R.I.G.L. 42-46-5 (a)(2) Collective Bargaining**
   D. Allen (M), S. Bouzan (S) to move to Executive Session under RIGL 42-46-5 (a)(3) Emergency Operations Plan VOTE: Approved 7-0
   The Chair polls the Committee.
   (T. Lacey, J. Calapai, D. Landry, S. St. Pierre, S. Bouzan, D. Allen, V. Bevilacqua, in favor)
3. **Reconvene in Open Session**
   J. Calapai (M), S. Bouzan (S) to reconvene in open season. VOTE: Approved 7-0
   (T. Lacey, J. Calapai, D. Landry, S. St. Pierre, S. Bouzan, D. Allen, V. Bevilacqua, in favor)
   Chair T. Lacey reported that there were no votes in Executive Session.
   S. St. Pierre (M), J. Calapai (S) to seal the minutes from the executive session. VOTE: Approved 7-0
   (T. Lacey, J. Calapai, D. Landry, S. St. Pierre, S. Bouzan, D. Allen, V. Bevilacqua, in favor)
4. **Recognition**
   - Michelle Stanley – 2025 Rhode Island Speech Language Pathologist of the Year
   - National SkillsUSA Competition Medalists
     - 1st Place – Career Pathways Showcase - Benjamin Pina, Sean Zanella, Wyatt Wayland
     - 3rd Place – Urban Search and Rescue – Logan Gomez and Ace Marengo
     - 6th Place – Emergency Medical Technician – Olivia Ferraro and Avery Johnson
     - 17th Place – Chapter Display – Jessary Cedar, Spencer Wayland, Ellah McCarthy
     - 29th Place – Cabinetmaking – Joshua Cookson
   - I want to congratulate all of our CTE students and instructors but in particular Christopher Pilling and Andrew Aldrich for working so hard with the students over the year.
5. **Consent Agenda**
   Approval of Minutes
   S. St. Pierre (M), J. Calapai (S) to approve the Minutes of September 9, 2025 Regular Meeting. VOTE: Approved 7-0
   (T. Lacey, J. Calapai, D. Landry, S. St. Pierre, S. Bouzan, D. Allen, V. Bevilacqua, in favor)
   Warrants and Invoices
   D. Allen (M), S. St. Pierre (S) to approve 2025/2026 Warrant #3 for the month of September, dated October 14, 2025 the grand total expenditures of $2,424,747.91. VOTE: Approved 7-0
   (T. Lacey, J. Calapai, D. Landry, S. St. Pierre, S. Bouzan, D. Allen, V. Bevilacqua, in favor)
   Bids
   Fire Alarm Safety Testing Services
   D. Allen (M), J. Calapai (S) to award the fire alarm safety testing services to W & M Fire and Security, Plantsville, CT in the amount of $28,881 annual cost for year one, $29,740 annual cost for year two and $30,240 annual cost for year three. VOTE: Approved 7-0
   (T. Lacey, J. Calapai, D. Landry, S. St. Pierre, S. Bouzan, D. Allen, V. Bevilacqua, in favor)
6. **Presentations by the Public to the School Committee**
   None
7. **Public Comment**
   None
8. **Personnel**
   Leaves of Absence
   None
   Retirements
   None

Resignations

None

The appointments listed below are for informational purposes.

D. Allen (M), S. Bouzan(S) to receive and file Appointments as presented. VOTE: Approved 7-0
(T. Lacey, J. Calapai, D. Landry, S. St. Pierre, S. Bouzan, D. Allen, V. Bevilacqua, in favor)

Appointments

Melissa Robin	Elementary Cross-Country Assistant Coach	$1,042
Shelly Tatro	BMS Unified Paraprofessional	2025-2026 School Year
Adalgisa Hopkins	Paraprofessional – BHS	Effective September 17, 2025
Melissa Pereira	Mentor Program Coordinator – 2025-2026	$1,500 shared
Amanda Clark	Mentor Program Coordinator – 2025-2026	$1,500 shared
Mollie Brunelle	Paraprofessional – WLC	Effective September 22, 2025
Connor Davis	Custodian 2nd Shift – WLC	Effective October 13, 2025
Athletic Coaches 2024-2025 - BHS		
Emily Cardon	Girls Hockey Assistant Coach	$2,313
Nicholas Harriman	Girls Hockey Assistant Coach	$2,313 plus $500 Longevity
Nicholas Harriman	Baseball Head Coach	$2,987 plus $500 Longevity
Andrea Lafleur	Girls Basketball Head Coach	$2,987
Connor Clifford	Boys Basketball Assistant Coach	Volunteer
Ami Cinqmars	Swimming Head Coach	$2,987
Athletic Coaches 2024-2025 - BMS		
Jeffrey Lavigne	Girls Soccer Assistant Coach	Volunteer
Devin Richard	Wrestling Assistant Coach	$1,444
Joseph Correia	Boys Basketball Assistant Coach	$1,444

9. Old Business

FY 26 BSD Budget Update

D. Allen (M), J. Calapai (S) to receive and file budget update. VOTE: Approved 7-0
(T. Lacey, J. Calapai, D. Landry, S. St. Pierre, S. Bouzan, D. Allen, V. Bevilacqua, in favor)

10. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Sollitto:

- State Assessment results were released a week and a half ago; SAT at the high school level, PSAT at the high school level, and RICAS for grades 3-8 in English and Math. There are steady gains across the board in English and Math. There was a small decrease in Science scores but this mirrors the Science scores across the board at the state level. This is most likely due to curriculum implementation in Science, which has been lacking. The Science curriculum needs to be updated and approved at state level.
- Cyber Incident – We had a Cyber event during the last week of September. Recovery is still underway. Justin and his staff continue to work around the clock with a number of outside agencies. At this point, we are fully operational at all the schools. We are now awaiting the findings of exactly what information may have been breached and that will determine our next step. We are hopeful that most of our information that would be sensitive was not breached because the vast majority are on outside networks. The investigation is ongoing.

11. Administrators' Reports

D. Allen (M), S. St. Pierre (S) to receive and file reports with great thanks. VOTE: Approved 7-0
(T. Lacey, J. Calapai, D. Landry, S. St. Pierre, S. Bouzan, D. Allen, V. Bevilacqua, in favor)

12. Report from School Committee Student Representative

The first quarter is almost over and the school year has gone by very quick. It's been a great start and students are adjusting well. Homecoming Week was a huge success and my favorite one so far. The themed dress-up days, pep rally and dance all had a great turn out and the energy was awesome. Pink Out Day was a success with raising almost $5,000 and half was donated to the GEMA Foundation. Students came together to celebrate Homecoming with the parade and the homecoming football game, with an amazing win over Woonsocket.

13. Reports of School Committee Subcommittees

D. Landry: I attended the WLC SIT meeting. Dr. Moseley's leadership style is spot on and he has been asking the children their opinion. Trying to get some fundraising for wood chips for the playground. Overall it looks like it was a good transition with the leadership role.

Dr. Sollitto: Bill Robinson was able to get some wood ships from DPW.

B. Pina: BHS SIT: They want to try a Cell Phone Free Day in late November. Students will hand over their cell phone to your advisor. Cell phones aren't a huge problem but it's a nice thing to try to just get away.

Attendance – wanted to get a students' perspective on that. If a student is out 15 % or 3 days in a quarter, you are on social suspension. One of the issues that was brought up was excused absences with notes aren't being counted and need to be made up on Saturday. You recover from social suspension by going to Saturday school.

Dr. Sollitto: I think the rational is that no matter what, it's a day of missed instruction so its important to make up the day. There is a direct correlation that the more days a student stays in school, the better they do academically.

T. Lacey: BPAC: Chris Herron did a presentation to entire High School. It was a strong presentation. We are looking to have him back in 5 years.

5K was a success. Linking it with Homecoming and on a Friday night, was a great idea.

BPAC will be starting Game Night again at the Jesse Smith Library.

As always, we are looking to get more parent involvement.

D. Allen: Monday, October 27th there will be a fundraiser at Uncle Ronnie's for a family that were displaced by a fire.

14. Correspondence/Communications

None

15. New Business

Home School Applications

D. Allen (M), S. Bouzan (S) to approve home school applications. VOTE: Approved 7-0
(T. Lacey, J. Calapai, D. Landry, S. St. Pierre, S. Bouzan, D. Allen, V. Bevilacqua, in favor)

Discussion/Vote: DECA Overnight Field Trip Request to Arlington, VA

D. Landry (M), J. Calapai (S) to approve overnight field trip to Arlington, VA VOTE: Approved 7-0
(T. Lacey, J. Calapai, D. Landry, S. St. Pierre, S. Bouzan, D. Allen, V. Bevilacqua, in favor)

16. Committee Comments on Agenda Items

None

17. Pending Issues

Alumni Field Update

Dr. Sollitto: Planning board meeting is scheduled for October 27th to discuss the town's application.

Space Needs Committee Update

D. Allen (M), S. Bouzan (S) to open discussion. VOTE: Approved 7-0
(T. Lacey, J. Calapai, D. Landry, S. St. Pierre, S. Bouzan, D. Allen, V. Bevilacqua, in favor)

Dr. Sollitto: I pulled together a presentation on enrollment trends and building usage as requested.

- Dr. Sollitto went through the report with the school committee highlighting, current room utilization, enrollment projections, and enrollment trends in New England.

Dr. Sollitto: It seems that we don't have much wiggle room in our school buildings and it appears by 2033, our enrollment will be pretty steady and not going down. We need to make an informed decision to spend the investment on an outside company to conduct a more in-depth study with the dangers of knowing that they might come back and say that there isn't much that you can do other than redesign the schools or build a new school at a great cost.

The committee would like to set up a workshop to discuss the Feasibility study to finalize the direction that we should go in.

18. Adjournment

S. St. Pierre (M), D. Allen (S) to adjourn. VOTE: Approved 7-0
(T. Lacey, J. Calapai, D. Landry, S. St. Pierre, S. Bouzan, D. Allen, V. Bevilacqua, in favor)

Approved by School Committee: November 18, 2025

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Clerk of the Committee