BURRILLVILLE SCHOOL COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
January 13, 2026

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

Time Began: 6:00 PM **Adjourned:** 6:37 PM

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

1. **Convene in Open Session – Welcome, Roll Call, Pledge of Allegiance**
   Chair T. Lacey opens the meeting at 6:00 pm, takes roll call and leads the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **Recognition**
   None
3. **Consent Agenda**
   Approval of Minutes
   D. Allen (M), J. Calapai (S) to approve the Minutes of December 9, 2025 Regular Meeting. VOTE: Approved 5-0
   (T. Lacey, J. Calapai, S. St. Pierre, D. Allen, V. Bevilacqua in favor)
   Warrants and Invoices
   D. Allen (M), J. Calapai (S) to approve 2025/2026 Warrant #6 for the month of December, dated January 13, 2026 the grand total expenditure of $3,073,731.82. VOTE: Approved 5-0
   (T. Lacey, J. Calapai, S. St. Pierre, D. Allen, V. Bevilacqua in favor)
   Bids
   None
4. **Presentations by the Public to the School Committee**
   None
5. **Public Comment**
   None
6. **Personnel**
   Leaves of Absence
   None
   Retirements
   D. Allen (M), J. Calapai (S) to approve the Retirements as presented. VOTE: Approved 5-0
   (T. Lacey, J. Calapai, S. St. Pierre, D. Allen, V. Bevilacqua in favor)

Cynthia Richards	Athletic & Discipline Secretary – BHS	Effective March 1, 2026

   Resignations
   D. Allen (M), S. St. Pierre (S) to approve the Resignations as presented. VOTE: Approved 5-0
   (T. Lacey, J. Calapai, S. St. Pierre, D. Allen, V. Bevilacqua in favor)

Katelin Whipple	TLC Special Education Teacher – WLC	Effective January 4, 2026
Mollie Brunelle	Paraprofessional – WLC	Effective January 5, 2026
Kristina DiLibero	English & Language Arts Teacher, Grades 7/8 - BMS	Effective January 9, 2026
Kristina DiLibero	ELA Curriculum Lead - BMS	Effective January 9, 2026
Kristina DiLibero	Grade Level Lead - Grade 7/8 Split – BMS	Effective January 9, 2026
Kristina DiLibero	NJHS Advisor – BMS	Effective January 9, 2026

   The appointments listed below are for informational purposes.

   D. Allen (M), S. St. Pierre (S) to Receive and File Appointments as presented. VOTE: Approved 5-0
   (T. Lacey, J. Calapai, S. St. Pierre, D. Allen, V. Bevilacqua in favor)
   Appointments

Jaycie Columbo	Holiday Assembly Advisor	$600 shared
Allison Romano	Holiday Assembly Advisor	$600 shared
Erin Jasmin	Robotics Program Coordinator	2025-2026 School Year
Savannah Clark	Paraprofessional - WLC	January 20, 2026
Holly Shaffer	Special Education Teacher – WLC	Effective January 5, 2026
Matthew Zanni	Technology Director – District	Effective January 13, 2026

   Athletic Coaches 2025-2026 - BHS

Mackenzie Cleary	Indoor Track Assistant Coach	Volunteer

Kathryn Couture	Girls Hockey Assistant Coach	Volunteer
David Harriman	Baseball Assistant Coach	$2,208 plus $100 Longevity
Tyler Scetta	Outdoor Track Assistant Coach	$2,208
Jennifer Polacek	Girls Lacrosse Head Coach	$2,987 plus $400 Longevity
Erin Ferraro	Girls Lacrosse Assistant Coach	$2,208 plus $200 Longevity
Athletic Coaches 2025-2026 - BMS		
Marcel Nault	Softball Head Coach	$2,030 plus $200 Longevity
Joshua Razee	Softball Assistant Coach	$1,444
James Cyr	Baseball Head Coach	$2,030 plus $100 Longevity
Neil Harrington	Baseball Assistant Coach	$1,444
Patricia Lapierre	Unified Basketball Assistant Coach	$300 plus $100
Elementary After School Robotics Club Teachers – 2025-2026		
Dena Lucia	Kelsey Hopkins	Talia Lynch
Kristen George	Sheri McConaghy	
Brittany Ford	Melissa Masi	

7. Old Business

FY 26 BSD Budget Update

D. Allen (M), J. Calapai (S) to receive and file the budget update. VOTE: Approved 5-0
(T. Lacey, J. Calapai, S. St. Pierre, D. Allen, V. Bevilacqua in favor)

8. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Sollitto:

- The draft of the 2026-2027 School Calendar is on the agenda for approval. RIDE sent out their recommended calendar and we are following their vacation weeks. We need approval of the draft calendar with the flexibility to fill in several missing dates such as Open Houses and PD days.
- Approval of RIDE Student Survey is on the agenda as well. This is a volunteer survey that is used to inform practices around BPAC. It is required for their yearly grant. Typically, it is given to high school students and is on a voluntary basis. Parents are informed prior to the survey. Results are sent to BPAC.
- Technology Director – Interviews were held last week and we have appointed Matthew Zanni as the Technology Director. He comes with a wealth of experience. He is a town resident and has 3 children in our schools. Thank you to the interview committee. Welcome Mr. Zanni.

9. Administrators' Reports

None

10. Report from School Committee Student Representative

None

11. Reports of School Committee Subcommittees

D. Allen: BEC – Enrollment is down a little but not shockingly. They didn't raise tuition rates last year but they will have to this year. Minimum wage has increased 52% since 2020.

J. Calapai: Burrillville Special Education Advisory Council Meeting was moved from January to March 12th.
BMS SIT meeting was rescheduled. I asked if there was anything to report out and Mr. Velino stated that they are looking into parameters for setting up a Middle School PTO. At the last meeting there was a parent that was interested.
We are doing over 6% better than last year with the Middle School attendance.
The students take Star math and reading this week and once we get that data back, we can look at growth from fall to winter and come up with intervention plans for students that are struggling.

12. Correspondence/Communications

None

13. New Business

Home School Applications

None

Discussion/Vote: 2026 Rhode Island Student Survey (RISS)

D. Allen (M), S. St. Pierre (S) to approve the voluntary survey to all high school students. VOTE: Approved 5-0
(T. Lacey, J. Calapai, S. St. Pierre, D. Allen, V. Bevilacqua in favor)
Discussion ensured regarding the survey.

P6120 Education of Students Experiencing Homelessness (McKinney-Vento) – First Reading

S. St. Pierre (M), V. Bevilacqua (S) to approve the 1st reading of P6120 Education of Students Experiencing Homelessness (McKinney-Vento). VOTE: Approved 5-0
(T. Lacey, J. Calapai, S. St. Pierre, D. Allen, V. Bevilacqua in favor)

Discussion ensued regarding the policy.

Discussion/Vote: 2026-2027 School Calendar Draft

J. Calapai (M), S. St. Pierre (S) to approve the draft of the 2026-2027 School Calendar VOTE: Approved 5-0
(T. Lacey, J. Calapai, S. St. Pierre, D. Allen, V. Bevilacqua in favor)

P6631 Anti-Discrimination/Anti-Harassment Policy and Grievance Procedure Revisions – First Reading

J. Calapai (M), S. St. Pierre (S) to approve the 1st reading of P6631 Anti-Discrimination/Anti-Harassment Policy and Grievance Procedure. VOTE: Approved 5-0
(T. Lacey, J. Calapai, S. St. Pierre, D. Allen, V. Bevilacqua in favor)

Dr. Sollitto: We had an audit from the Department of Education last year and there were some disparities in enrollment trends in our CTE programs. Also, we needed to look at our anti-discrimination and anti-harassment policy because our grievance procedure was a little unclear. We updated the policy and procedure accordingly and was approved by our legal team. This will replace our existing policy.

14. Committee Comments on Agenda Items

None

15. Pending Issues

Artificial Field Update:

Dr. Sollitto: The turf is installed and we are starting work on the viewing plaza. We are also looking into a new scoreboard and sound system. We are looking forward to opening the field for the spring season.

S. St. Pierre: They are doing some excavation behind the bleachers. What is that for?

Dr. Sollitto: That is for the handicap accessible viewing plaza. It's was part of a separate grant that was given through Congressman Magaziner's office.

Space Needs Committee Update:

D. Allen: Our goal is to set up a meeting for next week.

16. Adjournment

S. St. Pierre (M), D. Allen (S) to adjourn VOTE: Approved 5-0
(T. Lacey, J. Calapai, S. St. Pierre, D. Allen, V. Bevilacqua in favor)

Approved by School Committee: February 10, 2026

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Clerk of the Committee