

BURRILLVILLE SCHOOL COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
June 9, 2026

Reported By: Christina David

Location: BHS Media Center

Time Began: 6:00 PM

Adjourned: 7:17 PM

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

NOTE:

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

- Retirees
 - Linda Allard
 - Glenn Siner
 - Nicholas Servidio
 - Barbara DeMasco
 - Mary-Anne Riendeau
 - Cynthia Richards
 - Patricia Beaudreau

6:05 Break for cake

6:25 meeting resumed

3. Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes

D. Allen (M), J. Calapai (S) to approve the Minutes of May 12, 2026 Regular Meeting.
(T. Lacey, J. Calapai, D. Landry, S. Bouzan, D. Allen, S. St. Pierre, V. Bevilacqua in favor)

VOTE: Approved 7-0

Warrants and Invoices

D. Allen (M), S. Bouzan (S) to approve 2025/2026 Warrant #11 for the month of May, dated
June 9, 2026 the grand total amount of \$3,197,827.74.
(T. Lacey, J. Calapai, D. Landry, S. Bouzan, D. Allen, S. St. Pierre, V. Bevilacqua in favor)

VOTE: Approved 7-0

Bids

D. Allen (M), J. Calapai (S) to approve the bid for Lifetouch Photography for the one-year
photography services for the secondary school.
(T. Lacey, J. Calapai, D. Landry, S. Bouzan, D. Allen, S. St. Pierre, V. Bevilacqua in favor)

VOTE: Approved 7-0

4. Presentations by the Public to the School Committee

None

5. Public Comment

None

6. Personnel

Leaves of Absence

D. Allen (M), J. Calapai (S) to approve the Leave of Absence as presented.
(T. Lacey, J. Calapai, D. Landry, S. Bouzan, D. Allen, S. St. Pierre, V. Bevilacqua in favor)

VOTE: Approved 7-0

Allison Harrington

Grade 4 Teacher – WLC

8/24/2026 through 11/20/2026

Nicole Venditelli

Grade 5 Teacher - SFE

On or before 9/28/26 - 12/21/26

Retirements

None

Resignations

None

The appointments listed below are for informational purposes.

D. Allen (M), J. Calapai (S) to Receive and File Appointments as presented.
(T. Lacey, J. Calapai, D. Landry, S. Bouzan, D. Allen, S. St. Pierre, V. Bevilacqua in favor)

VOTE: Approved 7-0

Appointments

Lauren Leonti

Summer Guidance Counselor - BMS

5 Per Diem Days

David Inman

Summer Guidance Counselor - BMS

5 Per Diem Days

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Mary Lou Tupper	Summer Guidance Counselor - BHS	5 Per Diem Days
Kristin Abbate	Summer Guidance Counselor - BHS	5 Per Diem Days
Robert DeLellis	Summer Guidance Counselor - BHS	5 Per Diem Days
Heather Farrell	Summer Program Hybrid Paraprofessional	Effective July 6, 2026
Benjamin Klockars	Academic Summer School Teacher - Math	Effective July 6, 2026

2026 Academic Summer School Teachers

Melissa SanSouci	Middle School English and Math	Effective July 6, 2026
Nanci Pometri	Special Education	Effective July 6, 2026
Bruce Borowsky	English	Effective July 6, 2026
Leigh-Ann Plante	English	Effective July 6, 2026
Robin Jeter	Social Studies	Effective July 6, 2026
Andrew Koziupa	Biology/Chemistry	Effective July 6, 2026

2026 Extended School Year (ESY)

ESY Teachers:

Taigan Murphy	Breanna Hebert	Allyson Gordon
Katie Bertholic	Jaycie Columbo	Erin Ferraro
Arianna Moschella	Amy Beaulieu	

ESY Related Service Providers

Lynne Ciano	Michelle Stanley	Caitlin Blaine
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ESY Teacher Assistants

Elisa Pilling	Linda Sartini	Mackenzie Cleary
Maureen Bertholic	Breanna Esposito	Shelly Tatro
Lynn Clark	Tina Bianco	Julie Baker
Lauren Cleary	Courtney Gath	Lisa Woodis

Courtney Poulin

ESY Behavioral Specialist/Student Support Specialist

Tiffany Zagaglia	Tori Tobey	Hannah Roche
Ryan Duquette	Crystal Brytowski	

ESY Nurse

Regina Ludovici

ESY Job Coach

Danielle Durkin

ESY Adaptive Physical Education

Christopher Belluzzi

ESY Day to Day on Call Substitute

John Mundy	Michelle Jaques
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ESY Nurse Substitute on Call

Debra Collette

ESY 1:1 Nurse

Katelyn McCoy

ESY Bilingual Specialist

Tatiana Colon

2026 Extended School Year (ESY)

Amanda Johnson	Building Substitute Teacher
Ada Hopkins	Paraprofessional

7. Old Business

FY 26 BSD Budget Update and Transfer Approval

D. Allen (M), S. Bouzan (S) to receive and file the budget update and approve transfers.

VOTE: Approved 7-0

(T. Lacey, J. Calapai, D. Landry, S. Bouzan, D. Allen, S. St. Pierre, V. Bevilacqua in favor)

PR3421 Artificial Intelligence (AI) Protocol – Second Revised Reading

S. St. Pierre (M), D. Landry (S) to accept the second revised reading of PR3421 Artificial Intelligence (AI) Protocol.

VOTE: Approved 7-0

(T. Lacey, J. Calapai, D. Landry, S. Bouzan, D. Allen, S. St. Pierre, V. Bevilacqua in favor)

8. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Sollitto:

- There is a potential move of Eleanor Slater Hospital, Zambarano campus. The state hired an outside consultant to review the condition of the facilities and the new construction plans that were put in place at Zambarano a few years ago to provide recommendations to the governor's office. The consulting company came back with the report that recommends moving Eleanor Slater Hospital campus from Burrillville to the Pastore Complex, in Cranston. While this is still developing and it's in the early stages of discussion, moving Zambarano would be a big loss to the community and to our career and tech ed programs. Our partnership with the hospital is really a state model and highly successful. Additionally, we have a pending grant application for rural health funds with the Department of Education. It connects strongly to Zambarano. That grant could be hundreds of thousands of dollars and we'd hate to have to put that in any kind of jeopardy if Zambarano is moved. I'm recommending tonight, under New Business, that we have a letter approved from the School Committee. The letter is in opposition to the move and that we send it out to our elected officials in the general assembly. I did speak to the hospital administrator, Mr. McCarthy up at Zambarano and they are appreciative of that.
- Budget Update: Tomorrow at the Town Council meeting, the council is expected to approve the town's fiscal year 27 budget. Robin and I presented our budget during a public hearing a few weeks ago. While there's still about a \$300,000 discrepancy between our budget and the town manager recommendation, I'm hopeful that we'll work collaboratively to ensure that we get the funding we need for FY27. I requested that the town approve the use of \$150,000 in set aside funds, in case we need those next year. Last year they approved the use of \$225,000; of that we only used about \$75,000, so there is about \$150,00 of those funds that we never used. Additionally, the House Finance Committee at the General Assembly released revisions to the governor's budget for state aide, which gives Burrillville an additional \$125,000.
- Pending the budget vote, we will need to schedule a special meeting to recall teachers that were laid off for budgetary reasons. I'd like to do that before the end of the school year. If the budget is approved as we anticipate tomorrow, all teachers will be recalled with one exception. Some of those recalls can be in different positions.

9. Administrators' Reports

D. Allen (M), J. Calapai (S) to Receive and File with great thanks.

VOTE: Approved 7-0

(T. Lacey, J. Calapai, D. Landry, S. Bouzan, D. Allen, S. St. Pierre, V. Bevilacqua in favor)

S. St. Pierre: Big thank you to all our administrators, especially for this last report because we're talking about what's going to happen next year and its full of information. It's going to be a wonderful year.

10. Report from School Committee Student Representative

We are winding down, getting ready for finals. Tonight, was the first CTE advisory meeting with the Rhode Island Department of Education. We talked about how students can help CTE programs, share students' experiences, work-based learning, job shadowing with local businesses, and Industry partnerships.

11. Reports of School Committee Subcommittees

- S. St. Pierre: SFE was going to have a SIT meeting but wasn't necessary. Ms. Francis will put together a full year report.

I also have information from the Rhode Island Association of School Committees (RIASC). I gave everyone a flyer from the meeting. Its important that we are cognizant of what our duties are as school committee members.

S. St. Pierre read through some of the important topics that were outlined in the flyer.

12. Correspondence/Communications

None

13. New Business

Home School Applications

S. St. Pierre (M), D. Allen (S) to approve Home School Applications.

VOTE: Approved 7-0

(T. Lacey, J. Calapai, D. Landry, S. Bouzan, D. Allen, S. St. Pierre, V. Bevilacqua in favor)

P3422 Burrillville School District Cell Phone Policy – First Reading

J. Calapai (M), S. Bouzan (S) to approve the first reading of Burrillville School District Cell Phone Policy.

VOTE: Approved 7-0

(T. Lacey, J. Calapai, D. Landry, S. Bouzan, D. Allen, S. St. Pierre, V. Bevilacqua in favor)

Dr. Sollitto: This policy reflects the state law that'll go into effect at the beginning of next school year, 2026-2027. There is a new Rhode Island general law 16-21-43, that says students cannot have access to their cell phones during school. The policy was vetted by our legal council and is in alignment with the Department of Education recommendations. It allows some level of flexibility for administrators at different levels but all cell phones have to be off and away during the school day. This is happening in every school district across the state because we all have to comply with the law.

Discussion/Vote: 2026-2027 Student Handbooks

J. Calapai (M), S. St. Pierre (S) to approve the 2026-2027 Student Handbooks. VOTE: Approved 7-0
(T. Lacey, J. Calapai, D. Landry, S. Bouzan, D. Allen, S. St. Pierre, V. Bevilacqua in favor)
D. Allen requested to add "Guardian" to all sections, so that it says "parent/guardian" where applicable.

P7314 School Wellness – First Revised Reading

D. Landry (M), J. Calapai (S) to approve the first revised reading of P7314 School Wellness. VOTE: Approved 7-0
(T. Lacey, J. Calapai, D. Landry, S. Bouzan, D. Allen, S. St. Pierre, V. Bevilacqua in favor)

P7317 USDA Civil Rights Policy Related to USDA School Nutrition Program – First Reading

J. Calapai (M), D. Landry (S) to approve the first reading of P7317 Civil Rights Policy Related to USDA School Nutrition Program. VOTE: Approved 7-0

(T. Lacey, J. Calapai, D. Landry, S. Bouzan, D. Allen, S. St. Pierre, V. Bevilacqua in favor)

Discussion/Vote: Re-appropriation of CTE Revolving Funds

D. Landry (M), J. Calapai (S) to approve the use of CTE Funds. VOTE: Approved 7-0

(T. Lacey, J. Calapai, D. Landry, S. Bouzan, D. Allen, S. St. Pierre, V. Bevilacqua in favor)

Dr. Sollitto – CTE revolving fund account is held at the Town level. Tuition funds that come in for our CTE students are used to offset the cost of the program. We don't typically use all funds and there is a balance that has built up over last 6 or 7 years. This year we are looking to use some of that to offset our increase in our budget. We are looking to have an appropriated amount not to exceed \$300,000. This would allow us to use those funds if needed.

Discussion/Vote: Recommendation of Re-appropriation of Fund Balance

D. Landry (M), J. Calapai (S) to approve Re-appropriation of Fund Balance. VOTE: Approved 7-0

(T. Lacey, J. Calapai, D. Landry, S. Bouzan, D. Allen, S. St. Pierre, V. Bevilacqua in favor)

Dr. Sollitto: This is also about balancing our budget or offsetting the cost in our operating budget for next year. This is using \$120,000 of our undesignated funds in the area of health insurance rate stabilization. The health insurance rates came in at 12.5%. They typically come in at 7%.

Discussion/Vote: Letter of Support for Zambarano Hospital

D. Landry (M), J. Calapai (S) to approve the letter of support for Zambarano Hospital. VOTE: Approved 7-0

(T. Lacey, J. Calapai, D. Landry, S. Bouzan, D. Allen, S. St. Pierre, V. Bevilacqua in favor)

14. Committee Comments on Agenda Items

J. Calapai: I'd like to thank everyone for the beautiful graduation on Friday. Everyone here was in attendance. It was a beautiful ceremony and I think it was one of the best graduations as far as speeches.

Also, the Rhode Island Association of School Committee meeting is very important but sometimes is difficult to get to. There are virtual options for us. I looked on the website and there are pages of trainings that we can do online.

T. Lacey: I want to thank the graduation committee; Dalen Favali, Gennaro Ferraro, Katherine Forest, Ryan McNulty, Chris Pilling and Linda Therein. Also, Lisa Sciacca for printing the programs. Unbelievable job, as usual.

D. Allen: Congratulations to our students for winning Gold at SkillsUSA competition.

15. Pending Issues

Artificial Field Update:

None

16. Adjournment

D. Allen (M), S. St. Pierre (S) to adjourn.

VOTE: Approved 7-0

(T. Lacey, J. Calapai, D. Landry, S. Bouzan, D. Allen, S. St. Pierre, V. Bevilacqua in favor)

Approved by School Committee: July 14, 2026

Clerk of the Committee