

BURRILLVILLE SCHOOL COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
July 14, 2026

Reported By: Christina David

Location: BHS Media Center

Time Began: 5:30 PM

Adjourned: 7:16 PM

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

NOTE: Late: S. St. Pierre 5:33 pm
D. Landry 6:00 pm

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)(1) Personnel

D. Allen (M), J. Calapai (S) to move to Executive Session under RIGL 42-46-5 (a)(1) Personnel VOTE: Approved 5-0
(T. Lacey, J. Calapai, S. Bouzan, D. Allen, V. Bevilacqua, in favor)

3. Reconvene in Open Session

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

Chair T. Lacey reported that there were no votes in Executive Session.

S. Bouzan (M), D. Allen (S) to seal the minutes from the executive session. VOYE: Approved 7-0
(T. Lacey, J. Calapai, D. Landry, S. Bouzan, D. Allen, V. Bevilacqua, S. St. Pierre in favor)

4. Recognition

None

5. Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes

D. Allen (M), J. Calapai (S) to approve the Minutes of June 9, 2026 Regular Meeting and June 15, 2026 Special Meeting. VOTE: Approved 7-0
(T. Lacey, J. Calapai, D. Landry, S. Bouzan, D. Allen, V. Bevilacqua, S. St. Pierre in favor)

Warrants and Invoices

D. Allen (M), J. Calapai (S) to approve 2025/2026 Warrant #12 for the month of June, dated July 14, 2026 grand total expenditure of \$3,926,087.00. VOTE: Approved 7-0
(T. Lacey, J. Calapai, D. Landry, S. Bouzan, D. Allen, V. Bevilacqua, S. St. Pierre in favor)

Bids

Propane Gas Procurement

D. Allen (M), S. St. Pierre (S) to approve the bid propane gas procurement to DiLeo Gas, Worcester, MA in the amount of \$1.465 per gallon for year one and \$1.465 per gallon for year two. VOTE: Approved 7-0
(T. Lacey, J. Calapai, D. Landry, S. Bouzan, D. Allen, V. Bevilacqua, S. St. Pierre in favor)

6. Presentations by the Public to the School Committee

Ray Goff, Director of Planning – Nasonville Water Tower and Potential Solar Project Presentation
Nasonville Water Tower:

The town has been working with a consultant for about 2 years to create a water system for Nasonville. As part of that development, we need to figure out the source of the water, distribution lines, how to get the water where it needs to go and to create pressure. You need a water tower to create and maintain constant pressure. We've looked at a number of locations and reasons why they could work and couldn't work. One of the key elements was if we owned the location or if we could acquire the property relatively cheap. The Middle School location is the most viable. There are 3 different locations on the property. Location A is owned by the town. Location B straddles the town and school property line by the track. Location C is closer to the Middle School and is entirely on the school property. The Town prefers option B. Mr. Goff presented 3 design options for the towers. None of the towers have external ladders. They all have internal ladders for safety purposes and would be surrounded by fences.

D. Landry brought up the concern regarding using the water tower for a cell phone tower or satellite dishes because it is a high location. He would like the school to have the right to stop anyone from using the water tower for communication antennas since it is in a school zone.

Potential Solar Project Presentation:

The Town was approached by a solar company to put solar panels on the former land fill, the capped landfill off of Whipple Ave near the transfer station. Looking at the boundary lines, the land is on school property. When the town was doing the work for the Turf Field, they combined a bunch of lots and this lot was one of them. The entirety of the school's land is about 56 acres, the area that they are looking to put the panels is 4.3 acres. The solar company would put the solar panels on 3.6 acres but the 4.3 acres would allow for a buffer and fencing. The former landfill should be the town's liability and the land isn't usable to the school because there is a large slope. Mr. Goff showed a 15-acre property that would be cut off the school property to be included with another 15 acres that is where the current landfill is. This would create a 30-acre parcel that would be owned by the town that would house the solar field.

7. Public Comment

Ashleigh May: 140 East Wallum Lake Rd. Pascoag

I'm here to make a comment on the water tower locations A and C. The cross-country team uses the area by the pickle ball courts. That is where they run in and out of the trails. Also, the one near the back fence of the middle school needs to be considered for the fire code and access to the area when the tower is being built because that is where the fire trucks go. Also, our deliveries and buses go around the back of the middle school.

8. Personnel

Leaves of Absence

None

Retirements

D. Allen (M), J. Calapai (S) to approve the Retirement as presented.

VOTE: Approved 7-0

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

Donna Lavallee

Guidance Secretary – BHS

Effective September 8, 2026

Resignations

D. Allen (M), J. Calapai (S) to accept the Resignations as presented.

VOTE: Approved 7-0

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

Julie Scheefer

Art Teacher – BHS

Effective August 21, 2026

James Bateman

Chemistry/General Science Teacher – BHS

Effective July 6, 2026

Lisa Bergman

School Psychologist – WLC

Effective August 21, 2026

The appointments listed below are for informational purposes.

D. Allen (M), J. Calapai (S) to receive and file Appointments as presented.

VOTE: Approved 7-0

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

Appointments

Matthew Lasalandra	Physical Education/Health Teacher - SFE	Effective August 24, 2026
Kristina DuBois	Kindergarten Teacher 2-Year Only - ATL	Effective August 24, 2026
Jacqueline Aniolek	School Psychologist – BMS	Effective August 24, 2026
Taigan Murphy	Early Learning Center Lead Teacher	\$1,500
Dalen Favali	Itinerant Curriculum Leader, K-12 (Fine Arts)	\$1,500
Sandra Schuetz	Itinerant Curriculum Leader, K-12 (PE/Health)	\$1,500
Laura Dittrich	New Teacher Mentor 2025-2026	\$350
Pauline Mueller	New Teacher Mentor 2025-2026	\$750
Jennifer Carlson	Academic Summer School Teacher – Grade 8 Math	\$1,350
Caysie Gautreau	Art Teacher – BMS	Effective August 24, 2026
Kimberly Pristawa	Department Lead – Social/Emotional Mental Health Supports	\$1,500
Patricia Rendine	Department Lead – Related Service Provider	\$1,500
Terry Williams	Special Education Lead - BMS	\$1,500
Pamela Knowlton	Special Education Lead – ATL	\$1,500
Linsey Allain	Special Education Lead – SFE	\$1,500
Kelsey Hopkins	Special Education Lead - WLC	\$1,500
Kellie Keens	Social Studies Teacher - BMS	Effective August 24, 2026
Haley Assner	General Science/Biology Teacher – BHS	Effective August 24, 2026

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Holly Richardson	Art Club Advisor 2025-2026	\$600
<u>BHS Annual Appointments 2026-2027</u>		
Kristi Craig	Department Chair - Math	\$2,500
Lisa Ricci	Department Chair – ELA	\$2,500
Gennaro Ferraro	Department Chair – Science	\$2,500
Stacy Lamontagne	Department Chair – Social Studies	\$2,500
Tarra Staples	Department Chair – Special Education	\$2,500
Andrew Aldrich	Department Chair – Career & Tech.	\$2,500
<u>BMS Annual Appointments 2026-2027</u>		
Melissa SanSouci	Curriculum Lead – ELA	\$2,250
Melissa Periera	Curriculum Lead – Science	\$2,250
Dave Sheehan	Curriculum Lead – Social Studies	\$2,250
Lauren Leonti	Elective Subjects and Social/Emotional/Mental Health Lead	\$1,500
<u>WLC Annual Appointments 2026-2027</u>		
Gayle DelPrete	PBIS Coordinator	\$750
Gayle DelPrete	Principal’s Assistant	\$1,000
Brenda Costa	Curriculum Lead – Math	\$2,250
Jennifer Wilson	Curriculum Lead – ELA	\$2,250
Amanda Clark	Webmaster	\$750
<u>SFE Annual Appointments 2026-2027</u>		
Bill Latendresse	Webmaster	\$750
Joyce Barr	Principal’s Assistant	\$1,000
Laura Dittrich	PBIS Coordinator	\$750 Shared
Jason LaDuke	PBIS Coordinator	\$750 Shared
Jennifer Kennedy	Curriculum Lead – Science	\$2,250
Holly Detonnancourt	Curriculum Lead – ELA	\$2,250
Jason LaDuke	Curriculum Lead – Math	\$2,250
<u>ATL Annual Appointments 2026-2027</u>		
Corrine Linback	Curriculum Lead – Math	\$2,250
Heidi Cairo	Curriculum Lead – ELA	\$2,250
Amanda Richards	Webmaster	\$750
Keith Tucker	Principal’s Assistant	\$1,000
Keith Tucker	PBIS Coordinator	\$750

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. Bouzan, D. Allen, V. Bevilacqua, S. St. Pierre in favor)

P3422 Burrillville School District Cell Phone Policy – Second Reading

S. St. Pierre (M), J. Calapai (S) to accept the second reading of the P3422 Burrillville School Cell Phone Policy.

VOTE: Approved 7-0

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

P7314 School Wellness – Second Revised Reading

S. St. Pierre (M), S. Bouzan (S) to accept the second revised reading of the P7314 School Wellness Policy.

VOTE: Approved 7-0

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

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

S. St. Pierre (M), J. Calapai (S) to accept the second reading of the P7317 USDA Civil Rights Policy Related to USDA School Nutrition Program.

VOTE: Approved 7-0

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

10. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Sollitto:

- We signed on for a pilot program through the department of education. It's called EDIA, which is an artificial intelligence tool for student attendance monitoring. This will allow us to notify parents and guardians when a student is absent. It will record data through this program. I'm not sure if every school will have this. They are picking a cross reference of schools at each level. Its at no cost to the district. After the initial year, RIDE is hoping to expand it at no cost to districts for an additional two years. Basically, it will provide progress monitoring and tracking for chronic absenteeism. Rather than getting phone calls from a secretary, it will automatically trigger text messages, phone calls, and emails to parents and guardians when a student is marked absent. It is all computerized and generated through artificial intelligence but it is an actual voice. It will pick up the responses from the parents, have a conversation with the artificial intelligence and record the data. This program will talk to our student information system and everything is stored in our system.
- Update on our Rural Health Grant application. We applied for an application through the federal government and department of education to increase opportunities for students, particularly at the high school level, to have exposure to health professions. If we get the grant and the allotment of funding from the grant, it will allow us to expand our biomedical program, such as our CNA program, EMT programs and potentially leading to a phlebotomy certification. We applied for about \$1.2 million over two years and hope to hear in the next two weeks.
- We just have a couple more teacher openings remaining. Our school principals have been busy scheduling interviews with qualified applicants. Confident that we will have certified staff in place for the start of the school year.

11. Administrators' Reports

Deferred until October Meeting

12. Report from School Committee Student Representative

None

13. Reports of School Committee Subcommittees

None

14. Correspondence/Communications

None

15. New Business

Home School Applications

None

Discussion/Vote: Location of Middle School/Nasonville Water Tower

D. Allen (M), S. Bouzan (S) to approve Location "B" with the caveat that the tower is not used for communication company activity and that the tower will not interfere with cross-country.

VOTE: Approved 7-0

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

Discussion/Vote: Boundaries for Potential Solar Project

D. Landry (M), J. Calapai (S) to approve the update to the boundary so that the town takes over that section in the presentation. 6-1 the motion carries.

VOTE: Approved 6-1

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

Discussion/Vote: Superintendent Contract Extension

D. Allen (M), S. Bouzan (S) to approve the Superintendent's contract to be extended 2 years with great thanks.

VOTE: Approved 7-0

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

Discussion/Vote: Class of 2027 Overnight Field Trip Request to Orlando, FL

J. Calapai (M), S. Bouzan (S) to approve the Class of 2027 overnight field trip request to Orlando, FL.

VOTE: Approved 7-0

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

Discussion/Vote: Washington DC Overnight Field Trip Request

S. St. Pierre (M), J. Calapai (S) to approve the Washington DC overnight field trip request.

VOTE: Approved 7-0

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16. Committee Comments on Agenda Items

None

17. Pending Issues

Alumni Field Update

Construction continues with the press box and score board.

18. Adjournment

J. Calapai (M), D. Allen (S) to adjourn.

VOTE: Approved 7-0

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

Approved by School Committee: August 11, 2026

Clerk of the Committee