

May Regular Meeting

Monday, May 12, 2025 7:00 PM

District Office, 301 Neosho Street , Burlington, Kansas 66839

1. Opening Items

1.A. Opening Items

1.B. Pledge of Allegiance

1.C. Additions to the Agenda

2. Consent Agenda

2.A. Approval of Consent Agenda

2.B. Approval of the Linkage Minutes

2.C. Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes

2.D. Approval of Special Meeting Minutes

2.E. Approval of the Bills and Financial Reports

2.F. Approval of Personnel Items

2.G. Approval of Donations

3. Student Recognition

3.A. State Placers for FBLA and FCCLA

4. Public Comment

4.A. Concerns of Burlington USD 244 Patrons

5. Communication

5.A. Written Communication

6. Administrative Reports

6.A. BES May 2025 Report

Burlington Elementary School
Board of Education Report
May 5, 2025
Submitted by: Darla Long

- Our pre-school teachers hosted a Pre-school orientation night on April 7th, allowing potential students to come and visit the facilities, meet the teachers, ask questions, and complete application paperwork for our program. We hosted a spring Pre-school screening a few days after this event and screened 20 kids. We currently have applications for 39 students in addition to our identified (special education) students. Families will receive confirmation regarding their enrollment status in August.
- A Wildcat Welcome event was held on April 10th for incoming kindergarten students. Families met in the gym, where parents were presented general information about school entry, then students and families toured Kindergarten classrooms and had the chance to meet our teachers. We are currently anticipating 42 students for kindergarten. 67 % of these students are current PreK students at BES.
- On April 4th, students and staff alike thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to travel to BHS for the play preview "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown." It was a great opportunity to expose our students to a real theater experience. Shout out to the BHS theater directors Jen Plummer and Adrienne Fleming as well as Mr. Wilson for making this happen. We look forward to more opportunities such as this in the future.
- Fourth grade presented their annual music program on Thursday, April 24th. The student performance showcase included a variety of pirate themed musical numbers. Students played their recorders as well as boom whackers and gave vocal performances too. Many positive reviews were received after the show for the performance and the instructional impact of Mrs. Dunaway.
- State Assessments are complete at BES. Performance categories for assessments are being recut this year, so student results will not be available until August. Our classroom teachers, special education teachers, support staff and technology team gave a lot of time and effort into helping accomplish this task. 3rd and 4th grade students received a lot of encouragement to "test their best" from other grade levels at BES as well as from BHS students. In addition, we held an assembly on April 7 to recognize the students for academic excellence that were recognized at a previous board meeting this year. Students received certificates and families were invited to this event.
- Mrs. Caceres, BHS science teacher, along with her students, hosted an Earth Day learning event for students in 1st – 4th grades. Students traveled to the high school and participated in station-based learning sessions taught by BHS students. Feedback from our students was very positive!
- Muffins with the Misses and Biscuits & Gravy with the Boys were both successful events held during the month of April! We utilized Parent Square to allow families to rsvp for the event and participation was great. Thank you to our food service staff for bringing this event back for both students and families!
- The following students were named Wildcats of the Month for demonstrating the Wildcat Way, being safe, respectful, and responsible. These students were recognized over the

announcements, will be identified on the bulletin board, and earned a Casey's coupon for a free slice of pizza.

Wildcats of the Month of April	
Nominated by:	Nominee:
Mrs. Garland	Bella Russo
Mrs. Griffith	Denver Brown
Mrs. O'Malley	Emersyn Redding
Mrs. Barnhart	Mirabelle Menard
Mrs. Lawrence	Rhogan Conkle
Mrs. Mowry	Tyson Tougaw
Mrs. Ditto	Mayhem Kirkby
Ms. Gray	Isaiah Maldonado
Mrs. Stukay	Gavin Elliott
Mrs. Gonzales	Molli Posey
Mrs. McVey	Samiyah Moore
Mrs. Rice	Jase McWhorter
Mrs. Allen	Teyton Reed
Mrs. Bazil	Jade Clark
Mrs. Kuhlmann	Abel Myers
Mrs. Freeman (PE)	Abi Hazen
Mrs. Dunaway (Music)	Keagan Roney
Mrs. Tempelmeyer (Library)	Raven Wisdom
Ms. Stewart	Axel Handley
Mrs. Long	Rowan Lingenfelter



Burlington Middle School

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Dear Board of Education and Superintendent Marshall,

On May 2nd, we hosted our Burlington Middle School Track Invitational. Once again, we received positive feedback from the starter and several parents from other schools. They commented on how efficient and well ran the meet was from the start to the finish. This is a huge credit to Mr. Whitworth and our coaching staff (Mr. Schuster, Ms. Anderson, Mrs. Kehres, and Mrs. Wilson). In addition, thank you to Diane Marshall for checking in athletes and assigning numbers, Dan Haller for announcing, and the baseball parents and players for running the concession stand.

This summer we will again offer to our 7th and 8th grade students a Summer Conditioning Program. This will run the same dates as the high school, but from 10:30AM-12:00PM, Monday-Thursday running from June 2nd-August 1st. Coach Cody Carlson will lead this program again for our young Wildcats.

Below is a cumulative chart that represents how Burlington Middle School students performed academically that participate in extracurricular activities identified by KSHSAA. The two categories for the scholastic awards are Distinguished, which requires a collective team GPA of 3.25- 4.0 and Outstanding, requires a collective team GPA of 3.00-3.24. I am happy to share 27 of our 28 extracurricular activities and participants have earned the Distinguished Scholastic Award. Students this year that were involved in at least one extracurricular activity had an average GPA of 3.73.

Activity/Team	Number of Participants	Collective Team GPA
Football (7 th)	15	3.82
Football(8 th)	22	3.37
Volleyball (7 th)	15	3.91
Volleyball (8 th)	16	3.74
Cross Country, Girls (7 th)	1	4.0
Cross Country, Girls (8 th)	1	4.0
Cross Country, Boys (7 th)	2	3.94
Cross Country, Boys (8 th)	1	3.75
Girls Basketball (7 th)	10	3.93
Girls Basketball (8 th)	12	3.81
Wrestling, Girls (7 th)	6	3.96
Wrestling, Girls (8 th)	12	3.60
Wrestling, Boys (7 th)	7	3.62
Wrestling, Boys (8 th)	11	3.45
Boys Basketball (7 th)	18	3.81
Boys Basketball (8 th)	15	3.52
Scholars' Bowl (7 th)	13	3.94

Scholars' Bowl (8 th)	6	3.77
Track, Girls (7 th)	12	3.97
Track, Girls (8 th)	15	3.71
Track, Boys (7 th)	19	3.83
Track, Boys (8 th)	20	3.51
Band (7 th)	21	3.63
Band (8 th)	19	3.74
Vocal (7 th)	4	3.4.0
Vocal (8 TH)	3	3.01
TOTALS	296	3.73

On May 9th, in partnership with Coffey County Health Systems we were able to offer sports physicals for the 2025-2026 school year. Thank you to Mr. Wilson and Coffey County Health Systems willingness to extend this to the middle school this year.

Dates of Interest for the end of the year:

- **May 20th** Activity Awards at 9:00AM in the BMS Gymnasium
8th Grade Promotion at 6:30PM, Doors will open at 6:00PM
- **May 21th** Academic Awards for 5th-7th Grade at 8:30AM in the BMS Gymnasium

Yours in Education,

Matt Spring

6.C. BHS May 2025 Report

Click on the links below to see what is happening at BHS.

- [BHS Master Calendar](#) (Daily activities, club meetings, and more)
- [Newsletters](#)

BHS ROSTER COUNT

	9 TH	10 TH	11 TH	12 TH	TOTAL
BOYS	34	26	33	27	120
GIRLS	29	35	30	27	121
TOTAL	63	61	63	54	241

There are so many great things happening at BHS. The halls are filled with excitement (for summer) and the teachers are working diligently to keep the students focused. “All We Do Is Win” comes to mind right now with everything our students and staff are immersed in. Not a bad mantra! Below are a few recent highlights. BHS is keeping Facebook hopping with pictures, updates and schedules. It’s a Great Day To Be A Wildcat! We are having fun during Teacher Appreciation Week. We have a “Wicked” Theme with all sorts of goodies for our teachers. An anonymous donor donated 5-\$100 gift cards. One teacher is being drawn each day! Teachers love gift cards! We lined the hallways and teacher’s lounge with OZ-SOME posters and decorations. Thank you to the school board and district staff for providing treats and gifts throughout the week. Our teachers are amazing! Thank you for your support.



BHS Student Spotlight

Matthew Dekat was recognized on May 4th in Topeka as a Kansas Governor's Scholar (top 1% of Kansas students)



BHS State Runner-Up Forensics



Important dates:

- **Friday, May 9th – Senior Exit Interviews**
- **Wednesday, May 14th – College & Career Signing Day**
- **Saturday, May 17th – Graduation**

Activities

May 12 - Home JV BSB/SFB

May 15 - Baseball Regional Quarterfinals

May 15 - Track League @ Wellsville

May 19 - Regional Golf @ Anderson County, Regional Softball Quarterfinals HOME

May 20 - Regional Baseball @ Humboldt (Semis/Championship)

May 21 - Regional Softball @ Iola (Semis/Championship)

May 22 - Regional Track @ West Franklin

May 27-28 - State Golf @ Garden City

May 30-31 - State Baseball (Manhattan), State Softball (Topeka), State Track (Wichita)

BHS ACTIVITIES/ATHLETICS

- **SEE 2024-2025 RESULTS ACTIVITIES AND EXTRA CURRICULAR REPORT**

Board of Education Report
Coffey County Special Education Cooperative, CCSEC
Lindsey Graf, Director
May, 2025

State Reports/Data

- Indicator 13 completing (Transition) for all 3 districts
- Working on Indicator 14

Staffing Updates

- Certified Openings for 25-26: 243-Elementary and JH/HS Teacher, School Psychologist
- Looking at staffing needs for paras for next year

Director's Focus

- Updating CAPS Personnel Systems with Missy to ensure appropriate FTE's claimed to gain maximum reimbursement.
- Collaborating with the state department to ensure staff is appropriately licensed in all content areas.
- Preparing professional development schedule for fall 2025
- Collecting and Reviewing Para evaluations
- Attending state and regional SPED Director Meetings (KASEA and State)
- Participating in monthly SPED administrators Webinars
- Interviews/Hiring/Transfers – continuing to replace paras that leave and on board para sub applications as they are submitted-see above staffing needs
- Student programming/needs – attending meetings; communicating with parents
- Corresponding with Legal Services regarding programming
- Collaborating with Administration
- Collecting information and data on professional development needs and staffing needs to best serve CCSEC for next school year.

6.E. Technology May 2025 Report

Board Report
Technology Department
May 2025

We have received our E-Rate funding commitment letters for our Networking and Wireless Access Point project for which the board approved the district portion in March. This project can now be scheduled and equipment ordered. It is a great opportunity for us and the next step for our network which should serve us 7-10+ years.

We are in the final stretch of our preparations for changing over to Skyward Qmlativ for our student information system this summer. The last day for using Skyward SMS is June 6th and prior to that time, we will close out the 2025 school year, close our 2025 food service, and run all our year-end state reporting. The following week, Skyward will convert our data to the new system, and we will go live on June 16th on Qmlativ. In December, they converted our data at “that moment in time” for our training database, and they commented that our data is very clean, so we should have a fairly smooth conversion. Once we are on the new system, there will be tasks for Courtney and me to complete with our data to handle differences in the two systems and how they handle information differently. A lot on the to-do list, and a lot to address, but we are happy with how everything is progressing.

From the buildings:

BES

We have been busy with testing. They finished up State testing and will be done with Aimsweb testing by the end of the week.

2nd grade has been using excel to make a data table and graph.

BMS

From Mrs. Pedersen- In the novel we are reading as a class "The Crossover" by Kwame Alexander. He has Basketball Rules through the book. These rules double up on their meaning, having a meaning toward the game of basketball but also a deeper life meaning. Students choose a theme and then had to create 5 life rules, each two lines. These rules needed to have a double meaning just like the ones from the book. They had to add a boarder that added to the rules and made sense with the theme. Students had the choice of using Canva or Microsoft Word to create their poster

State testing is complete! Fastbridge testing is underway and going well.

5th Grade has an upcoming interactive virtual field trip with Buffalo Bill Center of the West on the Westward Expansion!

8th grade students in Computer Applications class completed a Digital Citizenship project using Plotagon. Students created their own script in a realistic script-writing mode where characters and actions display positive Digital Citizenship skills.

BHS

Mrs. Hazen’s business management class and marketing class have been creating social media posts for the rec center.

Digital Media Productions has created a video of “walk-up” songs for teachers.

Classes have been state testing and FastBridge testing to finish off the year.

6.F. Superintendent's May 2025 Report

7. **Board Member Items**

7.A. Board Reports

8. **Personnel**

8.A. Executive Session Regarding Personnel

8.B. BMS Supplemental Positions

8.C. BHS Supplemental Positions

8.D. Retirement

8.E. Retirement

9. **Results Monitoring Report**

9.A. Results Report

10. **Contracts/Approvals/Appointments**

10.A. FACS Curriculum Materials

10.B. Construction and Manufacturing Curriculum
Materials

10.C. Approval of Kansas Board Solutions (KBS)
Employee Benefit Program

11. **Student Issue**

11.A. Executive Session Regarding a Student
Issue

12. **Negotiations**

12.A. Executive Session Regarding Negotiations

13. **Closing Items**

13.A. Debriefing

13.B. Adjournment