

January Regular Meeting

Monday, January 12, 2026 7:00 PM

District Office, 301 Neosho Street , Burlington, Kansas 66839

1. Opening Items

1.A. Call to Order

1.B. Pledge of Allegiance

1.C. Additions to the Agenda

1.D. Resolution to Establish the Election of School Board Officers

1.E. Election of President and Vice President

2. Consent Agenda

2.A. Approval of the Agenda

2.B. Approval of the December 8, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes

2.C. Approval of the December 22, 2025, Special Meeting Minutes.

2.D. Approval of January 5, 2026, Alumni Linkage Meeting Minutes

2.E. Approval of the Bills and Financial Reports

2.F. Approval of Personnel Items

2.G. Approval of Donations

2.H. Resolution to Establish the Board's Regular Meeting Dates

2.I. Approval of Consent Agenda

3. Recognitions

3.A. Student Recognition

4. Public Comment

4.A. Concerns of Burlington USD 244 Patrons

5. Communications

5.A. Written Items

6. Administrative Reports

6.A. BES January 2026 Report

6.B. BMS January 2026 Report



Burlington Middle School

Unified School District #244

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Dear Board of Education and Superintendent Marshall,

This month's board report will be brief, as there have been no significant changes since my last update. In the weeks leading up to Christmas Break, students and staff enjoyed participating in our Twelve Days of Christmas, which featured a variety of themed dress-up days and activities. These events helped build school spirit, strengthen our sense of community, and provided a fun, positive way to close out the semester.

On the final day before the break, we held our activities assembly. This assembly served as an opportunity to recognize and celebrate our students for their involvement, dedication, and accomplishments in our extracurricular programs.

Students participated in the Reindeer Games, which included organized activities designed to promote teamwork, friendly competition, and student engagement. After the completion of twelve events, Mrs. Anderson's and Mrs. Crutchfield's teams finished in a tie. The overall winner was determined by a rock, paper, scissors tiebreaker, with Mrs. Crutchfield's team emerging victorious.



Boys Basketball opened their season at home on January 5 against Santa Fe Trail. Coach Ecton and her staff have done an excellent job coaching and preparing our young men for the season ahead. We are looking forward to a great start to 2024!

On February 9, we will host our second HIIPS (High-Impact Instructional Practices and Strategies) session through Greenbush. Session 1 was very successful, and staff appreciated the professional development opportunities that they were able to take back to their classrooms and implement with students the following day.

Yours in Education,

Matt Spring

6.C. BHS January 2026 Report

6.D. CCSEC January 2026 Report

Board of Education Report
Coffey County Special Education Cooperative, CCSEC
Lindsey Graf, Director
January 2026

State Reports/Data

- Maintenance of Effort is Open- Due January
- Submitted ESI Data for Each District

Staffing Updates

- Para Educator: 243-1, BHS-1, BES-2

Director's Focus

- Holding Staff Meeting Virtually and/or Preparing Newsletters Monthly
- Preparations for staffing needs for the 26-27 school year
- Attending state and regional SPED Director Meetings (KASEA and State)
- Participating in monthly SPED administrators Webinars
- Participating in quarterly Law Webinars
- Interviews/Hiring/Transfers – continuing to replace paras that leave and on board para sub applications as they are submitted
- Assisting with the Personnel Report with Whitnie
- Student programming/needs – attending meetings; communicating with parents
- Corresponding with Legal Services regarding programming
- Corresponding with Parents via phone and email to ensure student needs are being met.
- Holding regular School Psych Meetings
- Collaborating with Administration
- Staff evaluations – In the new system for Itinerant staff
- Visits to buildings in the COOP
- In-service/Trainings:
 - KASEA Winter Conference- February
 - Lindsey Graf and Joe Sprague

6.E. Technology January 2026 Report

Board Report
Technology Department
January 2026

There is not a lot to report since we only had 9 school days between the last board meeting and when this report was due. That being said, I'll just list a few of the goals that the technology department will be working on for the 2nd semester:

- Evaluating our current technology performance standards at all grade levels
- Evaluating different AI policies from other districts and technology organ
- Developing an AI policy that fits our district
- Working with technology staff, office secretaries, and district office staff to evaluate our online payment vendor compared to another vendor which many Skyward districts use
- Piloting ACT Online Testing for our district along with high school counselor Donna Bolen
- Completing annual reporting and application submissions for CTE Pathways
- Working with Christy Hess to complete the Kansas Educator Data Collection System reporting

6.F. Food Service January 2026 Report

6.G. Transportation and Grounds January 2026 Report

6.H. Maintenance January 2026 Report

6.I. Superintendent's January 2026 Report

Burlington USD 244
Board of Education Meeting
January 12, 2026
Superintendent's Report

- I. Board of Education Appreciation Month—I want to thank you for your service to the students, staff, and community. It is appreciated!

- II. I want to discuss Parent and Community Involvement in our district from our USD 244 Strategic Plan. We have involved the community a lot over the past ten years. Building SITE Councils, PTO groups/booster clubs, and board linkages have been valuable to gain public input. The regularly scheduled USD 244 Board of Education meetings always have a time for public comments. We have had a variety of advisory groups to help give the board of education valuable information on a specific topic. Some of the advisory groups are Daycare Advisory Group, COVID Advisory Group, BES Community Advisory Group, USD 244 Strategic Planning Group, and the Wildcat Athletic Complex Track and Turf Advisory Group. The board has also engaged the public with a BES Facility Advisory committee and public meetings to help determine the best option for the future of BES. There will be future meetings focused on public input regarding BES. The board has asked for public input for the superintendent search the past two months. I do believe we have done an excellent job of keeping open lines of communication with our public. If there are other suggestions from the board on how to improve parent and community involvement, please let me know.

- III. I have shared with you some information from KASB about live streaming board meetings and some issues that can occur. KASB discourages live streaming board meetings. This is a conversation that Christy Hess, Craig Kuhlmann, and I have had. I think this is a topic of conversation that should occur at the February board meeting. If you need any information from me regarding this topic before next month, please let me know.

- IV. I would like to discuss how you want to move forward with the future of BES. I have shared documents with you regarding the possible needs for a renovation of BES. Brian Fuemmeler from McCown Gordon and Clark Simpson from GMCN Architects is here to answer any questions.

Unified School District No. 244
Coffey County, Kansas (Burlington)

Home Owner Property Tax Increase

	\$34,000,000			
	30 Years	25 Years	20 Years	15 Years
Projected Mill Levy Increase	3.500	3.800	4.500	5.600

Cost to Homeowner of Projected Mill Levy Increase

Annual Property Tax

\$75,000 Home	30.19	32.78	38.81	48.30
\$100,000 Home	40.25	43.70	51.75	64.40
\$150,000 Home	60.38	65.55	77.63	96.60
\$200,000 Home	80.50	87.40	103.50	128.80
\$250,000 Home	100.63	109.25	129.38	161.00

Monthly Property Tax

\$75,000 Home	2.52	2.73	3.23	4.03
\$100,000 Home	3.35	3.64	4.31	5.37
\$150,000 Home	5.03	5.46	6.47	8.05
\$200,000 Home	6.71	7.28	8.63	10.73
\$250,000 Home	8.39	9.10	10.78	13.42

Daily Property Tax

\$75,000 Home	0.08	0.09	0.11	0.13
\$100,000 Home	0.11	0.12	0.14	0.18
\$150,000 Home	0.17	0.18	0.21	0.26
\$200,000 Home	0.22	0.24	0.28	0.35
\$250,000 Home	0.28	0.30	0.35	0.44

Median Home Value (USD 244)

\$150,900

Unified School District No. 244
Coffey County, Kansas (Burlington)

Commercial Property Tax Increase

	\$34,000,000			
	30 Years	25 Years	20 Years	15 Years
Projected Mill Levy Increase	3.500	3.800	4.500	5.600

Cost to Commercial Businesses of Projected Mill Levy Increase

Annual Property Tax

\$75,000 Property	65.63	71.25	84.38	105.00
\$100,000 Property	87.50	95.00	112.50	140.00
\$150,000 Property	131.25	142.50	168.75	210.00
\$200,000 Property	175.00	190.00	225.00	280.00
\$250,000 Property	218.75	237.50	281.25	350.00

Monthly Property Tax

\$75,000 Property	5.47	5.94	7.03	8.75
\$100,000 Property	7.29	7.92	9.38	11.67
\$150,000 Property	10.94	11.88	14.06	17.50
\$200,000 Property	14.58	15.83	18.75	23.33
\$250,000 Property	18.23	19.79	23.44	29.17

Daily Property Tax

\$75,000 Property	0.18	0.20	0.23	0.29
\$100,000 Property	0.24	0.26	0.31	0.38
\$150,000 Property	0.36	0.39	0.46	0.58
\$200,000 Property	0.48	0.52	0.62	0.77
\$250,000 Property	0.60	0.65	0.77	0.96

Unified School District No. 244
Coffey County, Kansas (Burlington)

Agricultural Property Tax Increase

	\$34,000,000			
	30 Years	25 Years	20 Years	15 Years
Projected Mill Levy Increase	3.500	3.800	4.500	5.600

Cost to Agricultural Property Owners of Projected Mill Levy Increase

Annual Property Tax

Dry Crop Land (Median Use Value = \$268/acre 160 Acres	45.02	48.88	57.89	72.04
Grass Land (Median Use Value = \$114/acre 160 Acres	19.15	20.79	24.62	30.64

Annual Cost per Acre

Dry Crop Land	0.28	0.31	0.36	0.45
Grass Land	0.12	0.13	0.15	0.19

Monthly Property Tax

Dry Crop Land 160 Acres	3.75	4.07	4.82	6.00
Grass Land 160 Acres	1.60	1.73	2.05	2.55

Estimated Median Use Value of 160 Acres Dry Crop Land is \$42,880

Estimated Median Use Value of 160 Acres Grass Land is \$18,240

Unified School District No. 244

Coffey County, Kansas (Burlington)

Home Owner Property Tax Increase

	15 Years			20 Years		
	\$15MM	\$30MM	\$45MM	\$15MM	\$30MM	\$45MM
Mill Levy Increase	2.400	4.800	7.200	2.000	4.000	6.000

Cost to Homeowner of Projected Mill Levy Increase

Annual Property Tax

\$50,000 Home	13.80	27.60	41.40	11.50	23.00	34.50
\$75,000 Home	20.70	41.40	62.10	17.25	34.50	51.75
\$100,000 Home	27.60	55.20	82.80	23.00	46.00	69.00
\$150,000 Home	41.40	82.80	124.20	34.50	69.00	103.50
\$200,000 Home	55.20	110.40	165.60	46.00	92.00	138.00

Monthly Property Tax

\$50,000 Home	1.15	2.30	3.45	0.96	1.92	2.88
\$75,000 Home	1.73	3.45	5.18	1.44	2.88	4.31
\$100,000 Home	2.30	4.60	6.90	1.92	3.83	5.75
\$150,000 Home	3.45	6.90	10.35	2.88	5.75	8.63
\$200,000 Home	4.60	9.20	13.80	3.83	7.67	11.50

Daily Property Tax

\$50,000 Home	0.04	0.08	0.11	0.03	0.06	0.09
\$75,000 Home	0.06	0.11	0.17	0.05	0.09	0.14
\$100,000 Home	0.08	0.15	0.23	0.06	0.13	0.19
\$150,000 Home	0.11	0.23	0.34	0.09	0.19	0.28
\$200,000 Home	0.15	0.30	0.45	0.13	0.25	0.38

Census Median Home Value (Coffey County) \$ 120,700

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Coffey County, Kansas (Burlington)

Commercial Property Tax Increase

	15 Years			20 Years		
	\$15MM	\$30MM	\$45MM	\$15MM	\$30MM	\$45MM
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Cost to Commercial Businesses of Projected Mill Levy Increase

Annual Property Tax

\$50,000 Property	30.00	60.00	90.00	25.00	50.00	75.00
\$75,000 Property	45.00	90.00	135.00	37.50	75.00	112.50
\$100,000 Property	60.00	120.00	180.00	50.00	100.00	150.00
\$150,000 Property	90.00	180.00	270.00	75.00	150.00	225.00
\$200,000 Property	120.00	240.00	360.00	100.00	200.00	300.00

Monthly Property Tax

\$50,000 Property	2.50	5.00	7.50	2.08	4.17	6.25
\$75,000 Property	3.75	7.50	11.25	3.13	6.25	9.38
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\$150,000 Property	7.50	15.00	22.50	6.25	12.50	18.75
\$200,000 Property	10.00	20.00	30.00	8.33	16.67	25.00

Daily Property Tax

\$50,000 Property	0.08	0.16	0.25	0.07	0.14	0.21
\$75,000 Property	0.12	0.25	0.37	0.10	0.21	0.31
\$100,000 Property	0.16	0.33	0.49	0.14	0.27	0.41
\$150,000 Property	0.25	0.49	0.74	0.21	0.41	0.62
\$200,000 Property	0.33	0.66	0.99	0.27	0.55	0.82

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Coffey County, Kansas (Burlington)

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Grass Land (Median Use Value = \$114/acre) 160 Acres	13.13	26.27	39.40	10.94	21.89	32.83

Annual Cost per Acre

Dry Crop Land	0.19	0.39	0.58	0.16	0.32	0.48
Grass Land	0.08	0.16	0.25	0.07	0.14	0.21

Monthly Property Tax

Dry Crop Land 160 Acres	2.57	5.15	7.72	2.14	4.29	6.43
Grass Land 160 Acres	1.09	2.19	3.28	0.91	1.82	2.74

Estimated Median Use Value of 160 Acres Dry Crop Land is \$42,880

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MASTER PROJECT BUDGET-COMPARISON

Notes

Design, Construction, & Soft Costs			Notes
	SF	Unit/Cost	Totals
Construction Cost - Combined Total Base			
New Addition - Main Entry and Admin Office Suite	5,000 gsf	\$403.32/gsf	\$2,016,600
New Addition - Either a Gym Storage Room or a Music/Multi-Purpose (Storm Structure)	3,000 gsf	\$554.54/gsf	\$1,663,620
Renovation	74,010 gsf	\$299.67/gsf	\$22,178,797
Site Work - Parking, Utilities, Playground	47,000 gsf	\$40.55/gsf	\$1,906,000
Sub-Total		\$351/gsf	\$27,765,017
Design & Soft Costs Associated With Construction Phase			
Design and Engineering (Design & CA; Arch, Struct, MEPFP, Civil)		7.00%	\$1,958,551
Site Survey /Topographic Survey			\$3,500
Geotechnical Survey & Report			\$7,000
Commissioning			\$75,000
Bid Document Printing			w/ Const Cost
Traffic Study			NA
Special Inspections & QC Testing		0.20%	\$65,530
Environmental Studies/Surveys & Building Testing			See Below
Lab Testing of Hazardous Materials			\$5,000
Abatement			\$50,000
Utility Development & Tap Fees		0.5%	\$138,825
Domestic Water Line Tap Fees			in above
Fire Line Tap Fees			in above
Sanitary / Storm Development Fees			in above
Update Electrical Service			\$30,000
Fiber Line Development Fees			in above
Sub-Total		8%	\$2,333,406
Total Design, Construction, & Soft Costs			\$30,098,423
Owner Equipment/F & E			
Furnishing / Fixtures / Equipment			
Furniture & Fixtures - reception, office areas, classrooms		5%	\$1,209,770
Office Sets			in above
Chairs			in above
Tables			in above
Miscellaneous items (trash receptacles, clocks)			in above
Low Voltage Systems (IT/AV/Security/Access Controls)		3%	\$725,862
IT Equipment Hardware			in above
IT Servers and Storage			in above
AV Conference Rooms			in above
AV Reception/Lobby			in above
Telecom & Paging			in above
Special Systems (NC)			in above
Access Control and CCTV Cameras			in above
Signage: Site Wayfinding, Building Backlit			\$50,000
Sub-Total		8%	\$1,985,632
Total Owner Equipment / F & E			\$1,985,632
Other Costs			
Miscellaneous			
Moving furniture costs			\$10,000
Art/graphics			\$15,000
Sub-Total			\$25,000
Contingencies & Escalation			
Owner Contingency		3%	\$832,950
Market Escalation		4%	\$1,110,601
Sub-Total		7%	\$1,943,551
Total Other Costs			\$1,968,551
Total Project Cost			\$34,052,606

Notes:
 *Construction cost escalation has varied widely over the last few years. While future escalation is unknown, current analysis could anticipate inflation for construction costs at 3-5% per year for calendar years 2026-2027.



**NEW PARKING
& DROP-OFF AREA**



BURLINGTON
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #244

\$34,000,000

BOND ISSUE

- Secure Entry • Admin Offices
- Music/Multi-Purpose Room (Storm Structure Area)



PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

FIRE SPRINKLER INSTALL + FA SYSTEM UPGRADE

New Fire Suppression • Fire Alarm • Ceiling replacement • Light Adjustments • Diffusers Adjustment

LIGHT RENOVATION

FINISHES: Paint • Ceilings • Flooring Lights • Diffusers • **New Fire Suppression** Fire Alarm Devices

MEDIUM RENOVATION

FINISHES: Paint • Ceilings • Flooring Lights Diffusers • Fire Alarm Devices • Casework Fire Suppression • Plumbing adjustments

HEAVY RENOVATION

Some Structural Modifications • Paint Ceilings • Flooring • Lights • Diffusers Fire Alarm Devices • Casework • **New Plumbing** **New Mechanical** • **New Electrical**

YOUR INVESTMENT

\$34M Mill Levy increase over 25 years. Investment per property type:

MONTHLY RESIDENTIAL		MONTHLY COMMERCIAL		MONTHLY LAND ON 160 ACRES	
\$100K	\$150K	\$100K	\$150K	DRY CROP	GRASS
\$3.64	\$5.46	\$7.92	\$11.88	\$4.07	\$1.73

7. Board Member Items

7.A. Board Reports

8. 2024-2025 Audit

8.A. Audit Report

9. Results Monitoring Report

9.A. Results Report

10. Negotiations

10.A. Approval of Amended Negotiated Agreement

11. Policies

11.A. Policy Updates

12. Contracts/Approvals/Appointments

12.A. District Auditor

12.B. Approval of BHS Multimedia Room Acoustic
Wall Material Replacement

12.C. Approval of BHS Shed Bid

13. Personnel

13.A. Executive Session Regarding Personnel

14. Student Issue

14.A. Executive Session Regarding A Student
Issue

15. Closing Items

15.A. Debriefing

15.B. Adjournment