

**BURLINGTON U.S.D. NO. 244 BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
September 14, 2026**

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the 2026-2027 Board of Education of Burlington USD 244 was held at the District Administrative Office at 7:00 p.m. on September 14, 2026. The following board members were present Lucas Allen, Johnny Hernandez, Nolan Strawder, Ron Hess, and Bob Plummer. Also, in attendance were Superintendent Donalyn Biehler, Clerk of the Board Christy Hess, Technology Director Craig Kuhlmann, Director of Special Education Tara Glades, BES Principal Darla Long, BMS Principal Matt Spring, BHS Principal Lee Baldwin, Coffey County Republican Katie McMurray, and Jay Hale.

1. Opening Items

1.A. Call to Order - Call to Order – Lucas Allen called the September 14, 2026, Regular Board of Education meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

1.B. Pledge of Allegiance

1.C. Additions to the Agenda

2. Consent Agenda

2.A. Approval of the Agenda

2.B. Approval of the August 10, 2026, Minutes

2.C. Approval of Special Meeting Minutes — 8/12/2026 Board Retreat

2.D. Approval of the Bills and Financial Reports

2.E. Approval of Personnel Items

2.F. Approval of Donations

2.G. Approval of Mental Health Intervention Team Grant

2.H. Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion to approve consent agenda as presented. This motion, made by Bob Plummer and seconded by Ron Hess, Carried.

James Higgins: Absent, Selena King: Absent, Lucas Allen: Yea, Johnny Hernandez: Yea, Ron Hess:

Yea, Bob Plummer: Yea, Nolan Strawder: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

3. Public Comment

3.A. Concerns of Burlington USD 244 Patrons - *None*

4. Communications

4.A. Written Items - *None*

5. Administrative Reports

5.A. BES September 2026 Report

5.B. BMS September 2026 Report

5.C. BHS September 2026 Report

5.D. CCSEC September 2026 Report

5.E. Technology September 2026 Report

5.F. Maintenance September 2026 Report

5.G. Superintendent September 2026 Board Report

6. Board Member Items

6.A. Board Reports – *None*

7. Budget Adoption

7.A. Establish the Supplemental General Fund and Capital Outlay Fund

Motion to adopt the Local Option Budget Resolution at 33.00 percent and to establish the 2026-2027 Capital Outlay Fund at 5.000 mills. This motion, made by Ron Hess and seconded by Bob Plummer, Carried.

James Higgins: Absent, Selena King: Absent, Lucas Allen: Yea, Johnny Hernandez: Yea, Ron Hess: Yea, Bob Plummer: Yea, Nolan Strawder: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

7.B. Adoption of the 2026-2027 Budget

Both the Building Needs Assessment and State Assessments were provided to the Board of Education, were evaluated by the Board, and were used in the budget approval process.

Motion to adopt the 2026-2027 budget as presented. This motion, made by Bob Plummer and seconded by Johnny Hernandez, Carried.

James Higgins: Absent, Selena King: Absent, Lucas Allen: Yea, Johnny Hernandez: Yea, Ron Hess: Yea, Bob Plummer: Yea, Nolan Strawder: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

8. Contracts/Approvals/Appointments

9. Results

9.A. Results Report

10. Personnel

10.A. Executive Session Regarding Personnel

11. Student Issue

11.A. Executive Session Regarding A Student Issue

12. Closing Items

12.A. Debriefing

12.B. Adjournment - Lucas Allen adjourned the September 14, 2026, Regular Board of Education meeting at 7:21 p.m.

James Higgins, President

Date

Christy Hess, Clerk of the Board

Date