

Minutes – May 13, 2026
South Buffalo Charter School
Board of Directors Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m.

Members Present:

In Person: Chris Schafer, Jen Mack, Anne Marie Tryjankowski

Virtual: Carine Merritt

Members Absent: Matt Szalkowski, Kathy Linhardt

Public Comment: None.

Presentation: 2026-2027 SBCS Calendar – Calendar A was recommended by Mr. Ehrle

Board Reports:

- Executive Committee – No meeting.
- Academic Committee – No meeting. Emails have been sent by Mr. Ehrle that committee needs to review.
- Facility Committee – No meeting. Spring projects have been brought to committee. Heating upgrades completed.
- Finance Committee – Met. No issues. Minor contracts have been put out for bids.
- Human Resources/Appeals Committee – No meeting. Update on personnel matters was received.

New Business:

- Motion to approve the minutes from the Board Meeting on April 8, 2026, was made by Anne Marie Tryjankowski; seconded by Jen Mack. Vote: All in favor.
- Enrollment Summary – See attached.
- Superintendent's Report – See attached.
- Motion to approve the 2026-2027 SBCS Budget was made by Jen Mack; seconded by Carine Merritt. Vote: All in favor.
- Motion to approve the 2026-2027 SBCS Calendar A, based on the recommendation of Mr. Ehrle, was made by Anne Marie Tryjankowski; seconded by Carine Merritt. Vote: All in favor.
- Motion to approve camera upgrades/contract with Premcom and utilizing TK Elevator for wiring, was made by Anne Marie Tryjankowski; seconded by Jen Mack. Vote: All in favor.
- Consensus Agenda
 - Motion to approve the SBCS Schedule of Bills, Balance Sheet, Board monthly Income Statement, Statement of Revenues and Expenditures, Statement of Cash Flows and Check Register for April 2026; and the 154 South Ogden, LLC Balance Sheet and Statement of Revenue and Expenditures/Income Statement for April 2026 was made by Anne Marie Tryjankowski; seconded by Jen Mack. Vote: All in favor.
- Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Anne Marie Tryjankowski; seconded by Jen Mack. Vote: All in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Enrollment Summary – As of 5/4/2026

GRADE	2025/2026	2024/2025	2023/2024
K	89 (+2)	99	95
1	94 (-1)	95	99
2	99 (-2)	100	99
3	96 (-1)	99	100
4	101 (-1)	97	100
5	99	102	100
6	100	93	98
7	90	97	93
8	95 (-1)	96	93
TOTAL	863	878	874

Grade 1 – Moved to Fort Worth Texas

Grade 2 – One student moved to Lackawanna, one moved to BPS behavioral

Grade 3 – Moved with foster family to Niagara Falls

Grade 4 – Moved to Williamsville, Maple West Elementary

Grade 8 – Out on medical leave since March, leave is long term, for services student was placed back with home district – BPS.

Accepted seats 26-27

K-85

1-10

2-7

3-8

4-4

5-8

6-7

7-6

8-7

Total: 910 students (accepted seats plus current)

May Superintendent Report

Timon and Mount Mercy Leadership projects are wrapping up. Four students did a \$1 dress down for charity, donating the money to Friends of Night People and Kids Escaping Drugs. They also collected money and donations outside of school. Two other boys did a collection for the SPCA. They collected gently used/new blankets, towels, pet toys, leashes and collars. These were dropped off to the SPCA on Harlem Road. Graduation from both programs will take place on May 5 and May 12.

Parent teacher conference day is scheduled for April 30. Grades close on April 24 and report cards will be printed prior to conferences. Quarter 3 awards will take place on May 15.

We had our annual Students vs Teachers Basketball game on Friday, May 1st. After a hard fought battle, the teachers emerged victorious, squeaking out a 46 to 43 victory.

We held our annual PTO sponsored K-4 Math Competition on Friday, May 1st. Over 300 students took the qualifying quizzes, with the top 50 competing in front of their peers. Emily Galligan (a 4th grader) emerged victorious!

Softball and Track will be starting as Spring sports. Softball is new for SBCS this year. We have plenty of kids who want to participate. There are 80 kids on the track team, which runs from grades 5-8.

ELA state testing took place on April 15 and 16 and math will take place on April 28 and 29. Any students who wanted to opt out took a district test instead. The district test mirrored the state test so we can gather similar data. Phone calls were made to all families who wanted to opt out and many were swayed back to taking the state test when they found out all students would be taking a test, either district or state. The state science test for grade 5 and 8 will take place in May. NYSESLAT testing also takes place in April.

Administration met with Erie 1 BOCES to do professional development planning for next year. We scheduled 39 days of professional development as well as learning about a variety of consortiums that our teachers can take part in.

On Wednesday April 22nd Mr. Ehrle, Mr. Wheeler, Ms. Mott, and Mr. Thomas attended the Western New York Family Engagement Conference which was held at Classics V. The conference was attended by many school districts and had a focus on absenteeism and how family engagement can be very preventive. The key note speaker was Dr. Pascal Mubenga, Superintendent from the Buffalo Public Schools.

On Thursday April 23rd members of the faculty from Reach Academy Charter school came to the building to tour and watch the Buffalo State/SBCS Ready Ready program with our 1st graders. Mr. Thomas and Mrs. Dudkowski sat down with them afterwards to answer any questions about the successes of the program and how we started it.

Planning, organizing, discussion has occurred (as indicated in some of the above): 26/27 class list, Staff observation/evaluation norming and domain 4 meetings, 26/27 Teacher placements, PD for 26/27 school year planning, NYS testing in ELA, Math, Science, NYSESLAT, 26/27 Budget.

Girl's Charter Softball League, SBCS to host all league games. Start up season.

Some Leadership will utilize NYSED training in Peer mediation and Restorative Practices during the summer for the next school year.