

Minutes – June 10, 2026
South Buffalo Charter School
Board of Directors Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 5:58 p.m.

Members Present:

In Person: Jen Mack, Kathy Linhardt, Matt Szalkowski, Carine Merritt

Virtual: Anne Marie Tryjankowski, Chris Schafer

Members Absent: None.

Public Comment: None.

Presentation: None.

Board Reports:

- Executive Committee – No meeting.
- Academic Committee – No meeting.
- Facility Committee – No meeting. Waiting for NYS confirmation on Smart Board.
- Finance Committee – No meeting. Schedule of Bills reviewed and in order.
- Human Resources/Appeals Committee – No meeting.

New Business:

- Motion to approve the minutes from the Board Meeting on May 13, 2026, was made by Jen Mack; seconded by Matt Szalkowski. Vote: All in favor.
- Enrollment Summary – See attached.
- Superintendent's Report – See attached.
- Motion to approve no change, to ratify as written, the current SBCS By-Laws was made by Kathy Linhardt; seconded by Matt Szalkowski. Vote: All in favor.
- Motion to approve the sealing/stripping of the SBCS parking lots was made by Jen Mack; seconded by Kathy Linhardt. Vote: All in favor.
- Motion to approve the Natural Gas and Electricity renewal agreements was made by Jen Mack; seconded by Carine Merritt. Vote: All in favor.
- Motion to re-elect officers – Christopher Schafer – President; Anne Marie Tryjankowski – Vice President; Matthew Szalkowski – Treasurer; Kathleen Linhardt – Secretary, was made by Jen Mack; seconded by Carine Merritt. Vote: All in favor.
- Motion to approve the SBCS Schedule of Bills for May 2026 was made by Jen Mack; seconded by Matt Szalkowski. Vote: All in favor.
- Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Anne Marie Tryjankowski; seconded by Matt Szalkowski. Vote: All in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

Enrollment Summary – As of 6/2/2026

GRADE	2025/2026	2024/2025	2023/2024
K	89	99	95
1	94	95	99
2	99	100	99
3	96	99	100
4	101	97	100
5	99	102	100
6	101	93	98
7	90	97	93
8	94	95	93
TOTAL	863	877	877

Accepted seats 26-27

K-97

1-13 = 102 (4)

2-12 = 106

3-8 = 107 (4)

4-5 = 101 (5)

5-8 = 109 (8)

6-8 = 107 (5)

7-6 = 107 (3)

8-11 = 101

Total: 937 students (accepted seats plus current) number in () is waitlist for that grade.

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NY140600 Buffalo City School District	708
NY141800 Lackawanna City School District	65
NY142801 West Seneca Central School District	25
NY140701 Cheektowaga Central School District	21
NY140709 Cheektowaga-Sloan Union Free School District	19
NY140702 Maryvale Union Free School District	5
NY140703 Cleveland Hill Union Free School District	4
NY140707 Depew Union Free School District	4
NY141604 Frontier Central School District	4
NY140201 Amherst Central School District	2
NY400400 Lockport City School District	2
NY141601 Hamburg Central School District	1
NY141901 Lancaster Central School District	1
NY142301 Orchard Park	1
NY142500 Tonawanda City School District	<u>1</u>
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June Superintendent's Report

Slime Day, End of state testing, softball/track, awards ceremonies, etc....

On May 15th, we held our 3rd marking period award assemblies. Over 200 students were honored with both academic and character awards. This was very well attended by parents. In conjunction with the assemblies, the top "Liveschool" point earners were treated to a breakfast as a reward for their positive classroom behaviors.

On May 22nd, we held our annual "First Responder's Day." The event featured 32 teachers getting slimed and two staff members getting their heads shaved by students. Students purchased raffle tickets for these chances for \$.25 each. We were able to raise just over \$1000, which will be donated to the Mercy Hospital Foundation and the Buffalo Fire Department.

Friday May 22nd was also Cultural Day. Students had the opportunity to celebrate different cultures, learn something new, and appreciate the traditions and talents that make our community unique through the students IDEA committee. IDEA stands for Inclusion, Dignity, Equity and Access. Some of the presentations students watched included a martial arts demonstrated from Master Khechens Tae Kwon Doe, a presentation on the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity from Mr. Huff, Irish Folk Songs played by Mr. Anable and Mr. Fletcher, and a traditional lion dance performed by the TMT Lion Dance Team.

Kindergarten Screening will be held on June 15th-17th. Every incoming K student was personally invited and will receive a comprehensive screening by our staff. Parents will receive a tour and have any questions answered at this time. Kindergarten Screening allows us to offer parents tips for early academic intervention and provides us the data to create equal classrooms.

The girls' softball team is off to an undefeated season winning its first four games.

During the month of June our site inspection will occur by Roux Inc. as part of the brownfield agreement. Results will be provided for July.

Every NYS public charter school will have an increase in funding for the school year 26-27. <https://nycharters.net/state-budget/> , in the new budget. Cell phone bans stay as well.

This is an excerpt from Desha's Law. This section is new. Training used to be for high school students. Now there is a requirement to make students aware so they can get help, not necessarily provide the help. We will write about any changes this summer and train in August with staff for student arrival in September.

While the law requires annual safety training for students, the requirements differ from those for staff. Student training should include age and developmentally appropriate information

regarding cardiac arrest and emergency situations, including: • signs of cardiac arrest; • when and how to get help from a teacher, staff person, or other adult; • what students will be expected to do when an emergency occurs; • what an AED is and where they are located in the school. The primary intent of training students is to instruct them when to get help from staff, what the emergency procedures are, and how the students are to follow them - all conducted in a developmentally appropriate manner. Depending on the age of the students, this training may include where AEDs are located, so that older students can assist staff by retrieving the AED during an emergency. Below are information materials 1 that may be used to instruct younger students about the signs of a cardiac emergency:

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QUESTIONS



Signs and Symptoms of Sudden Cardiac Arrest



**Loss of
Consciousness**



**Abnormal Pulse
or Breathing**



**Chest Pain
or Discomfort**



**Abnormal Heart
Rhythms**



**Shortness
of Breath**



**Fatigue and
Weakness**



**Dizziness or
Light-headedness**



**Nausea and
Vomiting**

HEART ATTACK SIGNS



There are newer toileting regulations. I've provided a link. SBCS is mostly compliant - I will have changing stations added to a couple of downstairs bathrooms. We have many events where families and community visit the school, but we do not have stations available for diaper changing. <https://www.regents.nysed.gov/sites/regents/files/526brca3.pdf>

Teaching staff will be creating class lists for the next school year. These lists, once compiled will be brought to the next grade level for discussion prior to year end. Class supply lists will be evaluated and new created for the next school year as well. Administration is working together utilizing data and evaluations to determine teacher placements for next school year.

IReady testing window closes on June 12, end of year data will be prepared and shared with committee after that time.