

Board of Education Workshop
Monday, September 14, 2026
4:30 PM
Buffalo High School
877 Bison Blvd
Buffalo, MN 55313

REPORT

Present: Bob Sansevere, Amanda Lawrence, Sheila Smude, Adam Bjorklund, Angie Greig, Matt Hoffman

Absent: Mike Honsey

1. Presentation: Buffalo High School

Principal Mark Mischke

Presentation that was shared with all staff, at open house, and at class meetings (entire student body). BHS – building the best high school in Minnesota by making connections and building relationships. It's not complicated – be a kind, proud, driven leader.

2. Spring 2026 Activities Report

A. Buffalo Community Middle School

John Hayden, BCMS Activities Director

Highlights: Ton of kids play travel baseball but those coaches need to reinforce playing for middle school baseball as well. Softball numbers were a little low because 12 of the girls played at the high school. Track & Field had record number of athletes at 119. Hosted two meets last year. Tennis is growing at middle school level. We have excellent courts and other schools want to come here for meets. Partnership with Buffalo Heights is so great for our golf program. Intramurals continue to be good because we're so responsive to what kids want to do.

B. Buffalo High School

Nick Guida, BHS Activities Director

Youth Sports are pulling a lot of families. How do we impact the high school and BHM Schools? Our activities spill into the classroom. Success beyond competition: kids are knocking it out of the park, rigor, academically. Student athletes. Combining their in-school every day with their extra-curriculars. Super proud of the balance we provide our kids. Growing numbers in Boys Lacrosse, Girls Golf. Track & Field numbers a little lower. Competitive success: Girls Lacrosse at state meet a highlight.

3. Parent Survey Results

Paul Downer, Communications Coordinator

Family Satisfaction Survey, Spring 2026. Took "neutral" response out of most

questions. 19.8% response rate – 1112 total. Down 3.5% from last year. We plan to provide summary information to families.

4. Levy Certification Update

Ryan Tangen, Director of Finance and Operations

Summary of the preliminary 2026 payable 2027 property tax levy and estimated tax impact.

5. 1st Day Enrollment 2026

Scott Thielman, Superintendent

Elementary levels currently below projections. Secondary schools above projections.

We'll see how it turns out with the October 1st numbers. Total 1st day enrollment 4968.

6. Committee Reports

AL: AMSD

BS: WTC phones were down for 3 weeks