

School District of Borough of Brentwood

September 14, 21, & 28 2026

The information listed below is a *summary* of action taken at the September 14, 2026 Agenda Planning Meetings, the September 21, 2026 General Purpose Meeting, and the September 28, 2026 Committee Meeting. The official minutes of these meetings should

Board NOTES

Dr. Amy M. Burch
Superintendent of Schools

Board of School Directors

Robert Kircher, President
Richard Briner, Vice President
Donna Werner, Secretary
Kristie Kraeuter, Asst. Secretary

David Schaap
Jennifer George
Antonia Focer-Brown
Roger Newman
Michael Gruntz

September 14, 2026 –Agenda Planning Meeting

1. The Board discussed the first reading of the following revised and new policies:

Policy #	Status	Title	Section
102	Revised	Academic Standards (formerly Educational Goals)	Operations
105	Review	Curriculum	Programs
204.2	New	Virtual Attendance and Wellness Checks	Pupils
209	Revised	Health Examinations/Screenings	Pupils
237	Revised	Electronic Devices	Pupils
246	Revised	School Wellness	Pupils
249	Revised	Bullying/Cyberbullying	Pupils
704	Revised	Maintenance	Property
803	Revised	School Calendar	Operations
805.2	Revised	School Security Personnel	Operations
918	Review	Title I Parental and Family Engagement	Community

The above policies will be made available for public review on September 21, 2026, in all school offices, the Superintendent's office, and on the website.

2. The Board ratified the following transportation contracts:
- One student with FirstAlt Operations to PACE school at a daily rate of \$211.90/day starting September 8, 2026.
 - A parent transportation contract for one student to Pathfinder for the 2026-2027 school year.
 - Two students with FirstAlt Operations to Brentwood Middle School at a daily rate of \$180.10/day starting September 14, 2026.
3. Transportation drivers for Buckled In and Sun Coach Line were ratified.
4. The Board accepted the resignation of Ms. Maleah Neiport as a paraprofessional. Ratify the posting of the paraprofessional position.
5. The Board accepted the resignation of Mrs. Sarah Wilson as a paraprofessional. Ratify the posting of the paraprofessional position.
6. The additions to the substitute list were approved.
7. The Board ratified the hiring of Mrs. Renee Gelston for the custodial position.
8. The Board ratified the hiring of Mr. David Rapach for the school counselor position.
9. The Board approved the hiring of Ms. Nicole Yasko as a paraprofessional.
10. The Board ratified following middle school team leaders for the 2026-2027 school year:
Grade 6 – Mrs. Jaime Staab
Grade 7 – Mrs. Stephanie Faust
Grade 8 – Mrs. Kristin Jordan

8. The Board ratified hiring of the following professionals as Elementary Grade Level Leaders for the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 school years:

Rachael Maiden	Kindergarten Grade Level Leader
Amy Smith	1st Grade Level Leader
Karri Forsyth	2nd Grade Level Leader
Mindy Golvash	3rd Grade Level Leader
Jessica Downey	4th Grade Level Leader
Sheri Duing	5th Grade Level Leader

9. The Board ratified the hiring leaders for the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 school years of the following:
- Ms. Rebecca Hagerty as the Elementary Mathematics leader.
 - Mrs. Lindsay Vinay and Mrs. Lynne Zietak as the Elementary English Language Arts leaders.
 - Mrs. Jamie Dobson as the Elementary Science leader.

12. The Board ratified the approval of the following department chair leaders for 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 school years:

Michael Spano	Health and Phys. Ed. Department Chair
Christopher Weaver	Science Department Chair High School
Diana Kleinhampl	Special Education Department Chair High School
Jennifer Ditoro	Social Studies Department High School
Katy Phillips	Math Department Chair

13. The Board ratified the approving the following Canvas Mentors to be paid for out of Title II funds:

Brentwood Elementary-	Mr. Jeff Wastchak
Brentwood Elementary-	Ms. Jess Downey
Middle School-	Mrs. Jaime Staab
High School-	Mrs. Marcia Schweitzer

14. An educational services agreement with the Watson Institute for one student for the 2026-2027 school year at a total cost of \$69,148 was ratified.

September 21, 2026 – General Purpose Meeting

- Dr. Amy Burch gave the following presentations:
 - Student Devices and Practices
 - Transition to Brentwood Elementary
1. The minutes from the August 10, 2026 Agenda Planning Meeting and the August 17, 2026 General Purpose Meeting were approved.
 2. The General Fund 10, the Statement of Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Cash Balances for the period ending August 31, 2026 were approved; approved bill payments for the period August 18 thru September 21, 2026; and budget transfers for the 2025-2026 school year. In addition, the Board acknowledged receipt of the bank letter and tax collector's summary report.
 3. The quote from South Hills Movers in the amount of \$17,661 to move the boxes and supplies to the new Brentwood Elementary from the former Elroy and Moore elementaries was accepted.
 4. A no cost change order #EC-2A from Blackhawk Neff extending the completion date of project to November 20, 2026, was approved.
 5. The Board approved the 2026-2027 Brentwood Elementary Family & Student Handbook and the 2026-2027 MS and HS Family & Student Handbook.
 6. The Board tabled the motion to approve the continuation of the Chief Executive Officer (CXO) position for the 2026-2027 school year. This initiative is being paid for with funds from the Grable Foundation.
 7. The Sun Coach Line drivers were ratified.
 8. A transportation contract for one student with Quigley to Wesley Bridge School at a daily rate of \$141/day starting September 8, 2026 was ratified.

9. The Superintendent was authorized to apply for the 2026 Safety and Mental Health Grant (#50590). The funds will be used to purchase new cameras, potentially update ADA access, and partially fund the school psychologist salary and benefits. The grant amount total is \$148,572.00.
10. The Board approved a girls' varsity and junior varsity wrestling co-op agreement between the Brentwood Borough School District, the Baldwin Whitehall School District, and the South Park School District for the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 school years.
11. The Board approved the hiring of the following:
 - Mr. Galen McKinney as the Music Mentor for the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 school years.
 - Mrs. Whitney Reynolds as the School Counselor Mentor for the 2026-2027 school year.
 - Mrs. Terri Kauric as the School Counselor Mentor for the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 school years.
12. The Board approved the hiring of Mrs. Kristen White as a paraprofessional.
13. The additional volunteers for the 2026-2027 school year were approved.
14. The Board accepted a Highmark Foundation Grant in the amount of \$2,000.
15. The Board approved the 2026 PSBA Officer candidates as follows:
 - President: Matt Vannoy -Sharon City School District
 - Vice President: Kristy Bolte-Northwestern School District
 - Treasurer: David Hein -Parkland School District
 - Trustees: Marianne L. Neel -West Jefferson Hills School District, and Dr. Michael Faccinetto -Bethlehem Area School District
16. The Board entered into an agreement with the Allegheny Intermediate Unit (AIU3) and the Brentwood Borough School District to participate in the BridgeUp Teach Program.
17. The Board entered into an agreement with the AIU to participate in the Bridges to Wellness Program at no cost to the District.
18. Ms. Antonia Focer-Brown was approved to attend the 2026 PASA-PSBA School Leadership Conference in Poconos, Pennsylvania, from October 18-20, 2026. The costs of the trip will be covered as per Policy 004.
19. The Board approved tenure for Ms. Erin Meckler and Ms. Abbey Bordone.

September 28, 2026 – Committee Meeting

- Mrs. Nancy Rounsely presented an update on Brentwood Elementary.

1. The AIU Title I Non-Public School Agreement from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027 was ratified.

The October Board meetings:

Monday, October 12, 2026	Agenda Planning Meeting @ 7pm in the Board Room
Monday, October 19, 2026	General Purpose Meeting @ 7pm in the Board Room
Monday, October 26, 2026	Committee Meeting @ 7pm in the Board Room
Tuesday, October 27, 2026	Joint School Board/ Borough Council Meeting @ 7pm in the BHS Cafeteria

