

**Beechwood High School
SBDM Council
Meeting Minutes
July 8, 2026
4:00 pm-TLC**

- Call to Order: Beechwood High School's SBDM Council meeting was called to order at 4:06 on Wednesday, July 8th by Jessica Pass and seconded by Celeste Brockett. The following group members were present for the meetings: Celeste Brockett, Selena Ballou, Julie Hart, Loni Gentry, and Joe Tafirenyika
- Approval of the Agenda
 - Motion to approve the agenda: Loni Gentry, seconded by Selena Ballou approved by consensus
- Approval of the Minutes
 - Motion to approve the June SBDM minutes: Loni Gentry, seconded by Selena Ballou, approved by consensus
 - Motion to approve the special meeting minutes from June 17th: Loni Gentry, seconded by Selena Ballou, approved by consensus
- Audience of Citizens
 - There was no audience of citizens
- Good News Report
 - Jessica Pass shared her excitement about being a part of Beechwood
 - The band is in full swing, getting ready for the new season
 - Group of Beechwood students participating at Cooperstown
 - Santafest parade float was awesome in the 4th of July parade
 - Tyler Fryman committed to UK to play both football and baseball
 - AP Scores
 - Working really hard on the floors in the high school, and they look great
 - All hiring is completed
 - Molly Seifert is up for KY High School Teacher of the Year
 - Megan Minton won an award from Gateway that comes with a student scholarship
- Old Business
 - No old business
- New Business
 - Meetings were proposed to be the second Wednesday of each month at 4 pm in TLC. Will revisit the recurring meeting schedule to confirm with the whole SBDM in August.
 - Ashley Ritchie will be secretary, Erin Goetz will be the chair, and Selena Ballou will be vice chair. Motion by Celeste Brockett and seconded by Joe Tafirenyika, approved by consensus
 - In God We Trust is displayed in the cafeteria
 - Reviewed Open Records and Open Meetings Act
 - Reviewed Managing Government Records

- All committee members signed the certificate of receipt or distribution
- Reviewed Student-Parent Handbook: Made edits suggested by the SBDM council.
 - Parent vs. Doctor Note
 - AI and Plagiarism, Go Guardian
 - Need to update graduation requirements to match the Program of Studies
 - Update Clubs
 - Need to revisit the dress code-Is it possible to take away the specifics (i.e short lengths, open backs) and leave inappropriate slogans, messages, etc
 - Cell Phone Policy
 - Motion to approve the draft of the parent handbook with suggested edits by Selena Ballou, seconded by Celeste Brockett, and approved by consensus
- Reviewed EAP Handbook: Motion to approve by Loni Gentry, seconded by Selena Ballou, approved by consensus
- Reviewed Student Athlete Handbook: Motion to approve by Loni Gentry, seconded by Joe Tafirenyika, approved by consensus
 - Add swimming as a sport that students can “play up.” Can other sports play up?
 - Add the definition of what playing up means
- Reviewed Athletic Handbook: Motion to approve by Loni Gentry, Selena Ballou seconded, approved by consensus
- Reviewed Coaches Handbook: Motion to approve by Celeste Brockett, seconded by Joe Tafirenyika, approved by consensus
- Reviewed Title IX Handbook: Motion to approve by Joe Tafirenyika, seconded by Loni Gentry, approved by consensus
- Reviewed internship handbook: Motion to approve by Loni Gentry, seconded by Selena Ballou approved by consensus
- Policy Review
 - No new policies were reviewed
- Budget Review
 - Jessica shared her budget philosophy and said that she wants to say yes to teachers and kids as much as possible

- Will follow the rule of 20% for safety
 - Talk to coaches about what is in their budget and their plan
- Principal's Report
 - Working on July update for students and families and also an update to staff
 - Shared local accountability dashboard
 - Talked about lab classes and their purpose. Shared a research-based reading intervention (Xtreme Reading) resource to support teachers teaching lab classes. Excited that it's a teacher-based program.
 - SBDM Training is July 20th
 - New Members 8:30-3
 - Experienced Members 12:30-3
 - Talked about the master schedule and the opportunity to make a few changes for the upcoming school year.
 - Cell phones will be a continued discussion throughout the school year
- Upcoming Dates
 - Cabinet Retreat 7/14-15
 - HS Admin Retreat 7/16
 - New Student Orientation 8/5
 - New Staff Orientation 8/6
 - Beechwood Community Night 8/7
 - Staff Report 8/10
- Motion to adjourn: Selena Ballou motioned to adjourn and seconded by Celeste Brockett. The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.