

# **Barre Supervisory Union Tri-Board Planning Retreat**

**Barre Supervisory Union Board Spaulding  
Union High School District Board  
Barre City School District Board  
Barre Town School District Board**

**June 21, 2016**

**Spaulding High School Library  
155 Ayers Street, Barre VT 05641**

## **Minutes**

### **SHS/CVCC Board Members Present**

Carlotta Simmonds-Perantoni

Joe Blakely

Anthony Folland

J. Guy Isabelle

Lucas Herring

**Absent:** Ed Rouse, David LaCroix

### **BCEMS Members Present**

Sonya Spaulding

Jim Carrien

Tyler Smith

Joe Blakey

Giulano Cecchinelli, II

Michael Deering

**Absent:** Anita Chadderton, Sedillia Jenkins

### **BTMES Members Present**

Brenda Buzzell

Brent Tewksbury

Chad Allen

Kristin McCarthy

**Absent:** Jay Paterson

### **Staff Present**

John Pandolfo, Superintendent

### **Guest Present**

Harry Frank, Vermont School Boards Association

### **Call to Order**

Chad Allen, Chair called the BSU meeting to order at 5:12 PM, Sonya Spaulding, Chair called the BCEMS meeting to order at 5:12 PM , Brenda Buzzell, Chair, called the BTEMS meeting to order at 5:13 PM, Carlotta Simmonds-Perantoni, Chair, called the SHS/CVCC meeting to order at 5:13 PM.

### **Additions and Deletions to the Agenda**

Chad asked to have item 5 moved up before items 3 and 4. John announced that were folders for each Board that needed signatures for Revenues Anticipation Notes (for borrowing needed before tax money comes in).

### **VSBA Facilitated Discussion**

Harry Frank, VSBA representative, outlined what the evening would look like. He also referenced the State Statute, Title 16, section 261 that speaks to the Board's role as it relates to curriculum. He asked each board member to introduce themselves, tell which Board they serve on and how many years they have served and the thing they most like about their school. Harry outlined what he thought were themes that folks outlined. They were: pride, staff, success, personalized attention, and fiscal responsibility.

He then asked to have the group break up into four small groups to discuss the following:

What do we know about the way that students learn?

What do you want your students to know and be able to do?

How will the Board enable the school system to achieve those ends?

Identify common goals for student learning and Board work.

Group Work Results:

Group 1:

Be able to access information  
Support teachers and learning

Group 2:

We want our kids to know how to know  
Ask students what defines success

Group 3:

Caring persons/good citizens  
Supporting every child/all kids count

Group 4:

Problem solving/perseverance  
Baseline of skills that are monitored  
Understand and use technology  
Be able to function in society  
Support personal based learning  
Communication  
Support adequate budget and resources  
Support and build relationships/mentoring/internships

John spoke to the documents that were included in the Board packets. They include mission vision statements for each school as well core values, beliefs, and learning expectations for each school. Frank asked folks to review those and to each state what words or phrases are most important to each member. The resulting themes were:

Social Agency  
Personal responsibility  
Problem solving and reflection  
Child centered/inclusion  
Teachers/students/parents  
Community emphasis  
Global learner and accountability  
Spirit/take risks/provide support  
Creativity/confidence/ethical/empathy  
All students can succeed/uniqueness  
Learning how to learn/learning best by doing  
Students learn at different rates  
Respect and dignity/nurturing environment

Time was running short so Harry suggested that John pick out the one to three pieces that are most essential for the Boards to work on. He will return in October and February to follow-up on what was discussed in the training.

### **BSU minutes**

Joe moved to approve the minutes of the May 17<sup>th</sup> BSU meeting. Guy seconded the motion. Motion passed with no abstentions or dissensions. John reminded folks that we will meet on July 21<sup>st</sup>.

### **Superintendent's report**

John referenced the report he had included in the packet. He asked if there were any questions. He did update the Act 46 timeline and shared what the board membership may look like. It is leaning towards a nine member board with 3 from Barre, three from Barre Town, and three at large. He highlighted some of the details in the latest labor relations/custodial agreement. That looks like will be ratified in the next few days.

**Adjourn**

Brent moved to adjourn the BTEMS meeting, Kristin seconded. Motion was approved.

Joe moved to adjourn the SHS/CVCC meeting. Tony seconded. Motion passed.

Jim moved to adjourn the BCEMS meeting. Sonya seconded. Motion passed.

Carlotta moved to adjourn the BSU meeting, Guy seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The training and Board meetings ended at 8:01 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

J. Guy Isabelle

Clerk

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