MEMORANDUM

TO:       Barre City School Board Finance Committee
          Sarah Pregent, Chair
          Jennifer Chioldi
          Andy McMichael

DATE:     April 12, 2017

RE:       BC School District Finance Committee Meeting
           April 25, 2017 @ 5:45p.m.
           BCEMS Conference Room

AGENDA

1.   Call to order

2.   Additions or deletions to the agenda

3.   Approval of any previous minutes
     3.1  March 20, 2017

4.   Discussion
     4.1  Current vs. Budget with year-end projections
     4.2  Year-round regular reports
     4.3  Summary of RFPs/Summer Projects

5.   Old Business
     5.1  Budget Revote

6.   Other Business

7.   Adjourn

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C:       Full Board
          John Pandolfo
          James Taffel
          Jacquelyn Ramsey-Tolman
          Stacy Anderson
          Pierre Laflamme
          Lisa Perreault
          James Carrién
BCEMS School Board
Finance Committee

Meeting Minutes
March 20, 2017

Board Members Present: Sarah Pregent (Committee Chair), Andy McMichael, Jennifer Chiodi and Sonya Spaulding, (Jim Carrien, former Board Member and Committee Chair)

Administrators and Staff Present: John Pandolfo, Jacquelyn Ramsay-Tolman, Stacy Anderson, Lisa Perreault, Jamie Evans

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Pregent at 5:45 pm.

Discussion regarding recent legislative decisions was added to the agenda.

Upon motion (Spaulding/Pregent) duly adopted, the committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the January 26, 2017 meeting, with the contingency that a correction be made to clarify Act 166 as Act 153.

Mrs. Perrault presented information detailing potential cuts that could be made to the FY18 budget. The proposal documented specific items that could be cut and contained the final equalized per pupil rate, which was revised from the initial budget proposal. Mrs. Spaulding posed the question as to whether the administration was proposing removing all items within the proposal. As Barre City has one of the lowest spending budgets per pupil, further cutting technology and security services may be detrimental to the students. Several committee members mentioned the need for education to the voters around the per pupil spending within Barre City as opposed to surrounding Districts. Discussion ensued around allowing the administration to decide which items to cut, but to attempt to lower the overall spending per pupil increase to 4.9% and bring the proposal to the Tri-Board meeting on March 23, 2017.

Mr. Pandolfo requested that the administration put in the next newsletter home to parents that there was the ability to register to vote at the school and that absentee ballots could be requested at any time. It was discussed that these items would be added to the school’s social media pages as well.

No other business.

Upon motion duly adopted, the committee voted unanimously to adjourn at 6:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Pregent, Finance Committee Chair