

# **Barre City School District**

## **SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**

### **BCEMS Library**

#### **MISSION STATEMENT**

We are committed to providing a challenging educational environment that encourages high performance in a nurturing atmosphere characterized by dignity and respect.

**April 10, 2017**

**5:30 p.m.**

#### **REGULAR MEETING**

#### **AGENDA**

1. Call to Order; Pledge of Allegiance
2. Additions and/or Deletions to Agenda
3. Visitors and Communications
4. Approval of Minutes
  - 4.1 Approval of Minutes – March 13, 2017 Regular Meeting
  - 4.2 Approval of Tri-Board Minutes - March 23, 2017
5. New Business
  - 5.1 Student Presentation - "The History of the Barre Granite Industry with an Emphasis on Trains"
  - 5.2 Resignation
  - 5.3 FY18 Budget Revote
  - 5.4 Worker's Compensation Data
  - 5.5 Rescind Policies: GCE, JFABDE, JFCF, JFCH-JFCI, JK, JO, JP, IFA, IGBFB, IIAD, IJOC, EF
  - 5.6 Swipe Cards
6. Old Business
  - 6.1 Second and Final Reading Acceptable Use of Electronic Resources & the Internet (G11)
  - 6.2 Second and Final Reading Special Education (G15)
  - 6.3 Second and Final Reading Proficiency-Based Learning (G20)
  - 6.4 Labor Relation Agreements
7. Board Reports
  - 7.1 Superintendent
  - 7.2 Principals
  - 7.3 Committee Reports
  - 7.4 Financial
8. Round Table/Future Agenda Items
9. Executive Session
  - 9.1 Personnel
10. Adjournment

#### **Reminders:**

**Next Barre City School Board Meeting:**

**May 8, 2017**

**Next Spaulding High School Board Meeting:**

**April 13, 2017**

**Next Supervisory Union #61 Board Meeting:**

**April 20, 2017**

**Next Barre Town Elementary School Board Meeting:**

**May 3, 2017**

### BOARD MEETING NORMS

- Keep the best interest of the school and children in mind, while balancing the needs of the taxpayers
- Make decisions based on clear information
- Honor the board's decisions
- Keep meetings short and on time
- Stick to the agenda
- Keep remarks short and to the point
- Everyone gets a chance to talk before people take a second turn
- Respect others and their ideas

# BARRE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

**REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**  
Barre City Elementary and Middle School –Library  
March 13, 2017 - 5:30 p.m.

## MINUTES

### BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sonya Spaulding – Chair  
Giuliano Cecchinelli, II – Vice Chair  
Tyler Smith - Clerk  
Jennifer Chioldi  
Sarah Pregent

### BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Michael Deering  
Andrew McMichael

### ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:

John Pandolfo, Superintendent  
James Taffel, Principal  
Jackie Tolman, Principal  
Pierre Laflamme, Assistant Principal  
Stacy Anderson, Director of Special Services

### GUESTS PRESENT:

Video Vision Tech	Dave Delcore-Times Argus	Brian Burgess	Samantha Dean	Jon Pierce
Nick Pierce	Emily Grace Spaulding	Max Spaulding	Miranda Walbridge	

#### **1. Call to Order: Pledge of Allegiance**

The Superintendent, Mr. Pandolfo, called the Monday, March 13, 2017, Regular meeting to order at 5:39 p.m., which was held at the Barre City Elementary and Middle School Library. The flag salute followed.

#### **2. New Board Member Interview**

A letter of interest from Andrew McMichael was distributed. It was noted that Mr. McMichael was on the Board recently, but was not able to commit to running for the 3 year seat. Mr. McMichael is interested in being appointed for a term of one year. Mr. McMichael is not available for interviewing this evening. **On a motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Cecchinelli, the Board unanimously voted to appoint Andrew McMichael to fill the vacant Board seat for a term of one year.**

#### **3. Additions and/or Deletions to the Agenda**

Agenda Item 6.1 Board Reorganization – will be discussed out of order. Discussion will occur after Agenda Item 4 (Visitors).

#### **4. Visitors and Communications**

Brian Burgess addressed the Board and presented a slide show of students and staff participating in the Penguin Plunge. The team from BCEMS raised over \$4000 for Special Olympics, of which approximately \$400 will be returned to BCEMS for use in the Unified Sports Program. Students provided brief overviews of their enjoyment and experience participating in this event. It is hoped that in future years the number of participants can be increased. Mr. Burgess and the students answered questions from the Board. It was noted that participants and spectators enjoyed the 'energy' of this fund raising event.

#### **5. Approval of Minutes**

##### **5.1 Approval of Minutes – February 13, 2017 Regular Meeting**

Mr. Pandolfo reminded the Board that individuals who were not in attendance at the February 13<sup>th</sup> meeting, are still eligible to vote. **On a motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Chioldi, the Board unanimously voted to approve the Minutes of the February 13, 2017 Regular Meeting.**



## **6. New Business**

### **6.1 Board Reorganization**

VSBA Board Re-organization documentation was distributed. It was confirmed that all Board Members have taken the oath of office. Mr. Pandolfo advised regarding Board re-organization, provided an overview of the slides contained in the documentation, including a review of the Oath of Office document, advised of the Essential Work of School Boards Workshop meetings (one of which will be held locally on 04/06/17), and requested nominations for the position of Board Chair.

**Mr. Cecchinelli nominated Sonya Spaulding for the position of Board Chair, seconded by Mr. Smith.** There were no additional nominations. **The Board unanimously voted to elect Mrs. Spaulding as Board Chair.** Mrs. Spaulding chaired the remainder of the meeting.

**Mr. Smith nominated Giuliano Cecchinelli, II for the position of Vice-Chair, seconded by Mrs. Chioldi.** There were no additional nominations. **The Board unanimously voted to elect Mr. Cecchinelli as Vice Chair.**

**Mr. Cecchinelli nominated Tyler Smith for the position of Clerk, seconded by Mrs. Chioldi.** There were no additional nominations. **The Board unanimously voted to elect Mr. Smith as Clerk.**

**The Board appointed Mrs. Spaulding, Mr. Cecchinelli, and Mr. Smith as Representatives to the Barre Supervisory Union Board.**

There will be a meeting of the Tri-Board on Thursday, March 23, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the Spaulding High School Library. All Board Members are asked to attend this meeting. The Board Chair and new Board Members are asked to arrive at 5:00 p.m. to attend the New Board Member Orientation Meeting.

Mr. Pandolfo recommends the formation of Curriculum, and Policy committees at the SU level, with elimination of these committees at the district level. The Negotiations Committee is currently an SU level committee. The recommendation to form SU level Finance and Facilities Committees is not feasible at this time as not all Boards are agreeable to this change. **Mrs. Spaulding will work on committee assignments and e-mail Board Members regarding her proposed assignment for each committee.**

**The Board was agreeable to SU level Curriculum and Policy Committees.**

**On a motion by Mr. Cecchinelli, seconded by Mr. Smith, the Board unanimously voted to authorize the Board Chair to sign Teacher Contracts and other contracts, as approved by the Board.**

**The Board agreed to hold Board meetings on the second Monday of each month, at 5:30 p.m. at the BCEMS Library, and to reserve the fourth Monday of each month for an additional Board Meeting (when necessary).**

**The Board agreed that the date of the 2017 Board Retreat will be discussed at the Tri-Board Meeting.**

**The Board agreed to post Agendas and Minutes at Barre City Elementary and Middle School, the Supervisory Union, the Barre City Clerk's Office, and on the BCEMS web site.**

**The Board agreed to use Roberts Rules.**

**Board Members reviewed and signed copies of the 'Code of Ethics For Vermont School Board Members' document.** Mr. Pandolfo will follow up with Mr. Deering and Mr. McMichael.

**The Board reviewed communication practices, Board development opportunities, and Board advocacy.** Mrs. Spaulding reiterated the importance of Board Chairs and new or newly appointed Board Members attending the 5:00 p.m. Board Orientation Meeting on March 23, 2017. The meeting will be held in the SHS Library and the Tri-Board meeting will follow at 6:00 p.m. The Board was advised that information shared as a discussion (verbally, electronically or written), outside of board meetings, violates the Open Meeting Law. Board Members were cautioned that use of personal e-mail accounts for Board business, can result in personal e-mail accounts being subject to review under a public records request. Discussion also included emphasis on using the proper chain of command for communication and/or resolution of concerns/complaints. Mr. Pandolfo provided an overview of items that can be discussed in Executive Session and distributed laminated copies of the 'Open Meeting Law 1 V.S.A. §§ 310-314' document to new Board Members. Board Members were also advised regarding development and advocacy opportunities such as VSBA meetings and Legislative Breakfasts.

**The Board agreed to designate the Times Argus and The World as the newspaper publications to be utilized for meeting notices, warnings and employment advertisements.** Chief spokespersons for the Board are the Board Chair and the Superintendent.



## **6.2 Update: Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports Presentation (PBIS)**

Pierre LaFlamme distributed a document titled 'How are we using data to inform our practice?' The document contained information pertaining to student referrals for behavior support. The report contained breakdowns of information by student counts and counts for various problem behaviors. Mr. LaFlamme began the presentation with a 'tour' of the elementary and middle school bulletin boards located in the first floor hallway. Mr. LaFlamme provided an overview of the posted information including discussion of 'Handle with Care' training and procedures (for the use of restraint and seclusion). The Board returned to the library, where Mr. LaFlamme led a discussion providing an overview of the data contained in the distributed document, and advised that the data assists with making better allocations of staff. Review of data as a whole and by individual students, helps determine patterns, identify possible triggers for behavior and identify students who are in crisis. Mr. LaFlamme answered questions from the Board and provided information, including use of data to assess effectiveness of interventions, staff meetings, an increase in 'defiance' issues, and scenarios of progressions for students not benefiting from interventions being employed.

## **6.3 First Reading Acceptable Use of Electronic Resources & the Internet (G11)**

Copies of policies in Agenda Items 6.3 through 6.5 were distributed. Mr. Pandolfo provided an overview of these BSU policies, which were approved some time ago by the BSU Board.

**On a motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Cecchinelli, the Board unanimously voted to approve the First Readings of the policies referenced in Agenda Items 6.3 through 6.5. (G11, G15, and G20)**

## **6.4 First Reading Special Education (G15)**

Approved under Agenda Item 6.3.

## **6.5 First Reading Proficiency-Based Learning (G20)**

Approved under Agenda Item 6.3.

## **6.6 FY18 Budget Revote**

A document titled 'Email Response to interview questions posed by the Montpelier Bridge – March 10, 2017' was distributed. Mrs. Spaulding advised that the BCEMS budget did not pass and that it needed to be reviewed and revised. It was noted that it would be good to align the vote date with the Barre Town Municipal Vote on May 9, 2017. To accomplish a vote on that date requires that a new budget be warned by March 30, 2017. It was noted that Barre City does not have to use the same date as Barre Town. It was noted that the cost per equalized pupil (\$12,564) brings down the City portion of the tax rate. It was noted that the % increase listed, as required on the ballot, is misleading and does not truly represent the budget increase. The Board agreed to have administrators review the budget and make suggestions for reductions. The Board will try to meet next week to review/approve the proposed changes, and hope to have the Board vote on a revised budget at the March 23, 2017 Tri-Board Meeting. Information pertaining to the re-vote of the budget will be posted on Front Porch Forum and Face Book. Mrs. Spaulding will contact Carol Dawes regarding an updated voter check list and information regarding absentee voting.

## **7. Old Business**

### **7.1 Second and Final Reading Federal Child Nutrition Act Wellness Policy (F28)**

Copies of the policies referenced in Agenda Items 7.1 and 7.2 were distributed. Mrs. Spaulding provided an overview of these BSU level policies which have been approved by the BSU Board.

**On a motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Pregent, the Board unanimously voted to approve the Second and Final Readings of the policies referenced in Agenda Items 7.1 and 7.2 (F28 and G14), and agreed to ratify said policies.**

### **7.2 Second and Final Reading Class Size Policy (G14)**

Approved under Agenda Item 7.2.

### **7.3 Labor Relations Agreements**

Mr. Pandolfo advised that negotiations with teachers has reached impasse. Mediation with the teachers is scheduled for April 27, 2017. Mr. Pandolfo is obtaining clarification regarding whether or not mediation is to be held in Executive Session. Though the Negotiations Committee feels that Mediated Fact Finding would be more efficient and is a preferred way to proceed, the Teachers Association will not agree to Mediated Fact Finding at this time. The February 22, 2017 meeting with para-educators resulted in minimal progress. The next meeting with para-educators is being scheduled (waiting to hear back from the para-educators). Negotiations with Custodial/Maintenance staff (represented by AFSCME- American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees) have not started. Mr. Pandolfo met with the new bargainer. Four meetings have been scheduled; 03/29/17, 04/03/17, 04/11/17, and 04/25/17. The March 29, 2017 meeting will include an insurance presentation. Meetings will be held at Spaulding High School; beginning at 6:00 p.m., and are open meetings.



## **8. Board Reports**

### **8.1 Superintendent**

A copy of the Superintendent's report dated March 6, 2017 was distributed. The report included information pertaining to; Negotiations, Health Care (transitioning to the new VEHI plans in January 2018), SU Office renovations, and the Tri-Board Meeting which is scheduled for March 23, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. (new Board Member Orientation will take place at 5:00 p.m.). A memorandum from Rebecca Holcombe, Ed.D., Secretary of Education (dated 02/28/17) was distributed. The document pertains to 'Our Responsibility for the Learning of our Students'. Mr. Pandolfo had nothing to add to the written report, but encouraged Board Members to read the comprehensive and informative memorandum from Secretary of Education, Rebecca Holcombe. Mr. Pandolfo reminded the Board of the Tri-Board Meeting on March 23, 2017. The Board Chair and new Board Members should attend the session beginning at 5:00 p.m. The Tri-Board Meeting will commence at 6:00 p.m. and requires of quorum (minimum of 4) BCEMS Board Members.

### **8.2 Principals Report**

A copy of the Co-Principals' report dated March 2017 was distributed. The report included information pertaining to; administration of required WIDA ACCESS tests, NAEP testing, a literacy night (held on 02/16/17), SBAC Testing (which begins on 03/27/17 and ends during the week of 05/23/17), a comprehensive program for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students transitioning to Spaulding High School, the Girls on the Run program, and the district's joint music program which will be held on Thursday, March 16, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Spaulding High School gymnasium. Mr. Taffel highlighted the Art Show now on exhibit at the Aldrich Library and encouraged Board Members to view the fabulous display of artwork. NAEP Assessments have been completed. The 'outside' NAEP proctors/monitors commented on the preparedness of teachers and student cooperation. Ms. Tolman advised of the many 8<sup>th</sup> grade-to-high school transition events and announced that BCEMS has secured 30 spots at the Boston Red Sox Science/Technology Workshop Day to be held on 04/06/17. Ms. Tolman advised that she believes attendance at this event will be 100% grant funded.

### **8.3 Committee Reports**

**Policy** – The Policy Committee has not met recently. The next BSU Policy Committee Meeting will be on Monday, April 17, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the BSU Office (this meeting may be rescheduled, as it falls on the week of April vacation).

**Curriculum** – The Committee met on 02/20/17 for discussion of Reading Intervention and chronic absences. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 27, 2017. Items slated for discussion include; Math Lab, Summer School, and Truancy.

**Facility/Security** – The Committee has not met recently. The next meeting will be scheduled after committee assignments are finalized.

**Finance** – There will not be a February meeting. The next meeting date is to be announced. Discussion will include end of year financial information.

### **8.4 Financial Report**

The BCEMS Expense Budget Status Report (dated 03/01/17) was distributed. It was noted that the report does not include revenue or the BSU portion for Special Education and Transportation. Mr. Pandolfo will be working with Business Manager, Lisa Perreault regarding creation of a report that provides additional information.

## **9. Round Table/Future Agenda Items**

Mr. Taffel welcomed new Board Members; Jennifer Chioldi and Sarah Pregent.

Mrs. Chioldi and Mrs. Pregent advised they are pleased to be on the Board.

Mrs. Anderson spoke highly of the Penguin Plunge. Due to the timing of the February vacation, the Unified Sports Team did not participate in the snowshoeing competition at Suicide Six, but were taken on a field trip to Millstone Trails. The next Unified Sport will be bocce. Bocce practices will begin in a couple of weeks.

Ms. Tolman announced that it is great to be returning to Board Meetings. Fuel Up To Play 60 and Girls on the Run are holding a fund raising event this week; Breakfast for Dinner will be held on Wednesday, March 15, 2017 from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30p.m.

Mrs. Spaulding welcomed the new Board Members.

Curriculum Committee – Monday, March 27, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. in the BCEMS Conference Room

**BSU Policy Committee** - Monday, April 17, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the BSU Office (this meeting may be rescheduled, as it falls on the week of April vacation).

Facilities Committee – To be announced.

Finance Committee – To be announced.



**10. Executive Session**

**10.1 Personnel**

A Personnel Item was proposed for discussion in Executive Session.

**On a motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Cecchinelli, the Board unanimously voted to enter into Executive Session, with Mr. Pandolfo in attendance, at 7:55 p.m. under the provisions of 1 VSA section 313 to discuss the item proposed for discussion.**

The remaining information was provided by the Board Clerk.

**On a motion by Mr. Cecchinelli, seconded by Mrs. Pregent, the Board unanimously voted to exit Executive Session at 8:05 p.m.**

**11. Adjournment**

**On a motion by Mr. Cecchinelli, seconded by Mrs. Pregent, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:06 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,  
*Andrea Poulin*

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**BARRE SUPERVISORY UNION #61 SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REGULAR TRI-BOARD MEETING**

**BARRE SUPERVISORY UNION BOARD  
BARRE CITY SCHOOL BOARD  
BARRE TOWN SCHOOL BOARD  
SPAULDING HIGH SCHOOL BOARD**

Spaulding High School - Library  
March 23, 2017 - 6:00 p.m.

**MINUTES**

**BCEMS BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Sonya Spaulding- Chair  
Guiliano Cecchinelli, II – Vice Chair  
Tyler Smith - Clerk  
Jennifer Chioldi  
Andrew McMichael  
Sarah Pregent

**BCEMS BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Michael Deering

**BTMES BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Chad Allen - Chair  
Jay Paterson – Vice Chair  
Alice Farrell - Clerk  
Jennifer Hutchinson  
Kristin McCarthy

**BTMES BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**SHS BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Paul Malone - Chair  
Tim Boltin  
Anthony Folland  
J. Guy Isabelle

**SHS BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

David LaCroix – Vice Chair  
Joe Blakely - Clerk  
Ed Rousse

**ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:**

John Pandolfo, Superintendent

**GUESTS PRESENT:**

Video Vision Tech      Dave Delcore-Times Argus

**1. Call to Order**

The BCEMS Chair, Mrs. Spaulding, called the Thursday, March 23, 2017, meeting to order at 6:07 p.m., which was held at the Spaulding High School Library.

The BTMES Chair, Mr. Allen, called the Thursday, March 23, 2017, meeting to order at 6:07 p.m., which was held at the Spaulding High School Library.

The SHS Chair, Mr. Malone, called the Thursday, March 23, 2017, meeting to order at 6:07 p.m., which was held at the Spaulding High School Library.



## **2. Additions and/or Deletions to the Agenda**

### **Add 4.6 Committee Restructure**

## **3. Visitors and Communications**

Board Members introduced themselves. There were no visitors.

## **4. New Business**

### **4.1 Meeting Norms**

A document listing BSU Board Meeting Norms and BCEMS Ground Rules for Meetings was distributed. Mr. Pandolfo distributed a copy of a document titled 'BARRE SUPERVISORY UNION BOARD MEMBERS 2017-18'. The document contains contact information for Board Members and lists the Board Members who are representatives on the Supervisory Union Board. Board Members reviewed a copy of the Meeting Norms. After brief discussion, it was the consensus of each Board to use the 'BSU BOARD MEETING NORMS' with the addition of 2 items from the BCEMS Ground Rules list. The two items to be added are: 'Make decisions based on clear information', and 'Keep the best interest of the school and children in mind, while balancing the needs of the taxpayers'. Mr. Allen would like to see the listing posted on foam boards and displayed at each board meeting.

### **4.2 2016 – 2017 Calendar – Make-Up Days**

A copy of the 'Regional Calendar - Barre Supervisory Union 2016-17 Calendar' was distributed. Mr. Pandolfo advised of 4 snow days for the 2016/2017 academic year. Graduation for SHS is scheduled for Saturday, June 17, 2017. It is the Superintendent's recommendation to make up snow days in the following manner; Thursday and Friday (06/15/17 and 06/16/17) would be student days. Monday and Tuesday (06/19/17 and 06/20/17) would be staff-only days. It was the consensus of the Tri-Board, to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent. The decision on whether the last day of school will be a full day or a half-day, will be determined by Administration at a later date. Mr. Cecchinelli suggested that during future school calendar discussions, administrators consider using April Vacation days for make-up days. It was noted that some schools use Saturdays for make-up days.

### **4.3 2017 – 2018 BSU Calendar**

A copy of '16 V.S.A. § 1071. School year and school day' was distributed. A copy of draft #3 of the Regional Calendar for the Barre Supervisory Union for 2017 – 2018 was also distributed. Mr. Pandolfo provided an overview of the process to create the school calendar. The process involves collaboration with other supervisory unions. Though it is common for schools to have 175 student days and 5 staff days, the BSU has been scheduling 180 student days and 10 staff days. The state requirement is for 175 student days. After brief discussion, it was the consensus of the Tri-Board to allow Administration to finalize the school calendar for the 2017 – 2018 academic year. It was noted that the high school graduation date is set by Spaulding High School Administrators.

### **4.4 Board Priorities and Strategic Direction**

A document titled 'Agenda Item 4.4 – Board Priorities and Strategic Direction' was distributed. Mr. Pandolfo suggested that the Tri-Board break into smaller groups, hold discussions and report back. It was the consensus of the Tri-Board to proceed with the Superintendent's recommendation and break into smaller groups for thirty minutes of discussion. The Tri-Board moved to small group discussion at 6:55 p.m. The Tri-Board reconvened at 7:25 p.m. to debrief on their discussions. A spokesperson from each group provided a brief overview of their group's discussion. Mr. Pandolfo offered to collect each group's notes and compile a master list.

#### **4.4.1 Performance Expectations from Superintendent Evaluation**

A document titled 'Performance Expectations from Superintendent Evaluation (dated February 22, 2017) was distributed. Discussion took place under Agenda Item 4.4 - Board Priorities and Strategic Direction.

#### **4.4.2 Barre SU Theory of Action**

A document titled 'BSU Theory of Action and Strategic Objectives – Master Working Copy (updated 01/09/17) was distributed. Discussion took place under Agenda Item 4.4 - Board Priorities and Strategic Direction.

### **4.5 Budget Re-Votes (SHS and BCEMS)**

Five documents were distributed: 'Status of School district Budget Voting Results Through Town Meeting Day, March, 7, 2017', 'Act 46: Town Meeting Day 2017 results', a memorandum from Secretary of Education, Rebecca Holcombe regarding the Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBAC) testing window, and Proposed Expense Budget packets for BCEMS and SHS.

#### **4.5.1 Approve Revised Budgets**

Mr. Malone provided an overview of the proposed revised expenditure budget, including reductions, the tax impact and the change in the cost per pupil amount. The revised expenditure budget, totaling \$13,372,971, reflects an increase of \$362,505 (2.8%). It was noted that over \$100,000 of the overall increase, was due to unfunded mandates. The proposed budget equates to \$13,347 education spending per equalized pupil. This per pupil cost is the lowest in the state, and represents a 3.5% increase in spending per equalized student. Brief discussion was held.



**On a motion by Mr. Isabelle, seconded by Mr. Folland, the SHS Board unanimously voted to approve the expenditure budget as presented (\$13,372,971).**

Mrs. Spaulding provided an overview of the proposed revised expenditure budget, including reductions, the tax impact and the change in the cost per equalized pupil amount. The revised expenditure budget, totaling \$14,596,184, reflects an increase of \$556,519 (4 %). It was noted that the budget increased 4%, but the increase in cost per pupil (4.9%) is what will be presented on the ballot. The proposed budget equates to \$12,447 education spending per equalized pupil, which is well below the state average (approximately \$15,000). This per pupil cost is one of the lowest in the state. It was announced that the revote would occur on May 9, 2017 (the same day as the Barre Town vote). Brief discussion was held.

**On a motion by Mrs. Pregent, seconded by Mr. Cecchinelli, the BCEMS Board unanimously voted to approve the expenditure budget as presented (\$14,596,184).**

#### **4.5.2 Approve Revised Budget Warnings**

Two documents were distributed; a copy of the 'Spaulding Union High School District #41 Warning for May 9, 2017 Vote', and a copy of the 'Barre City School District Warning for May 9, 2017 Vote'. Brief discussion was held.

**On a motion by Mr. Isabelle, seconded by Mr. Boltin, the Spaulding High School Board unanimously voted to approve, as presented, the Warning titled 'Spaulding Union High School District #41 Warning for May 9, 2017 Vote'. The Warning was distributed for signatures.**

**On a motion by Mr. Cecchinelli, seconded by Mr. Smith, the Barre City Elementary and Middle School Board unanimously voted to approve, as presented, the Warning titled 'Barre City School District Warning for May 9, 2017 Vote'. The Warning was distributed for signatures.**

#### **4.6 Committee Restructure**

Mr. Pandolfo addressed the Board and advised regarding his recommendation for the formation of SU level committees. The recommendations are as follows:

Negotiations Committee – Representatives: Mrs. Spaulding (BC), Mr. Paterson (BT), and Mr. Blakely (SHS)

Policy Committee – Representatives: Mr. Deering (BC), Mrs. Chioldi (BC), Mrs. Farrell (BT), and Mr. Isabelle (SHS)

Curriculum Committee – Representatives: Mrs. Pregent (BC), Mr. Smith (BC), Mrs. McCarthy (BT), Mr. Blakely (SHS), and Mr. Rousse (SHS)

**On a motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Pregent, the BCEMS Board unanimously voted to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent for the formation of SU level Negotiations, Policy, and Curriculum Committees and agreed to appoint the BCEMS representatives as noted in the recommendation.**

**On a motion by Mrs. McCarthy, seconded by Mrs. Hutchinson, the BTMES Board unanimously voted to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent for the formation of SU level Negotiations, Policy, and Curriculum Committees and agreed to appoint the BTMES representatives as noted in the recommendation.**

**On a motion by Mr. Isabelle, seconded by Mr. Boltin, the SHS Board unanimously voted to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent for the formation of SU level Negotiations, Policy, and Curriculum Committees and agreed to appoint the SHS representatives as noted in the recommendation.**

The meeting schedules for the newly formed SU level committees will be determined and announced at a later date.

It was noted that district board representation on the SU Board will be announced after confirmation by district boards.

Mr. Isabelle expressed his belief that the newly formed SU level committees will be more efficient, result in significant time savings, and move the SU in the direction of consolidation of business functions.

Additionally, it was noted that the next Regular SHS Board Meeting has been moved to Thursday, April 13, 2017.

The next BSU Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 20, 2017.

The next Negotiations Committee Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 27, 2017.

#### **5. Other Business as Needed**

None.



## **6. Reports to the Board**

### **6.1 Superintendent's Report to BSU Board**

A copy of the Superintendent's report dated March 23, 2017 was distributed for review and discussion. The report included information pertaining to; the Superintendent's Office, the Business Office, Curriculum, Special Services, Technology, Early Education, Human Resources, and Facilities. Three additional documents were distributed; 'Proposed Hypothetical Homestead Property Tax Rates', a letter of resignation from Curriculum Director Rick McCraw, and a colored map showing Act 46 activity around the state of Vermont. Mr. Pandolfo advised that an Early Education update would be provided in April, no action is required of the Tri-Board regarding the resignation of Mr. McCraw, Federal Budget development may result in a 13.5% decrease in Federal Funds, advised that the US Department of Labor inspection was very positive requiring no follow-up visits at the district schools, and provided information pertaining to legislation that could positively impact the tax rates for districts which have lower cost per pupil rates. Additionally, Mr. Pandolfo provided a brief overview of the Act 46 'map'.

### **6.2 Committee Reports**

Two sets of Minutes were distributed; the BSU Policy Committee Meeting (02/20/17) and the BSU Negotiations Committee Meeting (02/22/17). No discussion was held.

## **7. Executive Session as Needed**

No items were proposed for discussion in Executive Session.

## **10. Adjournment**

**On a motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. McMichael, the BCEMS Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:36 p.m.**

**On a motion by Mrs. McCarthy, seconded by Mrs. Hutchinson, the BTMES Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:36 p.m.**

**On a motion by Mr. Isabelle, seconded by Mr. Boltin, the SHS Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:36 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,  
*Andrea Poulin*