MEMORANDUM

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

DATE:                 
September 20, 2017

RE:                    
BC School District Finance Committee Meeting
September 26, 2017 @ 6:30 p.m.
BCEMS Conference Room

AGENDA

1. Call to order

2. Additions or deletions to the agenda

3. Approval of any previous minutes
   3.1 August 22, 2017

4. Discussion
   4.1 FY18 Revenue/Expenses
   4.2 Community Input/Communication - Budget Survey

5. Old Business

6. Other Business

7. Next Meeting: October 24, 2017

8. Adjourn

C:                        
Full Board
John Pandolfo
James Taffel
Michael Dreiblatt
Stacy Anderson
Pierre Laflamme
Lisa Perreault
James Carrien
BCEMS School Board
Finance Committee
Meeting Minutes
August 22, 2017

Committee Members Present: Sarah Pregent (Chair), Andy McMichael, Jennifer Chioldi
Committee Members Absent: None

Administrators and Staff Present: James Taffel, Stacy Anderson, Lisa Perreault,

Visitors and Guests Present: Sonya Spaulding

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Pregent at 6:39 pm.
No additions or deletions were made to the agenda.

Upon motion (McMichael/Chioldi) duly adopted, the committee voted unanimously to approve
the minutes from the July 25, 2017 meeting, citing the correction to the “next meeting date”.

Mrs. Perreault presented information detailing FY17 actual revenue and expenses versus the
budget, with year-end projections. It was noted that the projection showed a large difference
from the $39,000 deficit from the BCEMS School Board meeting the week before. After
adjusting special education revenues, financials reported a $307,000 deficit. Mrs. Perreault
presented the special education expenditure reports that detail the revenues the school receives.
The committee discussed budgetary deficiencies that occurred during FY17 and asked if we
could allocate for additional substitutes and other items with future budgets. Mrs. Spaulding also
raised a question as to whether we should receive a credit for transportation for allowing Barre
Town Elementary and Middle School to utilize one of our contracted buses for the end of the
school year. Mrs. Perrault advised that she would look into that.

Mrs. Pregent wanted to begin discussions on how the committee could receive community input
on where to focus our budgetary goals for FY19. Discussion ensued as to the best method to ask
for feedback. Mrs. Spaulding advised that the City of Barre put out an online survey a few years
ago with similar goals of asking for community input. She will see if she can get a copy of the
survey to model after. Mrs. Pregent will attempt to draft potential questions prior to the next
meeting.

No old business.

No other business.

The next Finance Committee Meeting is set for September 26, 2017 at 6:30 pm.

Upon motion duly adopted, the committee voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Pregent, Finance Committee Chair
BARRE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
2017
BCEMS SCHOOL BUDGET SURVEY

Instructions:
Conveniently take this survey online at Survey Monkey, https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/barre_2016 or return this completed form to: Barre City Elementary Middle School, 6 North Main Street, Suite 2, Barre, VT 05641.

Completed surveys must be received by December 1, 2017 to be considered.

Please rate all of the following statements:

A. FY19 School Budget Development
   In developing the FY19 BCEMS School Budget, I believe the finance committee should focus on:

   1. Security
   2. Technology
   3. Facilities
   4. Support Services
   5. Transportation
   6. Extra-Curricular Activities
   7. The BCEMS School Board/Finance Committee is responsive to the community in developing the budget presented on Town Meeting Day

   I think an annual overall school budget rate increase of ____ is ________ reasonable.

   (circle your choice)

   4% 3% 2% 1%

E. DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION (circle one in each line)

   Ward:
   1  2  3
   Yes  No
   Property owner:
   Yes  No
   Renter:
   Male  Female
   Sex:
   Age range:
   18-24  25-34  35-44  45-54  55-65  >65
   Single  Married/Civil Union
   Marital status:
F. SURVEY

1. I voted for (or against) the BCEMS Budget on Town Meeting Day 2017.  
   For  Against  Did Not Vote
2. I voted for (or against) the BCEMS Budget on Revote Day May 2017.  
   For  Against  Did Not Vote
3. We should be spending less per pupil than surrounding neighborhoods  
   Yes  No
4. We should be spending the same per pupil than surrounding neighborhood  
   Yes  No
5. We should be spending more per pupil than surrounding neighborhoods  
   Yes  No
6. I am surprised to find that the BCEMS FY17 cost per pupil was less than:  
   East Montpelier  Yes  No
   Berlin  Yes  No
   Orange  Yes  No
   St. Johnsbury  Yes  No