

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Barre Town Middle and Elementary School Library
March 16, 2016 - 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brenda Buzzell – Chair
Brent Tewksbury – Vice Chair
Chad Allen - Clerk
Kristin McCarthy
Jay Paterson

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:

John Pandolfo, Superintendent
Jennifer Nye, Principal
Julia Pritchard, Director of Special Services
Rick McCraw, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment

GUESTS PRESENT:

None

1. Call to Order

The Chair, Mrs. Buzzell, called the Wednesday, March 16, 2016, Regular meeting to order at 6:00 pm., which was held at the Barre Town Middle and Elementary School Library.

2. Additions and/or Deletions to the Agenda

2.1 Moved Old Business items ahead of Executive Session.

2.2 Act 46 Committee Nominations: On a motion by Mr. Tewksbury, seconded by Mrs. McCarthy, the Board unanimously voted to approve the nominations of Mr. Allen and Mr. Paterson to the BSU Act 46 – 706 Committee.

2.3 Added “New Business” after “Old Business”

3. Consent Agenda

3.1 Review March 2, 2016 Meeting Minutes and document any revisions. The minutes were revised to correct the SU Committee assignments; Mrs. McCarthy will be serving on the SU Board - not Mr. Tewksbury. **On a motion by Mrs. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Paterson, the Board unanimously voted to approve, as amended, the Minutes of the March 2, 2016 Regular Board meeting.**

4. Old Business

4.1 Committee Assignments

The following committee assignments were made:

Curriculum: Brenda Buzzell, Chair

Finance: Chad Allen, Chair

Policy: Jay Paterson, Chair

Facilities & Transportation: Brent Tewksbury, Chair

SHAC (ex-officio): Kristen McCarthy

Barre Town Recreation Committee (ex-officio): Brent Tewksbury

Barre Supervisory Union Board: Brenda Buzzell, Kristin McCarthy and Chad Allen

Act 46 – 706 Committee: Chad Allen and Jay Paterson

5. New Business

5.1 Superintendent’s Update:

Mr. Pandolfo informed the Board that the Barre City Elementary and Middle School and Spaulding High School Boards are interested in a Tri-Board Retreat during the school’s summer vacation. Mrs. Buzzell communicated that the Board will consider the proposal. Mr. Tewksbury commented that the Board should still hold its own separate retreat; this was well received and supported by Board members.

5.2 Board Reminders:

- June 10 is the 8th Grade graduation date.
- The Board agreed to cancel the June 15th regularly scheduled Board Meeting.

6. Executive Session

6.1 Principal Interviews

On a motion by Mrs. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Paterson, the Board unanimously agreed to find that premature general public knowledge of the item proposed for discussion would clearly place the Town of Barre at a substantial disadvantage should the discussion be public.

On a motion by Mrs. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Allen, the Board unanimously voted to enter Executive Session at 6:30 pm under the provisions of 1 VSA Section 313 to discuss the item proposed for discussion.

Mr. Pandolfo, Mrs. Nye, Mrs. Pritchard and Mr. McCraw were invited to join in Executive Session.

On a motion by Mr. Tewksbury, seconded by Mrs. McCarthy, the Board unanimously voted to exit Executive Session at 10:31 pm.

Based on the confidential Executive Session deliberations, the Board has decided to reopen the principal search. The Superintendent will assign a chairperson to lead the upcoming “search and screen” committee.

7. Approval of Warrants

On a motion by Mr. Tewksbury, seconded by Mrs. McCarthy, the Board unanimously voted to approve the Warrants.

8. Next Meeting Date

The next Board meeting will be held on April 6, 2016 from 6:00 p.m. in the BTMES Library.

9. Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Tewksbury, seconded by Mr. Paterson, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 10:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Chad A. Allen, Clerk