



to run for the open seat on this effective Board. The current Board would like an individual who is open to changes in education. Mr. Pandolfo advised that all open school board positions have been advertised on Front Porch Forum, the district's web sites, Facebook, and the Times Argus.

### **5C. Act 46 Meeting Update**

Mr. Tewksbury provided an overview of the Public Forum which was held on January 12, 2016. The Forum, which was held at Spaulding High School, included an introduction and overview of Act 46, breakout groups which generated good discussion, and a brief closing session. The 'final' meeting is slated for Thursday, January 21, 2016 at 5:30. At this meeting, the Act 46 Study Committee will review the Exploratory Report and prepare a recommendation regarding whether or not to proceed with an in-depth 706 Study Committee. It is anticipated that a recommendation will be presented to the BTMES Board at the February 3, 2016 Regular Board meeting. Mr. Pandolfo advised that he has submitted the \$20,000 grant application to the AOE. This grant, if received would be utilized to finance the 706 study. Mrs. Buzzell reminded the public that links to Act 46 information are available on the district's web sites.

## **6. Old Business**

### **6A. Presentation – Tech Ed/Art Teacher**

Mr. Crowley introduced Michael Pope, the new Tech Ed/Art Teacher. Mr. Pope started on November 7, 2015. Mr. Crowley provided an overview of Mr. Pope's education and experience. The former 'Shop' area is now being utilized for the Art/Tech Ed Program. This program encompasses Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math. The art component is a blend of art and technology. This new program allows students to think differently about how to resolve problems and work creatively together. Mr. Pope addressed the Board and provided additional information pertaining to his background and plans for the Art/Tech Ed Program. Mr. Crowley advised that this program is an excellent investment in the school and will greatly benefit the students. At 6:37 p.m., the Board moved to the Tech/Ed room for a brief tour and Power Point presentation by Mr. Pope. Mr. Pope's presentation included additional information regarding his education and work experience, as well as his goals for the program, including design as a process, learning through failure, and facilitation of student engagement with meaningful challenges. A brief question and answer period was held. Board Members reconvened in the library at 7:15 p.m. Mrs. Buzzell expressed her appreciation for the great presentation, and advised that BTMES is very fortunate to have this quality program. Mr. Pandolfo and Ms. Leeds were thanked for their support with implementing this program. Ms. Leeds and Mr. Sanborn were thanked for mentoring Mr. Pope. Mr. Pandolfo announced that he is proud to see former students working in the SU.

### **6B. First Reading of Role and Adoption of School Board Policies (A1)**

A copy of the policy was distributed. This policy was adopted at the SU level on January 14, 2016. It was noted that the SU Policy Committee has been reviewing some of the 23 mandated policies. A brief explanation of the process to ratify vs. adopt policies was provided. **On a motion by Mr. Allen, seconded by Mr. Tewksbury, the Board unanimously voted to approve the First Reading of the Role and Adoption of School Board Policies (A1).** Mr. Crowley advised that this policy does allow for public input.

### **6C. First Reading of Board Member Conflict of Interest BSU Policy (B3)**

A copy of the policy was distributed. Mrs. McCarthy provided a brief overview of this mandatory policy that was approved at the SU level on November 13, 2014. One typographical error was identified. **On a motion by Mr. Tewksbury, seconded by Mr. Allen, the Board unanimously voted to approve, as amended, the First Reading of the Board Member Conflict of Interest BSU Policy (B3).** It was noted that all policies will be consistently formatted.

### **6D. First Reading of Notice of Non-Discrimination BSU Policy (B6)**

A copy of the policy was distributed. Mrs. McCarthy provided a brief overview of this mandatory policy that was approved at the SU level on March 19, 2015. In response to a query from Mr. Tewksbury, it was noted that per statute, a proprietary name (rather than a 'title') is required to be documented in the policy. **On a motion by Mr. Allen, seconded by Mr. Tewksbury, the Board unanimously voted to approve the First Reading of the Notice of Non-Discrimination BSU Policy (B6).**

## **7. Board Reports**

### **7A. Superintendent**

Mr. Pandolfo reported that the BSU-wide In Service Day was well attended. Training included Next Generation Science Standards, Trauma Informed Learning, a guest speaker for middle school Social Studies, and regular English and Math instruction. The last In Service Day for this school year will be held on March 11, 2016. Individuals for the Principal Search Committee are being identified and will include representation by teachers, para-educators, and students. Community forums will be held to identify the qualities desired for this position. More than 20 applications have been received thus far. At this point in time, the Board will defer involvement in the Principal search process, but may wish to sit in on interviews at a later date. The tentative schedule for the Principal Search includes a February 15, 2016 meeting to compare required criteria to applications, interviews on March 7, 2016 – March 9, 2016, and site visits to be held on March 16, 2016. Mr. Tewksbury advised that the Board would be more comfortable if more than one candidate was presented for Board approval. Regarding trail grooming by Millstone, the insurance requirement requires clarification.

## **7B. Principals Report**

Mr. Crowley advised that the 4<sup>th</sup> grade band will be performing on January 29, 2016 at 2:45 p.m. The Winooski Valley Music Festival will be held at Harwood on February 4, 2016 and February 5, 2016. The Winter Carnival is scheduled for February 19, 2016. David Gold (the Edward Jones individual assigned to manage the SU staff's 403B account) attended a staff meeting to provide a Question and Answer session for staff. The BTMES 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration planning is ongoing. Meetings are being held monthly. The event has been announced in the Town Newsletter, and will be the lead story in the January/February Town Newsletter. Mr. Crowley announced a list of individuals currently working on planning the celebration. Information is also available on the school web site. The event will be held in the fall on a Thursday evening. The date is yet to be determined. Mr. Crowley advised that former student, and author Jan (McCormick) Gangsei held a book signing at Next Chapter Book Store on January 12, 2016. Ms. Gangsei's former third grade teacher, Bonnie Blanchette Blouin was in attendance. Ms. Gangsei signed copies of her book 'Zero Day', for both Mrs. Blouin and the school. Ms. Gangsei will return to the school to give a presentation to students.

## **C. Committee Reports**

**Finance** – The next meeting will be held on February 3, 2016, from 5:00 p.m. until 6 p.m. Mr. Pandolfo and Mr. Allen will co-host a budget presentation.

**Facility and Transportation** – Mr. Tewksbury announced that the final bus driver position was filled on January 20, 2016. The employee will start mid-February.

**Curriculum** – The Committee met on January 19, 2016. Mrs. Buzzell distributed copies of two Power Point Presentations and provided an overview of topics currently being taught in the Family and Consumer Science course. The Power Point presentations pertained to Health Education for grades 5-8, and grades K-4. Additionally, Mrs. Buzzell provided an overview of staff observations currently underway. The next meeting will be held on February 16, 2016 from 8:00 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. in the upstairs conference room. Alignment of curriculum will be discussed.

**Policy** – The most recently scheduled meeting was cancelled. The next meeting will be held on January 29, 2016. An SU Policy meeting was held today (01/20). The Special Education policy was reviewed. A Wellness Policy was discussed. The 'model' policy will be reviewed with SHAC and will be compared to the currently policy and procedures. It is hoped that the SU Wellness Policy can be ratified by the BTMES Board. Policy and Procedure will be separated. The next SU Policy Committee meeting will be held on January 17, 2016 at 7:30 a.m.

## **Supervisory Union Report** –

Modifications to the SU building were discussed and include an office for the HR Coordinator, and proposed changes to the second floor to create additional work stations. In response to a query, it was noted that there will be flexibility within the building if space is needed to accommodate additional SU employees relating to Special Education and Transportation consolidation. Additional parking considerations were also briefly discussed. The meeting also included discussion of the process for evaluation of the Superintendent. The February 2016 SU Board meeting will be the last meeting for the current Board.

## **Barre Town Recreation** –

There is nothing new to report at this time.

## **SHAC** -

The next meeting will be held on February 8, 2016. Mr. Crowley will bring the Wellness Policy to the meeting.

## **8. Future Agenda Items**

Presentation by Mr. McCraw – More detailed reporting on SBAC results.

## **9. Approval of Warrants**

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

## **10. Executive Session**

No items were proposed for Executive Session.

## **11. Next Meeting Date**

February 3, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. / Finance Committee Meeting - February 3, 2016, from 5:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.

## **12. Adjournment**

**On a motion by Mr. Tewksbury, seconded by Mr. Allen, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:13p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,  
*Andrea Poulin*