

BARRE SUPERVISORY UNION #61 SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Barre Supervisory Union – Conference Room
April 12, 2016 - 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chad Allen (BT) - Chair
Giuliano Cecchinelli, II (BC) – Vice Chair
Joe Blakely (SHS) - arrived at 6:13 p.m.
Kristin McCarthy (BT)
Carlotta Perantoni (SHS)
Tyler Smith (BC)
Sonya Spaulding (BC)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Brenda Buzzell (BT)
J. Guy Isabelle (SHS) - Clerk

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:

John Pandolfo, Superintendent
Donald McMahon, Director of Special Services – departed at 6:22 p.m.

GUESTS PRESENT:

Video Vision Tech

1. Call to Order

The Chair, Mr. Allen, called the Tuesday, April 12, 2016, meeting to order at 6:02 p.m., which was held at the Barre Supervisory Union Central Office in the Conference room.

2. Additions and/or Deletions to the Agenda

Additions: 5.3 Last Day of School for 2015 / 2016 Academic Year
6.4 Update on Facilities Director Position
6.5 Substitute Pay

3. Public Comment

None.

4. Approval of Minutes

4.1 Approval of Minutes – March 24, 2016 Regular Meeting

On a motion by Mrs. Perantoni, seconded by Mr. Smith, the Board voted 4 to 0 to approve the Minutes of the March 24, 2016 Regular Meeting. Mrs. Spaulding abstained.

5. New Business

5.1 SPED Report

A document titled ‘SPECIAL EDUCATION REPORT To Barre Supervisory Board’ was distributed. Mr. McMahon addressed the Board and provided an overview of the information contained in the report, including child counts, staffing (including one MSW at Spaulding), data collection, training, goals, transportation, alternative classrooms, and outside placement of students. There are currently some outside placements. The goal is for students to return to the regular classroom setting. It was noted that there is coordination of curriculum training.

5.2 CFP Approval

Mr. Pandolfo requested approval for submission of the FY17 Consolidated Federal Programs Grant application. **On a motion by Mrs. Perantoni, seconded by Mr. Cecchinelli, the Board unanimously voted to approve submission of the FY17 Consolidated Federal Programs Grant application.**

5.3 Last Day of School for 2015 / 2016 Academic Year

A copy of the 2015 / 2016 School Calendar was distributed. Mr. Pandolfo advised that his recommendation is to hold the last student day on Monday, June 13, 2016. Board members advised regarding their preference for the last student day. **On a motion by**

Mrs. Perantoni, seconded by Mr. Smith, the Board unanimously voted to keep June 10, 2016, as the last scheduled student school day, contingent on no loss of academic days between now and that date, and to have Monday, June 13, 2016 utilized as a staff make-up day.

6. Old Business

6.1 Act 46 Update

Mr. Pandolfo advised that a Barre City Representative has resigned and there is now an official opening for a Barre City Representative. The opening will be advertised. The next meeting of the Act 46 Study Committee will be held on Thursday, April 28, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. in the Spaulding High School Library.

6.2 Second Reading Grade Advancement: Retention, Promotion, and Acceleration of Students Policy (G9)

A copy of the policy was distributed.

On a motion by Mrs. Perantoni, seconded by Mr. Cecchinelli, the Board unanimously voted to approve the Second Reading of the Grade Advancement: Retention, Promotion, and Acceleration of Students Policy (G9). It was noted that commonality of policy amongst the schools would be beneficial. Administrative teams should review procedural handbooks for information pertaining to the administration of Grade Advancement policies. Mr. Pandolfo will coordinate this effort.

6.3 Tri-Board Retreat Planning

The meeting has been scheduled for June 21, 2016, from 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Extensive discussion ensued regarding the agenda. Various possible agenda items, including goal setting/vision, public engagement/communication, and the Continuous Improvement Plan will be discussed at the individual board levels. Mr. Pandolfo will contact Val Gardner regarding availability for facilitation of the meeting. The Tri-Board Retreat Agenda will be discussed/finalized at the May SU Board Meeting.

6.4 Update on Facilities Director Position

Mr. Pandolfo advised that the job description has been written and the open position should be advertised within the next week. HR will create a specific timeline regarding the hiring process. Dependent on how much Board involvement is desired, a special meeting may be necessary. The meeting, if necessary, will tentatively be scheduled for May 17, 2016 at 6:00 p.m., with a fall back date of May 31, 2016. Mr. Pandolfo hopes to present a recommendation at the June meeting.

6.5 Substitute Pay

A document titled 'Vermont Sub Rates' was distributed. Brief discussion was held. The information will be discussed and digested at the individual board levels. Mr. Pandolfo will bring this topic back, with additional analysis, at the May Board meeting.

7. Other Business as Needed

None.

It was noted that the next SU Board meeting will tentatively be slated for May 10, 2016. There will not be a meeting on June 14, 2016, as a retreat will be held on June 21, 2016.

8. Reports to the Board

8.1 Superintendent

A copy of the Superintendent's report dated April 12, 2016 was distributed for review and discussion. The extensive report included information pertaining to; the Superintendent's Office, the Business Office, Curriculum, Special Services, Technology, Early Education, and Human Resources (including reorganization, recruiting, organizational structure/design, and employee relations). A copy of the BSU Expense Budget Status Report was also distributed. Additionally, Mr. Pandolfo provided a brief overview of the new Technology plan required by the State (Digital Learning Plan), copier leases, the negative impact of burdensome requirements of the Universal Pre-K Act, the automated Substitute System (for time sheet management and acquisition of substitutes), transportation bids (will be presented at the May meeting), and employee relations issues (which may be increasing as employees become aware of the newly created HR Coordinator).

8.2 Committee Reports

Policy Committee – the SU Policy Committee Meeting for April falls within the week of April vacation and will not be held. Mr. Pandolfo will be touching base with the BTMES and SHS Policy Chairs. The BCEMS Chair will be appointed in the near future. A copy of the committee meetings schedule has been distributed to each Board.

9. Executive Session as Needed

9.1 Personnel

A personnel issue was proposed for discussion in Executive Session.

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

On a motion by Mrs. Spaulding, seconded by Mrs. Perantoni, the Board unanimously voted to enter into Executive Session at 7:47 p.m. under the provisions of 1 VSA section 313 to discuss the items proposed for discussion.

Mr. Pandolfo was invited to join Executive Session.

The remaining information was provided by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Mrs. McCarthy, seconded by Mrs. Spaulding, the Board unanimously voted to exit Executive Session at 8:50 p.m.

10. Adjournment

On a motion by Mrs. Perantoni, seconded by Mrs. Spaulding, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrea Poulin