

**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
October 13, 2016 - 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

BCEMS BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sonya Spaulding – Chair
Jim Carrien – Vice Chair
Tyler Smith - Clerk
Joe Blakely – arrived at 6:14 p.m., departed at 7:35 p.m.
Giuliano Cecchinelli, II
C. Sedillia Jenkins
Andrew McMichael

BCEMS BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Michael Deering

BTMES BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brenda Buzzell - Chair
Chad Allen – Clerk
Kristin McCarthy

BTMES BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Brent Tewksbury – Vice Chair
Jay Paterson

SHS BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

David LaCroix - Vice Chair
Joe Blakely – Clerk - – arrived at 6:14 p.m., departed at 7:35 p.m.
Anthony Folland
Lucas Herring
J. Guy Isabelle

SHS BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Carlotta Simonds-Perantoni - Chair
Ed Rousse

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:

John Pandolfo, Superintendent
Lisa Perreault, Business Manager

GUESTS PRESENT:

Video Vision Tech Dave Delcore-Times Argus Harry Franks Paul Malone

1. Call to Order

The SU Board Chair, Mr. Allen, called the Thursday, October 13, 2016, meeting to order at 6:05 p.m., which was held at the Spaulding High School Library.

The BCEMS Chair, Mrs. Spaulding, called the Thursday, October 13, 2016, meeting to order at 6:05 p.m., which was held at the Spaulding High School Library.

The BTMES Chair, Mrs. Buzzell, called the Thursday, October 13, 2016, meeting to order at 6:05 p.m., which was held at the Spaulding High School Library.

The SHS/CVCC Vice-Chair, Mr. LaCroix, called the Thursday, October 13, 2016, meeting to order at 6:05 p.m., which was held at the Spaulding High School Library.

2. Additions and/or Deletions to the Agenda

Hold introductions

Hold discussion of 4.3 at the beginning of the meeting.

Add New Hire as 4.4 under New Business

Each attendee was introduced and advised regarding their representation and/or purpose for attendance at the meeting.

3. Approval of Minutes

3.1 Approval of Minutes – September 15, 2016 Regular Barre Supervisory Union Meeting

On a motion by Mrs. Spaulding, seconded by Mr. Smith, the Board voted 5 to 0 to approve the Minutes of the September 15, 2016 Regular Barre Supervisory Union Meeting. Mr. Isabelle abstained.

The Board held discussion of Agenda Item 4.3, then continued with the remainder of the Agenda.

4. New Business

4.1 Annual Approval of School Food Service Management Contracts

Mr. Pandolfo advised that the food service contract requires annual approval. Each district Board has voted to continue with their respective food service vendor. **On a motion by Mr. Isabelle, seconded by Mrs. Buzzell, the Tri-Board unanimously voted to approve the contracts currently in place at each district.**

4.2 Items Related to Board Transition and Current Boards Ceasing to Operate in the Event of a Merger

Discussion was held as part of Agenda Item 4.3.

4.3 Board Training/Discussion on Budgeting Under a Merged District

Four documents were distributed; 'BSU Tri-Board Meeting October 13, 2016', 'FY17 Barre Supervisory Union School District Budgets', 'FY17 Barre Supervisory Union School District Budgets' (with FY18 Estimated Unified District Budget), and the Barre Supervisory Union information booklet (distributed to the community for the March 2016 vote). Mr. Pandolfo advised that he would open the discussion of budgeting in a unified district, and Mr. Franks would facilitate additional discussion. Mr. Pandolfo presented a Power Point presentation regarding budgeting as a unified district, and provided a brief historical overview of work performed by the Act 46 Consolidation Study Committee. Mr. Pandolfo attended a full day of training by the District Management Council (10/06/16) regarding unification advantages (academic, financial, and better governance). It was noted that the BSU is in a good position to unify as the three schools are of similar size, have common goals, use a common accounting system, have common levels of board involvement, have unified negotiated agreements, nearly identical educational spending per equalized pupil, and nearly identical educational homestead tax rates. Mr. Franks addressed the Board advising that budgets demonstrate board priorities and values. Mr. Franks advised it would be beneficial to identify the commonalities and differences between the boards (for the purpose of each board's budget development). At 6:41 p.m., the Tri-Board broke into small work groups to hold discussion regarding priorities and values. At 7:04 p.m. Tri-Board members reconvened to share information regarding the small group discussions. Mr. Franks polled members and compiled a list of prioritizations and values discussed. Mr. Franks will type up and distribute a copy of the list. Brief discussion was held regarding development of a unified budget, including an overview of the budget documents that were distributed. The last Public Forum, prior to the November vote, will be held on October 20, 2016 in the SHS Chorus Room.

4.4 New Hire

The resume and Notification of Employment Status Form for Jayson R. Capobianco were distributed. This individual is presented for employment at Spaulding High School as Employment Specialist. **On a motion by Mrs. Spaulding, seconded by Mrs. McCarthy, the SU Board unanimously voted to approve the hiring of Jayson Capobianco as Employment Specialist.**

5. Old Business

5.1 Propane Tank Replacements

Mr. Pandolfo advised regarding approval of fuel provider contracts at each district, and advised that all propane tanks have been inspected and advised that all tanks need to be replaced. The contract vendor advised that they would be willing to replace tanks at no cost if the districts would agree to contract with them next year. The vendor was advised that the districts would be agreeable to that arrangement with the stipulation that the vendor's proposed price for next year is competitive with other vendors. The vendor agreed to this term. Mr. Pandolfo recommends that the SU move forward to commit to utilizing the current propane vendor for next year. Board action is not required at this time.

6. Other Business

None.

7. Reports to the Board

7.1 Superintendent

Not all members received a copy of the Superintendent's Report. Mr. Pandolfo will see that copies of the report are e-mailed to all members. Mr. Pandolfo advised that the report including information on the food service contract, negotiations, a summary of Act 46, as well as summaries from the individual departments. Additionally, Mr. Pandolfo distributed copies of the VSBIT and VEHI Annual Reports and advised of those organizations' Annual Meetings, to be held on Friday, October 21, 2016 at Lake Morey Inn. As previously approved by the SU and district Boards, Mr. Pandolfo will be voting in favor of changing the organizational structure of the VEHI Board.

7.2 Committee Reports

Minutes of the BSU Policy Committee Meeting on September 27, 2016 were distributed. Mr. Pandolfo provided a brief overview of the Minutes and advised regarding Agenda items for the next meeting. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 25, 2016 at 7:30 a.m. in the BSU Conference Room.

7.3 Financials

As not all attendees received the financial reports, no discussion will be held. Financial reports will be e-mailed to all Board Members.

8. Executive Session as Needed

No items were proposed for discussion in Executive Session.

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Supervisory Union Board will be held on November 17, 2016 at 6:00 p.m., at the Barre Supervisory Union in the First Floor Conference Room.

10. Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Carrien, seconded by Mr. Smith, the BCEMS Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.

On a motion by Mrs. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Allen, the BTMES Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.

On a motion by Mr. Isabelle, seconded by Mr. Herring, the SHS Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:00p.m.

On a motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. McCarthy, the SU Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Poulin