

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 12, 2017 - 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

BCEMS BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sonya Spaulding – Chair
 Jennifer Chioldi
 Sarah Pregent

BCEMS BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Giuliano Cecchinelli, II – Vice Chair
 Tyler Smith – Clerk
 Michael Deering
 Andrew McMichael

BTMES BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chad Allen – Chair
 Jay Paterson – Vice Chair
 Alice Farrell - Clerk
 Kristin McCarthy

BTMES BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Jennifer Hutchinson

SHS BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Paul Malone - Chair
 David LaCroix – Vice Chair
 Joe Blakely – Clerk
 Tim Boltin
 Anthony Folland
 J. Guy Isabelle
 Ed Rousse

SHS BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

none

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:

John Pandolfo, Superintendent
 Sandra Cameron – Early Education Director

GUESTS PRESENT:

Washington County Senator Ann Cummings
 Barre City Representative Tommy Walz
 Barre Town Representative Rob LaClair
 Barre Town Representative Francis (Topper) McFaun
 Video Vision Tech
 Dave Delcore-Times Argus
 Jeff Blow
 Mary McFaun
 Dottye Ricks

1. Call to Order

The BSU Chair, Mr. Isabelle, called the Thursday, October 12, 2017, meeting to order at 6:01 p.m., which was held at the Spaulding High School Library. After introductions, the SHS Chair, Mr. Malone, called the Thursday, October 12, 2017, meeting to order at 6:04 p.m., which was held at the Spaulding High School Library. The BCEMS Chair, Mrs. Spaulding, called the Thursday, October 12, 2017, meeting to order at 6:04 p.m., which was held at the Spaulding High School Library. The BTMES Chair, Mr. Allen, called the Thursday, October 12, 2017, meeting to order at 6:04 p.m., which was held at the Spaulding High School Library.

2. Additions and/or Deletions to the Agenda

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

3. Public Comment

Ms. Ricks requested the boards to table any Act 46 decision. She pointed out that, in her opinion and belief, the following points supported her respect: (1) two Barre Town Board members voted for, and passed, a motion that “stole” the votes of 2500 (November) and 1600 (January) Barre Town voters; (2) an Act 46 merger would result in a loss of community input into governance; (3) an Act 46 merger would result in a lack of transparency in the school district budget; and (4) Barre City was resorting to scare tactics relative to stating the State Board of Education would force a merger. Ms. Ricks also requested if a new 706 study committee is formed the Barre Town members should be appointed in a ratio of 3:1 of NO:YES in terms of supported a merger. Ms. Spaulding clarified that whatever position the State Board of Education takes (merge or not merge) one of the two communities will not get what they voted for.

5. New Business

5.1 Legislative Topics –

The legislative guests provided their thoughts and responses on the list of topics provided in advance and as part of the meeting packet, as well as responding to questions from the Boards and Superintendent.

6. Old Business

6.1 Act 46 –

The boards discussed the status of Act 46. Ms. Spaulding, on behalf of the BCEMS Board, raised two points. The first was that without a quorum of BCEMS Board members present that it was not possible to vote on re-entering a 706 merger study with Barre Town, and that even with a quorum and without a full board she would have chosen to wait for the full board to convene to make this decision. The second point was that a vote from the BTMES Board to re-enter a 706 merger study that was not unanimous raises the concern that without the BTMES Board’s full support the BCEMS Board may be hesitant to enter into a study after the experience of the last study and community votes.

6.2 Contract Ratification -

On a motion by Mr. Blakely, seconded by LaCroix, the Spaulding Union High School Board unanimously voted to ratify the AFSCME Agreement.

On a motion by Mr. Paterson, seconded by Mrs. Farrell, the Barre Town Board unanimously voted to ratify the AFSCME Agreement.

On a motion by Mrs. Spaulding, seconded by Mr. Folland, the Barre Supervisory Union Board unanimously voted to ratify the AFSCME Agreement.

The Barre City Board did not have the necessary quorum to ratify the agreement and will decide whether to schedule a special meeting for this purpose.

7. Other Business as Needed

No other business was needed

8. Reports to the Board

No Reports to the Board were provided

9. Executive Session as Needed

No items were proposed for discussion in Executive Session.

10. Adjournment

On a motion by Mrs. Farrell, seconded by Mrs. Spaulding, the BSU Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:25 p.m.

On a motion by Mr. Blakely, seconded by Mr. Rousse, the SHS Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:25 p.m.

On a motion by Mr. Paterson, seconded by Mrs. McCarthy, the SHS Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
John Pandolfo