

**SPAULDING HIGH SCHOOL
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**
Spaulding High School – Library
July 7, 2016 - 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Carlotta Simonds-Perantoni - Chair
David LaCroix - Vice Chair
Joe Blakely – Clerk – arrived at 6:11 p.m.
Lucas Herring
J. Guy Isabelle

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Anthony Folland
Ed Rousse

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:

John Pandolfo, Superintendent

GUESTS PRESENT:

Video Vision Tech Julia Arguin Dottye Ricks

1. Call to Order

The Chair, Mrs. Perantoni, called the Monday, July 7, 2016, Regular meeting to order at 6:03 p.m., which was held at the Spaulding High School Library.

2. Additions and/or Deletions to the Agenda

Add 5.3 Food Service Forgiveness Request

3. Visitors and Communication

Ms. Ricks presented three requests to the Board;

1. Post meeting announcements on Front Porch Forum
2. Post a link to Board Meeting videos on the Spaulding High School web site.
3. Provide information regarding Committee Meeting Dates. A hard copy of the Board and Committee Meeting Schedule was presented to Ms. Ricks. Additionally, it was noted that Board and Committee Meeting dates are available on all four web sites.

4. Approval of Minutes

4.1 Approval of Minutes – June 2, 2016 Regular Meeting

On a motion by Mr. Herring, seconded by Mr. Isabelle, the Board unanimously voted to approve, as amended, the Minutes of the June 2, 2016 Regular Meeting.

4.2. Approval of Minutes – June 21, 2016 Barre Supervisory Union Tri-Board Planning Retreat

On a motion by Mr. Herring, seconded by Mr. Isabelle, the Board unanimously voted to approve the Minutes of the June 21, 2016 Barre Supervisory Union Tri-Board Planning Retreat. It was noted that approved Minutes will be posted on-line after approval by all Boards, including the SU Board. Mrs. Perantoni advised that the Tri-Board Retreat was a very productive meeting.

5. Old Business

5.1 Resign/Retire/New Hires

A letter of resignation from Brian Hoover (Assistant Principal) was distributed. A letter of resignation from Alan T. Moore was distributed. Resumes and BSU Notification of Employment Status forms for six individuals were distributed; Judith Watt (Special Educator), Stefanie Seng (CVCC Guidance Coordinator), Jason Derner (CVCC Assistant Director), Lynne Themistocles (Special Educator), Jayne A. Parker (School Psychologist), and Jim Ferland (Assistant Principal).

On a motion by Mr. Herring, seconded by Mr. Blakely, the Board unanimously voted to accept, with regrets, and well wishes, the resignation of Brian Hoover.

Mr. Pandolfo advised that he recently received a letter of resignation from Alan Moore. Mr. Moore is retiring and is requesting that the Board accept his resignation and agree to release him from his contract.

On a motion by Mr. Isabelle, seconded by Mr. Herring, the Board unanimously voted to accept, with regrets, respect, and gratitude, the resignation of Alan Moore, and agreed to release him from his contract.

It was noted that Judith Watt is being hired by BCEMS. No SHS Board action is necessary.

Mr. Pandolfo provided an overview of the candidates' education and experience, and advised that all Special Education hires must be approved by the SU Board.

On a motion by Mr. Herring, seconded by Mr. Isabelle, the Board unanimously voted to approve the hiring of Stefanie Seng.

On a motion by Mr. Blakely, seconded by Mr. Herring, the Board unanimously voted to approve the hiring of Jason Derner.

On a motion by Mr. Herring, seconded by Mr. Isabelle, the Board unanimously voted to approve the hiring of Lynne Themistocles.

On a motion by Mr. Herring, seconded by Mr. Isabelle, the Board unanimously voted to approve the hiring of Jayne Parker.

On a motion by Mr. Herring, seconded by Mr. Isabelle, the Board unanimously voted to approve the hiring of Jim Ferland for the position of Assistant Principal, effective July 11, 2016.

It was noted that there are two positions remaining to be filled.

5.2 VEHI Petition

A letter from Rick Scott pertaining to a request to change VEHI bylaws was distributed. A corresponding petition form was also distributed. Mr. Pandolfo provided background information and advised that he recommends that the Board authorize him to sign the petition for both Medical and Dental and vote for that change at the upcoming meeting. **On a motion by Mr. Blakely, seconded by Mr. Isabelle, the Board voted 3 to 1 to authorize the Superintendent to sign on the District's behalf, the petition to change the bylaw to change the structure of the VEHI Board and to vote to support the change. Mr. Herring voted against the motion.**

5.3 Food Service Forgiveness Request

A copy of the 'Completed Budgeted Financial Forms – Spaulding HS' form and a document titled 'Spaulding Contribution' were distributed. Mr. Pandolfo advised that during an end of school year discussion with George Carone and Craig Locarno, Fitz Vogt asked Mr. Pandolfo to address the Board and respectfully request forgiveness on \$21,043.89 of their contribution to the school. A similar request (with a different amount) will be presented to the BCEMS Board. The amounts total \$47,000. After extensive discussion, the Board respectfully declined to grant forgiveness and agreed not to put forth a motion to grant forgiveness.

6. Old Business

None.

7. Other Business

None.

8. Reports to the Board

8.1 Superintendent

A copy of the Superintendent's report dated June 28, 2016 was distributed. The report included information pertaining to; the Act 46 Study Committee, Custodial/Maintenance negotiations, and the Board and Committee Meeting Schedule. A copy of the Meeting Schedule was distributed. Mr. Pandolfo provided a brief overview of the Act 46 timeline and advised regarding a wording change ("Blessed" to "comment and review"), and cautioned that there may be meeting date conflicts for (10/06/16 and 11/03/16), as the Act 46 Committee may need to meet on those dates. Additionally, Mr. Pandolfo advised that the Custodial/Maintenance Agreement has been ratified by all units, with one signature outstanding. A copy of an e-mail from DJ Barry was distributed. Mr. Pandolfo advised regarding Mr. Barry's request to create a mural at SHS. The request will be forwarded to Administrative personnel.

8.2 Principal

A copy of the SHS Class of 2016 Scholarships Awarded at the SHS Scholarship Awards Night, held on June 1, 2016 was distributed. No discussion.

8.3 CVCC Director

No discussion.

8.4 Committee Reports

Policy Committee – The next meeting is scheduled for August 1, 2016.

Curriculum Committee – On hold until September 2016.

Finance Committee – The next meeting is scheduled for July 27, 2016 at 4:30 p.m. at the Supervisory Union. This date will be verified. The projected surpluses are \$183,887.00 (SHS) and \$76,313.00 (CVCC).

Discussion changed to the Unified Board that may result from Act 46. Mrs. Perantoni provided an overview of how the potential new Board and the existing Boards will be implemented/phased out. Those interested in running for seats on the potential Unified Board should submit petitions to the Town/City Clerks this fall, in order to be placed on the November ballot. Mr. LaCroix advised that the Unified Board seats should be advertised as soon as possible, to allow for ample time for petition submission.

Facilities Committee – No discussion.

8.5 Financials

A copy of the SHS FY16 Expenditures/Year-end Projection report (dated June 13, 2016) was distributed. There is a projected surplus amount of \$183,887.00. A copy of the CVCC FY16 Expenditures/Year-end Projection report (dated June 13, 2016) was also distributed. The CVCC project surplus is \$76,313.00. Discussion was held under Agenda item 8.4 (Finance Committee Report). No additional discussion was held.

8.6 Student Representatives

Ms. Arguin advised that she had nothing to report. Mrs. Perantoni advised that Mrs. Waterhouse is actively seeking a replacement for Student Representative Tori Biondolillo, who graduated in June. Additionally, Mrs. Perantoni reminded students to complete their summer reading requirement.

9. Future Agenda Items

Board Members were advised to forward Agenda items to Mrs. Perantoni or Mr. Pandolfo.

The next meeting will be held on **Monday, August 22, 2016**.

New staff members will be asked to attend the September 1, 2016 meeting.

10. Executive Session

10.1 Labor Relations Agreement

The Labor Relations Agreement was proposed for discussion in Executive Session.

On a motion by Mr. Herring, seconded by Mr. Blakely, the Board unanimously agreed to find that premature general public knowledge of the items proposed for discussion would clearly place Spaulding High School at a substantial disadvantage should the discussion be public.

On a motion by Mr. Herring, seconded by Mr. Isabelle, the Board unanimously voted to enter into Executive Session, with the Superintendent, at 7:27 p.m. under the provisions of 1 VSA section 313 to discuss the items proposed for discussion.

The remaining information was provided by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Mr. Herring, seconded by Mr. LaCroix, the Board unanimously voted to exit Executive Session at 7:34 p.m.

On a motion by Mr. Isabelle, seconded by Mr. Herring, the Board unanimously voted to appoint Mr. Blakely to the BSU Negotiation Committee.

On a motion by Mr. Isabelle, seconded by Mr. LaCroix, the Board voted 3 to 1 to support conducting contract negotiations in open session. Mr. Herring voted against the motion.

11. Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Herring, seconded by Mr. Blakely, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrea Poulin