

**SPAULDING HIGH SCHOOL
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**
Spaulding High School – Library
January 5, 2017 - 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Carlotta Simonds-Perantoni - Chair
David LaCroix - Vice Chair
Joe Blakely – Clerk – arrived at 6:06 p.m.
Lucas Herring
Ed Rousse

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Anthony Folland
J. Guy Isabelle

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:

John Pandolfo, Superintendent
Brenda Waterhouse, Principal
Penny Chamberlin, Director, Central Vermont Career Center
Jason Derner, Assistant Director, Central Vermont Career Center
Lisa Perrault, Business Manager

GUESTS PRESENT:

Video Vision Tech Dave Delcore – Times Argus Julia Arguin

1. Call to Order

The Chair, Mrs. Perantoni, called the Thursday, January 5, 2017, Regular 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

Add 5.7 Approval of Warning for Annual Meeting. This item will be discussed after Agenda Item 6.9

3. Visitors and Communication

None.

4. Consent Agenda

4.1 Approval of Minutes – October 13, 2016 Tri-Board Meeting

On a motion by Mr. Herring, seconded by Mr. LaCroix, the Board unanimously voted to approve, as amended, the Minutes of the October 13, 2016 Tri-Board Meeting.

4.2 Approval of Minutes – December 1, 2016 Regular Meeting

On a motion by Mr. Herring, seconded by Mr. Blakely, the Board unanimously voted to approve the Minutes of the December 1, 2016 Regular Meeting.

5. New Business

5.1 First Reading Student Conduct and Discipline Policy (F1)

Copies of policies referenced in Agenda Items 5.1 through 5.4 were distributed. Mr. Pandolfo advised that these policies have been adopted by the Supervisory Union Board. Brief discussion was held.

On a motion by Mr. Herring, seconded by Mr. Rousse, the Board unanimously voted to approve the policies referenced in Agenda Items 5.1 through 5.4 (the Student conduct and Discipline Policy, the Student Alcohol and Drugs Policy, the Firearms Policy, and the Student Attendance Policy) (F1, F7, F21, and F25).

5.2 First Reading Student Alcohol and Drugs Policy (F7)

Approved under Agenda Item 5.1.

5.3 First Reading Firearms Policy (F21)

Approved under Agenda Item 5.1.

5.4 First Reading Student Attendance Policy (F25)

Approved under Agenda Item 5.1.

5.5 FY '18 Tuition Rate

A document titled 'SHS / CVCC FY18 Announced Tuition' was distributed. The proposed Announced Tuition for SHS for FY18 is \$14,424. This is the same amount as the Announced Tuition for the years 2017 and 2016. The proposed Announced Tuition for CVCC for FY18 is \$13,469. This is higher than the Announced Tuitions for 2017 and 2016, \$12,350, and \$12,090 respectively. It was noted that the Announced Tuition is an estimate on the cost per pupil, based on expenses. If the cost per pupil is 3% more or 3% less than the Announced Tuition, SHS/CVCC will need to reimburse, or be reimbursed by the sending district.

On a motion by Mr. Rousse, seconded by Mr. Herring, the Board unanimously voted to approve the Announced Tuition Rates as presented; \$14,424 for SHS and \$13,469 for CVCC.

5.6 School Choice

Two documents were distributed; a copy of 'V.S.A. § 822a Public high school choice', and a copy of the 'Agreement to Join the Winooski Valley & Statewide Choice of Public High School Collaborative for the 2017 – 2018 School Year Under Act 129 (SEC. 34§ 822d 2A)'. Mr. Pandolfo provided a brief overview, advising that SHS students who are sent to other schools are still counted in our pupil count, and that the 'money doesn't follow students to other schools'. Mr. Pandolfo advised regarding Mr. Isabelle's concerns relating to school choice, which may be a non-issue, given that money does not follow the student. It was noted that last year, 12 students came to SHS, and as of March 2016, 17 SHS students went to other schools. **On a motion by Mr. Herring, seconded by Mr. Blakely, the Board unanimously agreed to approve signing of the Agreement to Join the Winooski Valley & Statewide Choice of Public High School Collaborative for the 2017 – 2018 School Year.**

5.7 Approval of Warning for Annual Meeting

This Agenda Item was discussed after discussion of Agenda Item 6.9 (FY18 Budget). Two documents were distributed; a copy of the Spaulding Union High School District #41 Warning for March 7, 2017 Vote, and a copy of the Spaulding Union High School District #41 Annual Meeting Warning for March 6, 2017. Brief discussion was held.

On a motion by Mr. Blakely, seconded by Mr. Rousse, the Board unanimously voted to approve as presented, the Spaulding Union High School District #41 Warning for March 7, 2017 Vote.

On a motion by Mr. Rousse, seconded by Mr. LaCroix, the Board unanimously voted to approve as presented, the Spaulding Union High School District #41 Annual Meeting Warning for March 6, 2017.

Board Members were encouraged to pursue individuals who may be interested in filling the following positions; moderator, clerk, treasurer, and auditor.

6. Old Business

6.1 Second and Final Reading Substitute Teachers Policy (D6)

Copies of policies referenced in Agenda Items 6.1 through 6.8 were distributed. It was noted that the majority of the policies slated for ratification are required policies, and that all of these policies have been approved by the Supervisory Union Board. All policies can be viewed on-line.

On a motion by Mr. Herring, seconded by Mr. Rousse, the Board unanimously voted to approve the second and final readings of the policies referenced in Agenda Items 6.1 through 6.8 (Substitute Teachers Policy, Volunteers and Work Study Students Policy, Education Records Policy, Limited English Proficiency Students Policy, Participation of Home Study Students Policy, Pupil Privacy Rights Policy, Use of Restraint and Seclusion Policy, and the Animal Dissection Policy) and agreed to ratify said policies; (D6, D7, F5, F19, F23, F27, C23, and G13).

6.2 Second and Final Reading Volunteers and Work Study Students Policy (D7)

Approved under Agenda Item 6.1.

6.3 Second and Final Reading Education Records Policy (F5)

Approved under Agenda Item 6.1.

6.4 Second and Final Reading Limited English Proficiency Students Policy (F19)

Approved under Agenda Item 6.1.

6.5 Second and Final Reading Participation of Home Study Students Policy (F23)

Approved under Agenda Item 6.1.

6.6 Second and Final Reading Pupil Privacy Rights Policy (F27)

Approved under Agenda Item 6.1.

6.7 Second and Final Reading Use of Restraint and Seclusion Policy (C23)

Approved under Agenda Item 6.1.

6.8 Second and Final Reading Animal Dissection Policy (G13)

Approved under Agenda Item 6.1.

6.9 FY '18 Budget

Four documents were distributed; the SHS/CVCC FY18 Budget Considerations document (revised 12/28/16), the BTMES and BCEMS Comparative Tax Rate Calculations for Budget Years 2017-2018 documents, and a document containing screen shots for the draft of the Power Point Presentation for the SHS/ CVCC Proposed FY18 Budget (dated 12/28/16). Two additional documents, revised Power Point screen shots, were distributed. Mr. LaCroix read a prepared statement regarding budget development, including an overview of budget planning sessions, new expenses related to State mandated programs, increases in salaries and benefits, and loss of State grants. After administrative reductions, the proposed budget increase was reduced from 5.5% to 3.49%. The Finance Committee believes the proposed budget is fair and reasonable, and was prepared in a cost conscious manner balancing quality of education with consideration for tax payers in the communities. It was noted that SHS has one of the lowest cost per pupil rates in the state. Mr. LaCroix provided an overview of the SHS/CVCC Proposed FY18 budget document and the Power Point presentation documents. Mrs. Perantoni expressed her appreciation to the Finance Committee, Administrators, and Business Manager for their efforts in creating the budget.

6.10 Act 46

Two documents were distributed; a copy of the approved Warning for 'Vote for Reconsideration of the November 8, 2016 Vote on the Formation of the Barre Unified Union School District', and a copy of the 'CERTIFICATION OF FINAL VOTE' for the Barre City Article I Act 46, November 8, 2016 vote. The revote in Barre Town is warned for January 31, 2017. Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Absentee ballots have been sent to those who submitted absentee ballots in November. Absentee ballots are available to any other registered voter who would like to receive one. Mrs. Perantoni expressed her hope that voters will become truly informed prior to voting, advising that she believes too many individuals had misconceptions prior to the November vote. Act 46 information is available on the SU web site, as well as at various Town sites. It was noted that a positive vote would result in significant tax savings over the next 3 years.

6.11 Labor Relations

Mr. Pandolfo distributed a revised copy of the 'Proposal Status' report for teachers. Mr. Pandolfo reminded Board Members that 'TA'd' refers to items that have been tentatively agreed to. Mr. Pandolfo advised that the next negotiation meeting with teachers has been scheduled for January 17, 2017. The Negotiation Committee met with para-educators on December 5, 2016, and plan to meet again the week of January 8, 2017. The Negotiation Committee has been in contact with custodial/maintenance personnel, and will be scheduling meetings for late January or early February 2017. All information pertaining to negotiations can be found on the BSU web site.

6.12 March School Board Elections

There are currently 3 Board seats that will be up for election; Two 3 year terms (Mrs. Perantoni's (BT) seat and Mr. Blakely's (BC) seat), and one 1 year term (Mr. Herring's (BC) seat). Interested parties, including those running for re-election should submit petitions to the appropriate City/Town Clerk before the deadline. Each petition must contain the signatures of at least 30 registered voters. Mrs. Perantoni encouraged community members to consider running for a board seat, advising that she felt privileged to serve over the years and found her involvement to be most rewarding .

7. Other Business

Mr. Herring advised regard the upcoming Penguin Plunge. This event, which raises funds for Special Education programs, will be held on February 4, 2017. Participants, volunteers, and donations are all needed. There is a link to the team page on the SU website. Additional promotion will be performed. Mrs. Perantoni volunteered to recruit student participants.

8. Reports to the Board

8.1 Superintendent

A copy of the Superintendent's report dated December 28, 2016 was distributed. The report included information pertaining to; action relating to the Act 46 Committee and the upcoming re-vote, the status of negotiations, and scheduling of a Legislative Breakfast. Mr. Pandolfo highlighted the Legislative Breakfast, which is currently in the planning stages for late January or early February. This event assists with becoming informed regarding legislation relating to education. Dates currently being considered are; 01/23/17, 01/30/17, and 02/06/17.

8.2 Principal

The Principal's Report dated January 5, 2017 was distributed. The report contains information pertaining to; Athletics, Staff Highlights, the Proficiency Based Grading Parent Forum, and the Final Assessment Schedule (for the end of the first semester). A copy of the SHS First Semester Final Assessments document was distributed. A copy of a flier 'Support Our Winter Teams', was also distributed. The Winter Team Fundraiser involves the sale of luminaria bags to honor loved ones who have battled with cancer. The community display of the luminaria bags will occur on Friday, January 27, 2017, at the boys' basketball game. Mrs. Waterhouse highlighted the luminary challenge and encouraged community members to support this fund raiser. Additionally, Mrs. Waterhouse announced the upcoming delivery of new trophy cases (resulting from efforts by the Alumni Association and the Spaulding Foundation), Brad Miller's AP Government students' 01/19/17 – 01/20/17 trip to Washington, DC to attend the Presidential Inauguration Ceremony, and the recent acceptance of Shannon Brodie, Parker Nolan, and David Toborg, into the All New England Music Festival. These students will travel to Norwalk, CT in March to rehearse and perform in a Festival Concert, which includes concert chorus, concert band, and orchestra with students from all over the New England area.

8.3 CVCC Director

Ms. Chamberlin advised regarding an upcoming Building Trades trip to Louisiana. This 10 day trip, involving 7 students and 2 adults, will take place in early March. Additionally, Ms. Chamberlin advised regarding preparation for the National Technical Center Honor Society and second quarter assessments.

8.4 Committee Reports

Policy Committee – Minutes from the December 5, 2016 Meeting were distributed.

Curriculum Committee – Minutes from the December 12, 2016 Meeting were distributed.

Finance Committee – Minutes from the December 7, 2016 and December 21, 2016 Meetings were distributed.

Facilities Committee – The next meeting date is to be announced.

8.5 Financials

No action.

8.6 Student Representatives

Ms. Arguin advised regarding Drama Club auditions, final exams for semester 1 (01/11/17 and 01/12/17), and various fund raisers. It was noted that there will be no school for students on Monday, January 16, 2017. This day will be used for Staff Development.

9. Future Agenda Items and Upcoming Committee Meetings

Future Agenda Items include:

- Student Presentation on the Washington, DC trip
- March 6, 2017 Annual Meeting

Additional items should be forwarded to Mrs. Perantoni or Mr. Pandolfo.

Policy Committee – Monday, February 6, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

Curriculum Committee – Monday, January 9, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. in the SHS Library

Finance Committee – To be announced.

Facilities Committee – To be announced.

Act 46 – Tentative Schedule: Thursday, January 12, 2017 and Thursday, February 9, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

10. Executive Session as Needed

10.1 Superintendent's Evaluation

10.2 Personnel

Items proposed for discussion in Executive Session include the Superintendent's Evaluation and a Personnel Issue.

On a motion by Mr. Rousse, seconded by Mr. Herring, 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. Rousse, seconded by Mr. Herring, the Board unanimously voted to enter into Executive Session at 7:41 p.m., with Mr. Pandolfo in attendance for the Personnel Issue, under the provisions of 1 VSA section 313 to discuss the items proposed for discussion.

On a motion by Mr. Rousse, seconded by Mr. LaCroix, the Board unanimously voted to exit Executive Session at 8:13 p.m.

11. Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Herring, seconded by Mr. Rousse, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrea Poulin