

**SPAULDING HIGH SCHOOL
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**
Spaulding High School – Library
April 13, 2017 - 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Paul Malone - Chair
David LaCroix – Vice Chair
Joe Blakely – Clerk – arrived at 6:05 p.m.
Tim Boltin
Anthony Folland
J. Guy Isabelle
Ed Rouse – departed at 6:36 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:

John Pandolfo, Superintendent
Jim Ferland, Assistant Principal

GUESTS PRESENT:

Video Vision Tech Julia Arguin

1. Call to Order

The Chair, Mr. Malone, called the Thursday, April 13, 2017, Regular meeting to order at 6:02 p.m., which was held at the Spaulding High School Library.

2. Additions and/or Deletions to the Agenda

5.2 – Change from ‘Resignation’ to ‘Resignations and New Hires’
10.1 – Executive Session – Delete – No Executive Session is necessary.

3. Visitors and Communication

None.

4. Approval of Minutes

4.1 Approval of Minutes – March 9, 2017 Regular Meeting

On a motion by Mr. Isabelle, seconded by Mr. LaCroix, the Board unanimously voted to approve the Minutes of the March 9, 2017 Regular Meeting.

4.2 Approval of Minutes – March 6, 2017 SHS District #41 Annual Meeting

On a motion by Mr. Rouse, seconded by Mr. Blakely, the Board voted 4 to 0 to approve the Minutes of the March 6, 2017 SHS District #41 Annual Meeting. Mr. Isabelle, Mr. LaCroix, and Mr. Malone abstained.

4.3 Approval of Minutes – March 23, 2017 Tri-Board Meeting

On a motion by Mr. Boltin, seconded by Mr. Isabelle, the Board unanimously voted to approve, as amended, the Minutes of the March 23, 2017 Tri-Board Meeting .

5. New Business

5.1FY '18 Revote

A document titled ‘SPAULDING HIGH SCHOOL FY 18 BUDGET-REVOTE MAY 9, 2017’ was distributed. Mr. Pandolfo distributed a revised copy of the flier. Mrs. Spaulding and Mr. Rouse agreed to post the flier on Front Porch Forum. Discussion was held regarding Spaulding High School having the lowest cost per equalized pupil. The revised budget results in an insignificant tax increase. If the revised budget fails, the Board will need to look at cuts to academic programs. It was noted that a decline in enrollment and unfunded mandates have had a negative impact on the budget. Discussion was held regarding how to educate the public regarding the cost per equalized pupil calculation and how the increase in cost per pupil on the ballot does not accurately reflect the actual increase in the overall budget. **On a motion by Mr. Isabelle, seconded by Mr. Folland, the Board unanimously voted to approve the revised version of the flier.**

5.2 Resignations and New Hires

Letters of resignation from Chris Liff and Michael Stuart were distributed. A copy of the resume and BSU Notification of Employment Status Form for Patricia Petraro were distributed. Mr. Pandolfo advised regarding the individuals who were retiring and provided an overview of the candidate presented for the position of Special Educator.

On a motion by Mr. Blakely, seconded by Mr. LaCroix, the Board unanimously voted to accept with regrets, the resignation of Chris Liff.

On a motion by Mr. Folland, seconded by Mr. Isabelle, the Board unanimously voted to accept the resignation of Michael Stuart.

On a motion by Mr. Rouse, seconded by Mr. Boltin, the Board unanimously voted to approve the hiring of Patricia Petraro.

5.3 SHS Scholarship Trust Report

A document titled 'Spaulding Scholarship Trust 2017 Awards Listing' was distributed. Mr. LaCroix provided a brief history of the Scholarship Trust, including management of funds, as well as award criteria, budgeting, awards for CVCC students from sending schools, new awards, and an overview of the awards available this year. It is the goal of the Trust to continually bring in new scholarships, increase earnings in the Trust and increase student awareness and applications for scholarships. The Scholarship Trust creates a wonderful opportunity for SHS students and should be noted when SHS is marketing itself to potential students.

5.4 JROTC Historical Report

Information pertaining to the JROTC Program is included in the Principal's report. Mr. Malone encouraged Board Members to read the information included in the Board packet. Mr. Isabelle feels that the JROTC Program should also be included in marketing efforts.

5.5 Policy Rescinds

Model Policy on the Use of Restraint and Seclusion (F26)

Drug and Alcohol Testing: Transportation Employees (EEB)

Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act Compliance (GBG)

Substitute Teachers (GCG)

Volunteers and Work Study Students (IJOC)

Wellness Policy (EF)

Animal Dissection (IMG)

Transportation (EEA)

Class Sizes at Spaulding High School Union District and Barre Technical Center (IIB)

Grade Advancement: Retention, Promotion & Acceleration of Students (IKE)

Payroll Procedures (DLA)

Copies of the policies were distributed. Mr. Pandolfo and Mr. Isabelle advised that these policies may be rescinded because they have been recently replaced by approved BSU policies which have been ratified by the SHS Board.

On a motion by Mr. Isabelle, seconded by Mr. Boltin, the Board unanimously voted to rescind the policies referenced in Agenda Item 5.5; Model Policy on the Use of Restraint and Seclusion (F26), Drug and Alcohol Testing: Transportation Employees (EEB), Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act Compliance (GBG), Substitute Teachers (GCG), Volunteers and Work Study Students (IJOC), Wellness Policy (EF), Animal Dissection (IMG), Transportation (EEA), Class Sizes at Spaulding High School Union District and Barre Technical Center (IIB), Grade Advancement: Retention, Promotion & Acceleration of Students (IKE), and Payroll Procedures (DLA)

6. Old Business

6.1 Second and Final Reading Role and Adoption of School board Policies (A1)

Copies of BSU policies referenced in Agenda Items 6.1 through 6.7 were distributed. Mr. Pandolfo provided a brief overview of the policies being presented for approval of Second and Final Reading and ratification.

On a motion by Mr. Isabelle, seconded by Mr. Blakely, the Board unanimously voted to approve the Second and Final Readings of the BSU policies referenced in Agenda Items 6.1 through 6.7, and agreed to ratify said policies (A1, D2, D8, E8, F20-1, G1, and G20).

6.2 Second and Final Reading Professional Development (D2)

Approved under Agenda Item 6.1.

6.3 Second and Final Reading Alcohol and Drug-Free Workplace (D8)

Approved under Agenda Item 6.1.

6.4 Second and Final Reading Tobacco Prohibition (E8)

Approved under Agenda Item 6.1.

6.5 Second and Final Reading Model Procedures on the Prevention of Harassment, Hazing, and Bullying of Students (F20-1)

Approved under Agenda Item 6.1.

6.6 Second and Final Reading Curriculum Development & Coordination (G1)

Approved under Agenda Item 6.1.

6.7 Second and Final Reading Proficiency-Based Learning (G20)

6.8 Labor Relations Agreements

A copy of the 'Proposal Status – AFSCME Agreement' document was distributed. Mr. Pandolfo advised that an overview of the status of negotiations is included in the Superintendent's Report. Mr. Pandolfo provided a brief overview and advised regarding dates for upcoming meetings with teachers, para-educators and maintenance/custodial negotiators. Teacher negotiations are currently in mediation. Mr. Pandolfo hopes that significant progress can be made at the April 27, 2017 meeting. Additional meetings can be scheduled without a mediator. Another option is to go to a Fact Finder who would issue a recommendation. If no settlement is reached and no health plans are chosen, VEHI will move staff to a default plan.

7. Other Business

None.

8. Reports to the Board

8.1 Superintendent

A copy of the Superintendent's Report dated April 3, 2017 was distributed. The report included information pertaining to; Negotiations, Health Care Insurance, SU Central Office Positions, and the Legislative Breakfast (held on April 3, 2017) at Spaulding High School. A copy of a letter from Mrs. Waterhouse to legislators (dated 04/04/17) was distributed. Mr. Pandolfo highlighted the addition of meeting norms to the agenda, and provided additional information pertaining to the water main break in Barre City and assurances made regarding the safety of water prior to opening the school. Additionally, Mr. Pandolfo advised regarding use of swipe cards (by Board Members), as discussed at the BCEMS Board Meeting. The topic of swipe card usage by Board Members will be discussed at the BSU Board Meeting. Mr. Malone expressed concern regarding legislation pertaining to cannabis use.

8.2 Principal

The Principal's Report, dated April 13, 2017 was distributed. The report included information relating to; Athletics, Academics (SBACS, next year course sign-up, AP testing, the Language Arts trip to France and Spain, and the JROTC program), and Student Highlights. Literature relating to the France/Spain trip was also distributed. Mr. Ferland advised regarding additional sports highlights; Cam Gilwee has been selected to play in the VT/NH Lions Cup Soccer game which will be held mid-July, Jesse Scott and Denver Heath were recently named the Free Press' Miss Hockey and Mr. Hockey. The last student assembly for the 2016/2017 year will be held on Friday, April 28, 2017.

8.3 CVCC Director

It was noted that there is nothing new to report at this time, thus Ms. Chamberlin did not provide a written report to the Board. A report will be included in the May packet.

8.4 Committee Reports

Finance Committee – Minutes from the March 22, 2017 meeting were distributed. The next meeting is Wednesday, May 24, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. in the SHS Library

Facilities Committee – Mr. LaCroix provided a brief overview of the meeting held on April 11, 2017. The next meeting is Wednesday, May 10, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. in the SHS Library

BSU Curriculum Committee – The first meeting of this committee is Monday, April 24, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. in the SHS Library

BSU Policy Committee – The next meeting of this committee is Monday, May 15, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. in the BSU Second Floor Conference Room

It was noted that committee meeting minutes will be included in the board packet when ever possible.

8.5 Financials

SHS, CVCC, and BSU Expense Budget Status Reports (dated 04/07/17) were distributed. It was noted that most of the deficit listed on the BSU Report is due to monies which have not yet been received.

8.6 Student Representatives

Ms. Arguin reported on the Drama Club's Spring Musical (The Drowsy Chaperone), April break, spring sports, the France/Spain trip, and advised that she favors renovations to the auditorium and believes that Drama Club members feel strongly that improvements need to be made to the auditorium.

9. Future Agenda Items and Upcoming Committee Meetings

Future Agenda Items:

Mr. Pandolfo has a running list of items.

Upcoming Meetings:

Supervisory Board – Thursday, April 20, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the BSU First Floor Conference Room

BSU Curriculum – Monday, April 24, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. in the SHS Library

SHS Facility Committee – Wednesday, May 10, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. in the SHS Library

SHS Board – Thursday, May 11, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the SHS Library

BSU Policy Committee – Monday, May 15, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. in the BSU Second Floor Conference Room

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10. Executive Session as Needed

11. Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Blakely, seconded by Mr. LaCroix, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Poulin