

**SPAULDING HIGH SCHOOL
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**
Spaulding High School – Library
August 17, 2015 - 5:30 p.m.

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Carlotta Simonds-Perantoni - Chair
David LaCroix - Vice Chair
Joe Blakely - Clerk
Dotty Ricks
Ed Rouse
Mark Tatro

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Veronica Foadelli-McCormick

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:

John Pandolfo, Superintendent
Brenda Waterhouse, Principal
Penny Chamberlin, Director Central Vermont Career Center

GUESTS PRESENT:

Video Vision Tech Richard Forney Harry Frank Parent of ‘Student A’ ‘Student A’

1. Call to Order

The Chair, Mrs. Perantoni, called the Monday, August 17, 2015, meeting to order at 5:36 p.m., which was held at the Spaulding High School Library. Mrs. Perantoni welcomed the Board to the new school year and announced that a light dinner was being served.

2. Additions and/or Deletions to the Agenda

In response to a query from Ms. Ricks, it was noted that the agenda was posted in two places, and available on the web site, thus covering the requirement of posting agendas in three places.

On a motion by Mr. Rouse, seconded by Mr. LaCroix, the Board unanimously voted to approve changing the order of the Agenda, moving Executive Session for a Student Matter, to #4 and shifting the order of all other items down.

Mr. Rouse requested that tennis court refurbishment be added to the next meeting’s agenda.

On a motion by Ms. Ricks, seconded by Mr. Rouse, the Board unanimously voted to approve the agenda.

3. Visitors and Communication

None.

4. Executive Session (Student Matter)

A Student Matter was proposed for Executive Session.

On a motion by Ms. Ricks, seconded by Mr. Rouse, the Board unanimously agreed to find that premature general public knowledge of the item proposed for discussion would clearly place the City of Barre at a substantial disadvantage should the discussion be public and agreed to enter into Executive Session at 5:44 p.m. under the provisions of 1 VSA section 313 to discuss the item proposed for discussion (Student Matter) .

Mr. Pandolfo, Mrs. Waterhouse, and Mr. Richard Forney (court stenographer from Green Mountain Court Reporting) were invited to join Executive Session.

On a motion by Ms. Ricks, seconded by Mr. LaCroix, the Board unanimously voted to exit Executive Session at 6:32 p.m.

No action will be taken at this time. The issue will be discussed and Mr. Pandolfo will convey the Board’s response to the parents as soon as reasonably possible. Mr. Richard Forney departed the meeting at 6:33 p.m.

A personnel item was proposed for Executive Session.

On a motion by Mr. Tatro, seconded by Ms. Ricks, the Board unanimously agreed to find that premature general public knowledge of the item proposed for discussion would clearly place the City of Barre at a substantial disadvantage should the discussion be public and agreed to enter into Executive Session at 5:38 p.m. under the provisions of 1 VSA section 313 to discuss the item proposed for discussion (personnel item). Mr. Pandolfo and Ms. Chamberlin were invited to join Executive Session.

On a motion by Mr. Rouse, seconded by Mr. Tatro, the Board unanimously voted to exit Executive Session at 6:55 p.m.

On a motion by Mr. Rouse, seconded by Mr. LaCroix, the Board voted 4 to 0 to let Mr. Pandolfo negotiate the Technical Center's request as discussed in Executive Session. Ms. Ricks abstained, advising she was recusing herself due to a conflict of interest.

5. Approval of Minutes

4.1 Approval of Minutes – July 21, 2015 Special Meeting

The Minutes will be amended to reflect that Mrs. Waterhouse was invited to attend Executive Session.

On a motion by Mr. Rouse, seconded by Mr. Blakely, the Board voted 4 to 0 to approve, as amended, the Minutes of the July 21, 2015 Special Meeting. Ms. Ricks abstained.

6. Old Business

6.1 Resignation(s) and New Hire(s)

Summary cover sheets for Jeremi Lyford and Christina Deeley were distributed for review. Mr. Pandolfo advised that there were no resignations to report. Brief discussion was held regarding the proposed hires. **On a motion by Mr. Tatro, seconded by Mr. Rouse, the Board unanimously voted to approve the hiring of Jeremi Lyford as the Electrical Technology Instructor.**

On a motion by Mr. Rouse, seconded by Mr. Blakely, the Board unanimously voted to approve the hiring of Christina Deeley for the position of History teacher.

Mr. Pandolfo advised that there were no other open positions at Spaulding High School.

6.2 Ratification of Teachers' Agreement

Mr. Pandolfo distributed a report which listed the highlights of the Tentative Negotiated Agreement. Mr. Pandolfo provided an overview of the highlights and advised that the Agreement will need to be ratified by the SU as well as the other Boards. The proposed Agreement is a two year agreement involving all three schools. Mr. Pandolfo commended the negotiation teams for their efforts. **On a motion by Ms. Ricks, seconded by Mr. Rouse, the Board unanimously agreed to ratify the Agreement recommended by the Superintendent, as set forth and presented.**

6.3 Verify Committee and Board Meeting Dates

Spaulding High School – First Monday of each Month

Finance Committee – Third Tuesday of each month (may be changed to the second Thursday of the month at 4:30 p.m.)

Policy Committee – Third Thursday of each month at 5:00 p.m. at the BSU entry area

Facilities Committee – Third Tuesday of each month at 5:00 p.m. at Spaulding High School

Curriculum Committee – First Thursday of each month from 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. (tentative day/time – Mr. Rouse to confirm).

6.4 Rescind Policies JFCM, JICFA, and JCR

Copies of the policies relating to harassment, hazing and bullying were distributed for review. A brief overview was given. These policies are being replaced by the new policy: 'Policy on the Prevention of Harassment, Hazing and Bullying of Students' (code to be determined). **On a motion by Mr. Blakely, seconded by Ms. Ricks, the Board unanimously voted to rescind policies JFCM, JICFA, and JCR and begin using the model policy from the Department of Education.**

6.5 Second and Final Reading of Policy on the Prevention of Harassment, Hazing, and Bullying of Students

A new copy of the model policy (Code: F20) was distributed by Ms. Ricks. Mrs. Perantoni provided a brief overview. **On a motion by Mr. Rouse, seconded by Ms. Ricks, the Board unanimously voted to approve the Second and Final Reading of the Policy on the Prevention of Harassment, Hazing, and Bullying of Students.** Ms. Ricks will notify Pam of the update.

6.6 Warrant Discussion (Signature Rotation)

Mrs. Perantoni advised that the current procedures are too cumbersome. Mr. Tatro offered to review the Warrants each Tuesday morning. It was noted that there is not a consistent time when Warrants are available for review. Mr. Pandolfo advised of the auditors' finding that the various Boards' procedures are not done in accordance with policy, and that the Business Manager is currently drafting a recommendation. The Business Manager's draft policy and procedures will be put on the next agenda.

6.7 Announcement of Barre Technical Center's New Name and Logo

Ms. Chamberlin announced the new name for the Barre Technical Center: 'Central Vermont Career Center', and distributed stickers depicting the new logo. Videos will be released soon. The color, logo and name were all given much consideration. The Career Center will be creating all of the signage and painting will also occur.

6.8 Budget Development Schedule for FY '17

A draft document titled 'Barre Supervisory Union / BCEMS/BTMES/SHS-CVCC / Budget Development Schedule for FY 2017' was distributed. Mr. Pandolfo commended Lisa Perreault for her efforts in creating the schedule. Mr. Pandolfo provided a brief overview and advised that the process will be the same for all the Boards. The Board was asked to prepare goals and 'direction' for the September meeting. **On a motion by Mr. Blakely, seconded by Ms. Ricks, the Board unanimously voted to accept the schedule.**

6.9 Fuel Bid Recommendation

A document titled 'RFP Results for FUEL OIL, PROPANE, and WOOD CHIPS', was distributed. Mr. Pandolfo provided an overview of the submitted bids. Mr. Pandolfo advised regarding his recommendations. **On a motion by Mr. Tatro, seconded by Ms. Ricks, the Board unanimously voted to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and enter into fuel contracts with Conti Oil, Blue Flame, and Catamount.**

6.10 VT School Board Association Training (6:30 p.m.)

Mr. Harry Frank from the Vermont School Board Association was present to lead a discussion. This item was postponed until after adjournment of the Regular Meeting.

7. Other Business

None.

8. Reports to the Board

8.1 Superintendent's Report

Various financial reports for Spaulding High School and Barre Technical Center were distributed. Additionally, a BSU Consolidation Study Committee Update report (08/13/15) was also distributed. Mr. Pandolfo advised regarding process adjustments that need to be made to comply with Act 46. Two motions will be required; one to form a committee, as recommended by the SU Board, and one to appoint committee members. The 'appointments' must be made by BCEMS and BTMES boards. The SHS Board will not make any appointments, though members from that board may be appointed by BCEMS and BTEMES. The new recommendation is for a Study Committee comprised of ten (10) individuals, with 4 community members (2 from Barre City and 2 from Barre Town) and 2 members from each Board (BCEMS, BTMES, and SHS, of which, one member from each Board should be the Finance Committee Chair). The committee members from SHS (appointed by BCEMS and BTMES) should include one representative from the City and one from the Town. This structure ensures equal representation for the City and the Town. Mr. Pandolfo advised he sent a well-received update to the DOE regarding progress with complying with the Transportation/Special Education Waiver request response. The next update is due in ninety days. Mr. Pandolfo advised regarding staff schedules, including new teacher orientation, the first official in-service day, and the all-staff kick-off on Monday, August 24, 2015 (Board members are invited to attend). Freshman Orientation will occur on Tuesday August 25, 2015. Mrs. Waterhouse invited Board members to attend the Parent BBQ and informational session, which will be held on August 25th beginning at 12:20. CVCC will begin classes on Wednesday (08/26).

8.2 Committee Reports

A copy of the Minutes from the June 2, 2015 Facilities Committee Meeting were distributed.

Ms. Ricks distributed copies of the Minutes from the July 16, 2015 Policy Committee meeting as well as a copy of policy A1 –Role and Adoption of School Board Policies.

The Finance Committee will meet on Tuesday, August 18, 2015 at 4:30 p.m.

9. Future Agenda Items

Tennis Court Refurbishment

Warrant Discussion

Discussion of Policy A1 – Role and Adoption of School Board Policies

A Special Meeting will be held on Tuesday August 18, 2015 at 6:00p.m. to discuss a Student Matter. This meeting will be an Executive Session.

10. Adjournment

On a motion by Ms. Ricks, seconded by Mr. Blakely, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Poulin