

**SPAULDING HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**

SHS Library

December 7, 2015

6:00 p.m. – Regular Meeting

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda
3. Executive Session – Personnel Matter
4. Visitors and Communication
5. Consent Agenda
 - 5.1 October 8, 2015 Tri-Board Minutes
 - 5.2 November 2, 2015 Regular School Board Meeting Minutes
6. Old Business
 - 6.1 Second and Final Reading of Student Conduct and Discipline Policy (F1)
 - 6.2 Second and Final Reading of Search and Seizure of Students by School Personnel Policy (F3)
 - 6.3 Second and Final Reading of Student Medication Policy (F6)
 - 6.4 Second and Final Reading Student Alcohol & Drugs Policy (F7)
 - 6.5 Second and final Reading of Transportation Policy (F9)\
 - 6.6 Second and Final Reading of Student Activities (Secondary Policy (F11)
 - 6.7 Second and Final Reading of Interscholastic Sports Policy (F12)
 - 6.8 Second and Final Reading of Admission of Resident Students Policy (F13)
 - 6.9 Second and Final Reading of Admission of Non-Resident Tuition Students Policy (F14)
 - 6.10 Second and Final Reading of Eighteen Year Old Students Policy (F18)
 - 6.11 Second and Final Reading of Prevention of Harassment, Hazing, and Bullying Procedure (F20-1)
 - 6.12 Second and Final Reading of Firearms Policy (F21)
 - 6.13 Second and Final Reading of Student Assessment Policy (F22)
 - 6.14 Second and Final Reading Student Attendance Policy (F25)
 - 6.15 Second and Final Reading of Restraining and Seclusion Policy (F26)
 - 6.16 Second and Final Reading of Pupil Privacy Right Policy (F27)
 - 6.17 Second and Final Reading of Federal Child Nutrition Act Wellness Policy (F28)
 - 6.18 Second and Final Reading of Student Self-Expression and Student Distribution of Literature Policy (F29)
 - 6.19 FY '17 Budget
7. New Business
 - 7.1 Sabbatical Request
 - 7.2 Superintendent's Evaluation Discussion
 - 7.3 First Reading Curriculum Development & Coordination Policy (G1)
 - 7.4 First Reading Field Trips Policy (G3)
 - 7.5 First Reading Selecting Library Material Policy (G4)
 - 7.6 First Reading Selection of Instructional Materials and Sensitive Issues Policy (G5)
 - 7.7 First Reading Educational Support System Policy (G7)
 - 7.8 First Reading Local Action Plan Policy (G8)
 - 7.9 First Reading Grade Advancement: Retention, Promotion & Acceleration of Students Policy (G9)
 - 7.10 First Reading Responsible Computer Network & Internet Use Policy (G11)
 - 7.11 First Reading Title I Comparability Policy (G12)
 - 7.12 First Reading Class Size Policy (G14)
 - 7.13 First Reading Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act Policy (GBG-D13).
 - 7.14 First Reading Substitute Teachers Policy (GCG-D6)
 - 7.15 First Reading Volunteers and Work Study Students Policy (IJOC-D7)
 - 7.16 First Reading Animal Dissection Policy (IMG-G13)

- 7.17 Motion to Rescind the Following Policies: GBCD, GBCD-R, GBD/BG, GBEB, GCN, GCO, IGADA, IGADB, IGDF, IGDJE, IGDJR, IHBA, IHBAR, IHBAE, IHB, IHBB, IHBBR, IHBBR1, IHBC, IIA, IIAC, IIAEE1, IIAEE2, IIAEE3, IIAEE4, IJOA, IKF, IKFB, IPPE
8. Other Business
9. Reports to the Board
- 9.1 Superintendent
- 9.2 Principal
- 9.3 CVCC Director
- 9.4 Committee Reports
- 9.5 Financials
- 9.6 Student Representatives
9. Future Agenda Items
10. Executive Session
- 10.1 Personnel Matter
- 10.2 Student Matter
11. Adjourn

Reminders:

Next Spaulding High School Union District Meeting
Next Barre Town School District Meeting
Next Barre City School District Meeting
Next Barre Supervisory Union Meeting

January 4, 2015
December 9, 2015
December 15, 2015
December 11, 2015

**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 8, 2015 - 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

BCEMS BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lucas Herring - Chair
Sonya Spaulding - Vice Chair
Jim Carrien - Clerk
Guiliano Cecchinelli, II
Anita Ristau
Leslie Walz

BCEMS BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Anita Chadderton
Nathan Reigner
Tyler Smith

BTMES BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brenda Buzzell - Chair - via teleconference from 6:20 p.m. until 6:38 p.m.
Brent Tewksbury - Vice Chair
Chad Allen - Clerk via teleconference from 6:20 p.m. until 6:38 p.m.
Kristin McCarthy
Krista Metivier

BTMES BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

SHS BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Carlotta Simonds-Perantoni - Chair
David LaCroix - Vice Chair
Joe Blakely - Clerk - arrived at 6:55 p.m.
Veronica Foiadelli-McCormick
Dotty Ricks
Ed Rousse - arrived at 7:21 p.m.

SHS BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mark Tatro

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:

John Pandolfo, Superintendent
Rick McCraw, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment
Lisa Perreault, Business Manager

GUESTS PRESENT:

Video Vision Tech Dave Delcore-Times Argus Peter Clarke Kerri Lamb Patty MacAskill

1. Call to Order

The SU Chair, Mrs. Ristau, called the Thursday, October 8, 2015, meeting to order at 6:02 p.m., which was held at the Spaulding High School Library.

The BCEMS Chair, Mr. Herring, called the Thursday, October 8, 2015, meeting to order at 6:02 p.m., which was held at the Spaulding High School Library.

The BTMES Vice Chair, Mr. Tewksbury, called the Thursday, October 8, 2015, meeting to order at 6:02 p.m., which was held at the Spaulding High School Library.

The SHS Chair, Mrs. Perantoni, called the Thursday, October 8, 2015, 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
None.

3. Public Comment

Mr. Pandolfo introduced Peter Clarke, an Act 46 Consultant approved by the Vermont School Board Association. Mr. Clarke is working with the recently formed Act 46 Consolidation Study Committee, and today, visited some of the schools, meeting with staff and various board members. Additionally, Mr. Pandolfo introduced Ms. Lisa Perreault, Business Manager, and Mr. Rick McCraw, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment.

4. Approval of Minutes

4.1 Approval of Minutes – September 10, 2015 Regular SU Meeting

On a motion by Mrs. Perantoni, seconded by Mrs. Spaulding, the SU Board unanimously voted to approve the Minutes of the September 10, 2015 Regular SU Meeting.

5. New Business

5.1 Supervisory Union Budget Development Process

Ms. Perreault distributed two documents, the first, a document containing screen prints of her Power Point presentation, and the second, a document titled 'FY-2017 Special Education Service Plan'. Ms. Perreault proceeded with the Power Point presentation, providing an overview which included the following areas: an update regarding progress to-date on the SU budget (including participation of Administrators, Directors and Accounting personnel), Budget Assessment Methods, the budget development timeline, budget consolidation (which will result in a significant increase in assessments), detailed information pertaining to the SU Assessment, potential benefits of consolidation, Title 16 as it relates to apportionment of expenses, Child Count methods (Equalized Pupils, Enrollment, and Child Count), expense and revenue projections, Special Education Revenue, Transportation expenses and revenue. It was noted that individual service plans were created, but will be consolidated for the DOE. Additional work needs to be completed regarding transportation budget consolidation. Savings related to consolidation has yet to be determined. The assessment will reflect both expenses and revenue. The method chosen to determine pupil counts can be changed from year to year. The pupil count method will be determined by the SU Board, with input from each Board. Data must be reviewed to ensure that the fairest method is used. Though legislation does not require all para-educators be part of the SU budget, Mr. Pandolfo would like to see all para-educators and custodial personnel included in the SU budget. It was noted that the projected decrease in EEE expenses reflects a decrease in the number of students qualifying for EEE services. Pre-K expenses will increase as the number of children served will be increasing. Additional budget discussions will be held during each Boards' Finance Committee meetings.

5.2 Barre Supervisory Union Policy Committee Update

Two documents were distributed for review: BSU Policy Committee Meeting Draft Minutes for October 1, 2015 and the BSU Policy Manual Index. Mr. Pandolfo advised that the Committee met on October 1, 2015, and provided an overview of the Minutes and accompanying table of policies. The Committee needs to review policies as they currently exist, review all VSBA Model Policies and Suggested Policies, as well as identifying policies that should exist at the SU level. Procedures need to be separated out of policies and be written uniquely for each school. Additionally, numbering schemes need to be consistent.

6. Old Business

6.1 Second and Final Reading Title I, Part A Parental Involvement Policy (H7)

A copy of the policy was distributed for review and approval. It was noted that this is an improved-upon VSBA model policy.

On a motion by Mrs. Perantoni, seconded by Mrs. Spaulding, the SU Board unanimously voted to approve the Second and Final Reading of the Title I, Part A Parental Involvement Policy (H7)

On a motion by Mrs. Spaulding, seconded by Mr. Carrien, the BCEMS Board Members unanimously voted to ratify the Title I, Part A Parental Involvement Policy (H7).

On a motion by Mr. LaCroix, seconded by Ms. Ricks, the SHS Board Members unanimously voted to ratify the Title I, Part A Parental Involvement Policy (H7)

After brief discussion, it was noted that though this policy does not presently pertain to BTMES, there would be no negative impact to its ratification. Ratification at this time would assist with consistency and would assure a policy was in place should it become

pertinent to BTMES. On a motion by Mrs. Metivier, seconded by Mrs. McCarthy, the BTMES Board Members unanimously voted to ratify the Title I, Part A Parental Involvement Policy (H7)

6.2 Act 46 Study Committee Report

Four documents were distributed for review: 'Act 46 of 2015 Governance Changes', 'Act 46 of 2016 Cost Containment Per Pupil Threshold Amounts', 'Getting Started: Pursuing Options and Opportunities Under Act 46', and 'Draft Work Plan For Study Committee (dated September 29, 2015)'. Mr. Pandolfo advised of the meeting held on September 29, 2015 and provided an overview highlighting the key points that were discussed. Mr. Pandolfo requested that the Board set a budget and recommended a \$25,000 budget, with funding from 2 grants. A \$5000 grant has already been approved. An application will need to be submitted for the \$20,000 grant.

On a motion by Mr. Carrien, seconded by Mr. Cecchinelli, the BCMES Board unanimously voted to authorize a budget up to \$25,000 for legal, consulting and other expenses needed for the committee and to share in the cost proportionally with the other member districts on the study committee.

On a motion by Mrs. Metivier, seconded by Mrs. McCarthy, the BTMES Board unanimously voted to authorize a budget up to \$25,000 for legal, consulting and other expenses needed for the committee and to share in the cost proportionally with the other member districts on the study committee.

Mr. Pandolfo provided an overview of the remaining documents, including a review of the goals (education quality and equity), types of merges, including the timelines for each type, community involvement, and cost containment thresholds, including penalties for exceeding the threshold amount.

6.3 Human Resource Coordinator Position Description

A draft of the BSU Position Description for the position of Human Resources Coordinator was distributed. Mrs. Ristau advised that this position and its description were discussed at the last SU meeting. This draft is a revised version. Several board members advised that they were in favor of this position and felt hiring an HR Coordinator would be beneficial for numerous reasons. Board members strongly support hiring an individual for this position. On a motion by Mr. Herring, seconded by Mrs. Perantoni, the SU Board unanimously voted to approve the HR job description (with discussed changes) and authorized the Superintendent to begin the hiring process immediately.

7. Other Business as Needed

None.

8. Reports to the Board

8.1 Superintendent

Mr. Pandolfo provided a verbal report advising that Mark Moody has provided a safety/security inspection of each building, including the Wall Street building and will be providing an audit report as well as meeting with Administrators, Crisis Teams, and Safety/Security Committee members. As the information being provided may pose a security risk, if known to the general public, the discussions may be held in Executive Session. Research is being performed regarding improvements that could be made to the Wall Street facility. A building has been identified which could be purchased (to house the Wall Street program). Additional research will be performed to determine if the purchase of a facility would result in cost savings. Improvements being considered for the SU Office include parking/access, storage/secure storage, and reconfiguration/creation of office space for staff. Mr. Pandolfo would like to see discussion at the SU level regarding hiring Technical Support positions. The high turnover rate of technical staff has a negative impact to students. An increase in the rate of pay for technical staff may help alleviate turnover, but would have a budgetary impact. Mr. Pandolfo would like direction from the Board. Mrs. Perantoni is concerned regarding the additional expense and would like wants/needs and priorities documented. Mrs. Spaulding recommended researching the idea of shared positions and requested that research be performed regarding rates of pay at other towns and districts.

9. Executive Session as Needed

No Executive Session is required.

10. Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Herring, seconded by Mrs. Spaulding, the SU Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 7:48 p.m.

On a motion by Mrs. Walz, seconded by Mrs. Spaulding, the BCMES Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 7:48 p.m.

On a motion by Mrs. McCarthy, seconded by Mrs. Metivier, the BTMES Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 7:48 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Poulin

**SPAULDING HIGH SCHOOL
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**
Spaulding High School – Library
November 2, 2015 - 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Carlotta Simonds-Perantoni - Chair
David LaCroix - Vice Chair
Joe Blakely – Clerk – arrived at 6:29
Dottye Ricks
Ed Rousse

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Veronica Foiadelli-McCormick
Mark Tatro

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:

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

GUESTS PRESENT:

Video Vision Tech Tori Biondolillo Kerri Lamb Heather Silk Miles Silk, Jr.

1. Call to Order

The Chair, Mrs. Perantoni, called the Monday, November 2, 2015, Regular meeting to order at 6:01p.m., which was held at the Spaulding High School Library.

2. Additions and/or Deletions to the Agenda

None.

3. Visitors and Communication

Heather Silk, Local Coordinator/Field Manager from ICES (International Cultural Exchange Services) addressed the Board. Ms. Silk distributed a document providing an overview of the program. Ms. Silk advised she is seeking Board approval to increase the number of exchange students. There are currently four full time students in the program. Ms. Silk would like to add four one-semester students. Of the proposed four student additions, two students would attend the first semester; two would attend the second semester. This configuration would amount to 6 students in each semester. It was noted that no tuition is paid for these students.

Mrs. Waterhouse advised that the exchange students require very few supports. Host families are available to host the additional students. The program provides an enriching experience to the exchange students, their host families, and SHS students.

Mrs. Waterhouse advised that she very much endorses the proposal to add 4 (one semester) students. In response to a query, it was noted that smaller sized school usually accept 2 to 4 students. South Burlington High School currently has 15 students in their program. After brief discussion, the Board advised they support the proposal to add students to the program. No motion for approval is necessary. Mr. Pandolfo and Mrs. Waterhouse will discuss the proposal further and respond back to Ms. Silk.

4. Approval of Minutes

4.1 Approval of Minutes – October 5, 2015 Regular Meeting

On a motion by Mr. LaCroix, seconded by Mr. Rousse, the Board unanimously voted to approve the Minutes of the October 5, 2015, Regular Meeting. In response to a query, it was confirmed that the vote to approve the Minutes of the September 8, 2015 meeting, was legal as a quorum of Board Members was present. It was noted that approval of the Tri-Board Minutes should be added to the next meeting's agenda.

5. Old Business

5.1 Solar Update

Mr. Pandolfo advised regarding recent communication with Lou Bravakis of Novus Energy. Mr. Bravakis advised that the Certificate of Public Good for the Pine Hill project should be received shortly (approximately two weeks). If the project proceeds as planned, Mr. Bravakis anticipates the project will be completed by the end of 2015.

5.2 Approval of Warrant Procedures

Mr. Pandolfo advised regarding the Warrant Procedure that authorizes the Superintendent or Business Manager to sign payroll warrants (no Board Member signature required). The Business Office recommends that Accounts Payable warrants require a minimum of one Board member signature (the Finance Committee Chair, or an individual who is most available). Mrs. Perantoni advised she is willing to continue approving Warrants. Ms. Ricks advised that she is no longer available for this function. It was noted that Mr. Blakely has frequently been available for the approval process. In response to a query from Mr. Rousse, it was noted that the approval of Warrants is just one of the steps involved in payment. The purchase process involves many steps (at least 5 or 6), and various approvals. The audit is an additional function performed to assist with validation of purchases. Cindy Lemieux was commended for her extensive knowledge of the Warrants and her willingness to assist with all questions. Mrs. Perantoni advised that the Board needs to be kept apprised of the 'bigger picture' (over-all status of the budget). Mr. Rousse advised that he is willing to assist with the Warrant approval process. Mrs. Perantoni advised that she usually views all of the Warrants in electronic format prior to sign-off at the SU building. It was noted that the Warrants have been, and will continue to be, available electronically for all Board Members to review. Ms. Chamberlain advised that she is available to answer any CVCC related Warrant questions.

5.3 Second and Final Reading Role and Adoption of School Board Policies (A1)

Copies of policies for agenda items 5.3 through 5.16 were previously distributed electronically for review.

Ms. Ricks provided a brief overview.

On a motion by Mr. Rousse, seconded by Mr. LaCroix, the Board unanimously voted to approve the Second and Final Reading of the Role and Adoption of School Board Policies Policy (A1).

5.4 Second and Final Reading Board Member Education Policy (B1)

Ms. Ricks provided a brief overview of the policies previously discussed and approved as First Readings.

On a motion by Ms. Ricks, seconded by Mr. Rousse, the Board unanimously voted to approve the Second and Final Reading of policies B1, B2, B3, C2, C3, C4, C5, C6, C7, C7-1, C7-5, C7-3, and C7-4.

B1- Board Member Education Policy

B2 - Board Goal-Setting and Evaluation Policy

B3 - Board Member Conflict of Interest Policy

C2 - Board Meetings, Agenda Preparation and Distribution Policy

C3 - Public Participation at Board Meetings Policy

C4 - School Visits by Board Members Policy

C5 - Board Relations with School Personnel Policy

C6 - Notice of Non-Discrimination Policy

C7 - Standing in Special Committees Policy

C7-1 - Policy Committee Policy

C7-5 - Curriculum Committee Policy

C7-3 - Facility Committee Policy

C7-4 - Finance Committee Policy

Additionally, Mr. Pandolfo advised that the SU is reviewing many policies and the Board should expect policies for ratification on future agendas.

5.5 Second and Final Reading Board Goal-Setting and Evaluation Policy (B2)

This policy was approved under Agenda Item 5.4.

5.6 Second and Final Reading Board Member Conflict of Interest Policy (B3)

This policy was approved under Agenda Item 5.4.

5.7 Second and Final Reading Board Meetings, Agenda Preparation and Distribution Policy (C2)

This policy was approved under Agenda Item 5.4.

5.8 Second and Final Reading Public Participation at Board Meetings Policy (C3)

This policy was approved under Agenda Item 5.4.

5.9 Second and Final Reading School Visits by Board Members Policy (C4)

This policy was approved under Agenda Item 5.4

5.10 Second and Final Reading Board Relations with School Personnel Policy (C5)

This policy was approved under Agenda Item 5.4

5.11 Second and Final Reading Notice of Non-Discrimination Policy (C6)

This policy was approved under Agenda Item 5.4

5.12 Second and Final Reading Standing in Special Committees Policy (C7)

This policy was approved under Agenda Item 5.4

5.13 Second and Final Reading Policy Committee Policy (C7-1)

This policy was approved under Agenda Item 5.4

5.14 Second and Final Reading Curriculum Committee Policy (C7-5)

This policy was approved under Agenda Item 5.4

5.15 Second and Final Reading Facility Committee Policy (C7-3)

This policy was approved under Agenda Item 5.4

5.16 Second and Final Reading Finance Committee Policy (C7-4)

This policy was approved under Agenda Item 5.4

6. New Business

6.1 Truant Officer Appointment

A copy of the State Statute, Law 16.V.S.A. 1125 Truant officers, was distributed. Mr. Pandolfo provided a brief overview of the requirement that the Board appoint a Truant Officer. Mr. Pandolfo recommended that Assistant Principal, Brian Hoover be appointed to the position of Truant Officer. **On a motion by Mr. Rousse, seconded by Ms. Ricks, the Board unanimously voted to appoint Brian Hoover, Assistant Principal, as Truant Officer for Spaulding High School and the Central Vermont Career Center.**

Copies of policies for agenda items 6.2 through 6.23 were previously distributed electronically for review.

6.2 Policies for Adoption with Formatting and Non-Substantive Changes

- Education Records Policy (F5)
- Limited English Proficiency Students Policy (F19)
- Participation of Home Study Student Policy (F23)

Ms. Ricks provided an overview of the three policies proposed for adoption, advising that policies with only formative changes can be approved without a second reading. Mr. Pandolfo would like the record to reflect that the policies were reviewed and reformatted with dates.

On a motion by Ms. Ricks, seconded by Mr. LaCroix, the Board unanimously voted to approve adoption, with formative changes, policies F5, F19, and F23.

F5 - Education Records Policy

F19 - Limited English Proficiency Students Policy

F23 - Participation of Home Study Student Policy

6.3 Rescind Board Member Conflict of Interest Policy (BBFA) (Replaced with B3)

Mrs. Perantoni advised that the replacement for policy BBFA is listed, and advised that policy FA is a non-required, 1998 policy that does not belong with student policies.

On a motion by Mr. Blakely, seconded by Ms. Ricks, the Board unanimously voted to rescind the Board Member Conflict of Interest Policy (BBFA), and the Historic Preservation Policy (FA).

6.4 Rescind Historic Preservation Policy (FA)

This policy was rescinded under Agenda Item 6.3.

6.5 First Reading of Student Conduct and Discipline Policy (F1)

On a motion by Ms. Ricks, seconded by Mr. Blakely, the Board unanimously voted to approve the First Reading of policies: F1, F6, F7, F9, F11, F12, F14, F18, F21, F25, F26, F27, F28, and F29.

F1 - the Student Conduct and Discipline Policy

F6 - Student Medication Policy (dates will be amended)

F7 - Student Alcohol and Drugs Policy (dates need to be 'cleaned' up)

F9 - Transportation Policy (one misspelling will be corrected)

F11 - Student Activities Secondary Policy
F12 - Interscholastic Sports Policy
F14 - Non-Resident Tuition Students Policy
F18 - Eighteen Year Old Students Policy
F21 - Firearms Policy
F25 - Student Attendance Policy
F26 - Restraining and Seclusion Policy
F27 - Pupil Privacy Right Policy
F28 - Federal Child Nutrition Act Wellness Policy
F29 - Student Self-Expression and Student Distribution of Literature Policy

6.6 First Reading of Search and Seizure of Students by School Personnel Policy (F3)

Discussion centered on the search of vehicles. The consent to search a vehicle should be covered in the permit application. Confirmation needs to be made to assure the permit application contains this clause. Information pertaining to the search of vehicles is or will be included in the student handbook which is provided to students yearly. It was noted that not all student vehicles brought on school premises have a permit. Mrs. Waterhouse advised that if a trained dog identifies a vehicle as possibly containing narcotics, it is permissible to search the vehicle without the student's consent. **On a motion by Mr. Blakely, seconded by Ms. Ricks, the Board unanimously voted to approve the First Reading of the Search and Seizure of Students by School Personnel Policy (F3).**

6.7 First Reading of Student Medication Policy (F6)

This First Reading of this policy was approved under Agenda Item 6.5

6.8 First Reading of Student Alcohol and Drugs Policy (F7)

This First Reading of this policy was approved under Agenda Item 6.5

6.9 First Reading of Transportation Policy (F9)

This First Reading of this policy was approved under Agenda Item 6.5

6.10 First Reading of Student Activities Secondary Policy (F11)

This First Reading of this policy was approved under Agenda Item 6.5

6.11 First Reading of Interscholastic Sports Policy (F12)

This First Reading of this policy was approved under Agenda Item 6.5

6.12 First Reading of Admission of Resident Students Policy (F13)

Mr. Pandolfo queried regarding authorization for the Superintendent to, at times, render a decision without Board consultation. Mrs. Perantoni advised that she would like to be made aware of any non-resident requests or appeals. **On a motion by Mr. Blakely, seconded by Ms. Ricks, the Board unanimously voted to approve, as amended, the First Reading of the Admission of Resident Students Policy (F13).**

6.13 First Reading of Admission of Non-Resident Tuition Students Policy (F14)

This First Reading of this policy was approved under Agenda Item 6.5

6.14 First Reading of Tuition Payment Policy (F16)

Mr. Pandolfo queried regarding the requirement of this policy. State statutes may apply. Does this policy only pertain to districts which do not have a high school? In response to a query regarding payment of tuition to other schools, it was noted that specialized schools, such as schools for the deaf, would be considered outside placements. **This policy was remanded back to the Committee for additional research.**

6.15 First Reading of Eighteen Year Old Students Policy (F18)

This First Reading of this policy was approved under Agenda Item 6.5

6.16 First Reading of Prevention of Harassment, Hazing, and Bullying Procedure (F20-1)

It was clarified that this agenda item is the approval of a Procedure, not a Policy. In response to a query, it was confirmed that a Student Conduct form does exist. **On a motion by Mr. Blakely, seconded by Mr. Rousse, the Board unanimously voted to approve the First Reading of the Prevention of Harassment, Hazing, and Bullying Procedure (F20-1).**

6.17 First Reading of Firearms Policy (F21)

This First Reading of this policy was approved under Agenda Item 6.5

6.18 First Reading of Student Assessment Policy (F22)

Ms. Ricks queried regarding the need for procedures. Mrs. Perantoni advised that reporting is conducted on an annual basis. Methods of sharing information may require research. Additional student reporting (rather than comparative reporting) and grade reporting (A, B, C) may be requested. It was noted that the grading structure is changing to proficiency based grading which may be confusing to the public. **On a motion by Mr. Rousse, seconded by Mr. LaCroix, the Board unanimously voted to approve the First Reading of the Student Assessment Policy (F22).**

6.19 First Reading of Student Attendance Policy (F25)

This First Reading of this policy was approved under Agenda Item 6.5

6.20 First Reading of Restraining and Seclusion Policy (F26)

This First Reading of this policy was approved under Agenda Item 6.5

6.21 First Reading of Pupil Privacy Right Policy (F27)

This First Reading of this policy was approved under Agenda Item 6.5

6.22 First Reading of Federal Child Nutrition Act Wellness Policy (F28)

This First Reading of this policy was approved under Agenda Item 6.5

6.23 First Reading of Student Self-Expression and Student Distribution of Literature Policy (F29)

This First Reading of this policy was approved under Agenda Item 6.5

7. Other Business

None.

8. Reports to the Board

8.1 Superintendent

A copy of the Superintendents report dated October 27, 2015 was distributed. The report contained information pertaining to the Act 46 Consolidation Study Committee (which met on 09/29 and 10/28), and VSBA/VSA updates. It was noted that the conference on October 22nd and 23rd included discussion pertaining to reconsideration of the allowable growth threshold. The report also provided a brief update regarding impending changes to insurance, as the VEHI Plans will cease to exist as of December 31, 2017. Additionally, Mr. Pandolfo reported that the Act 46 Consolidation Study Committee was very productive. In response to concerns from Committee Members and members of the community, Mr. Pandolfo advised that **Act 46 legislation absolutely does not require reconfiguration of schools, but rather mandates consolidation of governance.** Mr. Pandolfo advised that the Times Argus reported this information very well. Mr. Pandolfo stressed that Board members should work with their legislators regarding reconsideration of the allowable growth threshold.

8.2 Principal

Mrs. Waterhouse acknowledged students who received the Sugarbush Student Achievement Award. Twenty-nine students received the award (16 of the 29 recipients are this year's sophomores, meaning that as freshman, the students achieved honors in at least 3 of the 4 quarters). These students will receive passes to Sugarbush. Additionally, Mrs. Waterhouse advised that the Junior ROTC drill team, commanded by Cadet Matt Lavalley completed the weekend home drill competition and won numerous trophies, including 1 – First Place, 3 – Second Place, and 2 - Third Place trophies. Erica Hammerstrom earned a 2nd place trophy in the individual drill competition.

8.3 Tech Center Director

A copy of the Central Vermont Career Center Board Report dated October/November 2015 was distributed. Mrs. Chamberlin provided an overview of the report, including completion of Safety Assessments, Open House (November 18, 2015), the upcoming forensic audit, the holiday food drive (items can be donated until November 20, 2015), and upcoming Professional Development days (November 9, 2015, January 18, 2016, and March 11, 2016).

8.4 Committee Reports

Policy Committee – Ms. Ricks advised that all First Readings (complete with changes) will be sent to Board Members by this Friday, and asked that they be reviewed as soon as possible, while the changes are still fresh in everyone's minds. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 16, 2015 at 5:30 at the SU. This meeting will include another set of First Readings.

Curriculum Committee – A meeting was held on October 13, 2015 (this was the first meeting since March of 2015). Mr. Rousse will be working with Mr. McCraw regarding written updates. Much is being discussed by this committee, including Educational Quality Standards, Student Learning Out-come, Advanced Placement, Infinite Campus, Next Generation Science Standards, Proficiency Based Learning, and educating the community regarding the many changes. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday,

November 10, 2015. Regular meetings will be scheduled for the second Tuesday of each month.

Finance Committee – A meeting is scheduled on November 19, 2015 at 3:30 p.m. at the SU. The early start time should accommodate individuals who will be attending the 5:30 p.m. Act 46 Consolidation Study Committee Meeting.

Facilities Committee – Minutes from the October 14, 2015 meeting were distributed. Mr. Blakely provided an overview, including additional storage requirements for CVCC, the possibility of setting up a greenhouse, the sprinkler system (financing needs to be researched), additional security cameras, and discussion of nearby buildings which are for sale. The next meeting is scheduled for November 11, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. in the Spaulding Library. Mr. Rousse advised that the committee is considering the possibility of purchasing the Care-Net building to perhaps be utilized as a replacement for the Wallstreet building. A cost benefit analysis needs to be performed. VSBT is conducting some research on this matter. Mrs. Perantoni cautioned the Board that the purchase of property for the school involves many steps, including those to be performed outside of the Board and the Finance Committee.

8.5 Student Representatives

Ms. Biondolillo advised that the Student Council would like to be involved in more community services, and are working to make community service a requirement. Sports teams will be required to host a dinner (including preparation and delivery to a homeless shelter). The holiday dinner will be put on soon.

9. Future Agenda Items

Approval of Tri-Board Minutes
Budgets
Policies
SHS Annual Report
NEASC Five Year Report Presentation
SHS Foundation Update
Spaulding Scholarship Foundation (spring agenda)

10. Executive Session

10.1 Student Matter

10.2 Personnel Matter

Items proposed for discussion in Executive Session include a Student Matter and a Personnel Matter.

On a motion by Mr. LaCroix, seconded by Ms. Ricks, the Board unanimously agreed to find that premature general public knowledge of the items proposed for discussion would clearly place the City of Barre at a substantial disadvantage should the discussion be public.

On a motion by Mr. LaCroix, seconded by Ms. Ricks, the Board unanimously voted to enter into Executive Session at 7:41 p.m. under the provisions of 1 VSA section 313 to discuss the items proposed for discussion.

Mr. Pandolfo was invited to join Executive Session.

On a motion by Ms. Ricks, seconded by Mr. Rousse, the Board unanimously voted to exit Executive Session at 7:58 p.m.

No action taken.

11. Adjournment

On a motion by Ms. Ricks, seconded by Mr. Rousse, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrea Poulin