

**SPAULDING HIGH SCHOOL
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**
Spaulding High School – Library
October 5, 2015 - 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Carlotta Simonds-Perantoni - Chair
David LaCroix - Vice Chair
Joe Blakely – Clerk, arrived at 6:09 p.m.
Dotty Ricks
Ed Rousse

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Veronica Foadelli-McCormick
Mark Tatro

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:

John Pandolfo, Superintendent
Brenda Waterhouse, Principal

GUESTS PRESENT:

Video Vision Tech Dave Delcore – Times Argus Julia Arguin Kerri Lamb

1. Call to Order

The Chair, Mrs. Perantoni, called the Monday, October 5, 2015, 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

On a motion by Ms. Ricks, seconded by Mr. LaCroix, the Board unanimously voted to add Agenda Item 10.1 (a Student Matter) under Executive Session. In response to a query, it was noted that the re-naming of policy codes had previously been approved.

3. Visitors and Communication

A letter of interest from Julia Arguin was distributed. Sophomore, Julia Arguin was officially recognized as a Student Representative to the School Board. Ms. Arguin was welcomed by the Board and provided a brief overview of her reasons for applying for the position of Student Representative.

4. Approval of Minutes

4.1 Approval of Minutes –September 8, 2015 Regular Meeting

On a motion by Mr. LaCroix, seconded by Ms. Ricks, the Board voted 3 to 0 to approve the Minutes of the September 8, 2015 Regular Meeting. Ms. Ricks abstained.

5. Old Business

None.

5.1 Committee Meeting Dates

Policy – Third Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at the BSU Office. This month there will be two meetings; a Special Meeting on October 12, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. at the Barre Supervisory Union in the upstairs conference room, and a Regular Meeting which will be held on October 15, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.

Curriculum – Second Tuesday of each month. This month's meeting will take place on October 13, 2015 from 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. at SHS Library. Future meetings will be held at the same time and place on the second Tuesday of each month.

Finance Committee – will meet on Tuesday, October 20, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. at the Spaulding High School Library.

5.2 Continuous Improvement Plan Update

A document titled 'Continuous Improvement Plan (CIP) was distributed. Mrs. Waterhouse provided an overview of the newly reformatted document, including the goals and the tasks within each goal. Many goals are multi-year initiatives. There is a new initiative to revamp the Science curriculum (spiraling curriculum- Goal 1, Task 6). Other items reviewed include transition to

proficiency based learning (which will offer additional learning opportunities and supports to students struggling with proficiency), and a data system to coordinate, analyze, and communicate student progress relating to transferrable skills and proficiency. Mr. Pandolfo advised the Board regarding the “One Plan Planning Template” which will allow schools to focus on one plan for their continuous improvement. This plan is a change in format, not substance and is a work in progress.

6. New Business

6.1 Food Service Report

A document titled Spaulding High School Food Service Report October 5, 2015 was distributed. Mr. George MacKey, Food Service Director addressed the Board providing an overview of the document, including statistics from the 2014 – 2015 school year, Fitz-Vogt’s commitment to the community (assisting students with exploring food service employment opportunities, a Culinary Arts scholarship, local purchase of products whenever possible, and the Community Holiday Dinner’), Fitz-Vogt’s commitment to the environment (working with Central Vermont Solid Waste Management), theme lunches, improvements made for the 2015 – 2016 school year (including; make your own waffles, breakfasts made-to-order, pasta made-to-order, Hood milk, Jalapeno station, Sizzler station), challenges, and current sales statistics. Discussion centered on plausible ways that would encourage/allow more students to eat breakfast.

6.2 Rescind Policy AC

A copy of the Minutes from the September 17, 2015 Policy Committee Meeting were distributed. Ms. Ricks discussed the importance of policies with the Board and encouraged members to take a deeper interest in policy matters. Mrs. Perantoni advised regarding the large number of policies recently reviewed. The Policy Committee, including Chair, Dotty Ricks were commended for their diligent efforts and accomplishments over the past few months.

A copy of Policy AC was distributed. A brief overview was provided by Mrs. Perantoni. **On a motion by Mr. Rousse, seconded by Mr. LaCroix, the Board unanimously voted to rescind Policy AC.**

6.3 First Reading Role and Adoption of School Board Policies (A1)

A copy of the policy was distributed. A brief overview was provided by Ms. Ricks. Brief discussion followed. **On a motion by Mr. Rousse, seconded by Mr. LaCroix, the Board unanimously voted to approve, as amended, the First Reading of the Role and Adoption of School Board Policies (A1)**

6.4 Rescind Policies: BBA, BBF, BBFA, BCB, BCD, BCE, BCEA, BCEB, CECE, BCED, BCEE, BDA, BDB, BDDF, BDDH, BF, BG

Copies of the policies were distributed. Brief discussion ensued, including discussion regarding when policies should be rescinded. It was noted that the standard practice was to receive approval of the ‘Second and Final Reading’ of a policy prior to rescinding the policy it is replacing. It was noted that the ‘Second and Final Reading’ approval and rescinding of an existing policy occur in the same meeting. **On a motion by Mr. Rousse, seconded by Mr. Blakely, the Board unanimously voted to rescind Policies BBA, BBF, BCB, BCD, BCE, BCEA, BCEB, CECE, BCED, BCEE, BDA, BDB, BDDF, BDDH, BF, and BG.** Policy BBFA will not be rescinded at this time.

6.5 First Reading Board member Education Policy (B1)

A copy of the policy was distributed. A brief overview was provided by Mrs. Perantoni. **On a motion by Mr. Blakely, seconded by Mr. Rousse, the Board unanimously voted to approve the First Reading of the Board Member Education Policy (B1).**

6.6 First Reading Board Goal-Setting and Evaluation (B2)

A copy of the policy was distributed. Mrs. Perantoni and Ms. Ricks provided information relating to this policy. **On a motion by Mr. Rousse, seconded by Mr. LaCroix, the Board unanimously voted to approve the First Reading of the Board Goal-Setting and Evaluation Policy (B2)**

6.7 First Reading Board Member Conflict of Interest (B3)

A copy of the policy was distributed. Brief overviews were provided by Mrs. Perantoni and Ms. Ricks. **On a motion by Mr. Rousse, seconded by Mr. Blakely, the Board unanimously voted to approve the First Reading of the Board Member Conflict of Interest Policy (B3)**

6.8 Rescind Policies: CBG, CGD, CHCA, C3

A copy of the policy was distributed. A brief overview was provided by Mrs. Perantoni. It was noted that C3 is more of a procedure than a policy. **On a motion by Mr. Blakely, seconded by Mr. LaCroix, the Board unanimously voted to rescind policies CBG, CGD, CHCA, and C3.**

6.9 First Reading Board Meetings, Agenda Preparation and Distribution Policy (C2)

A copy of the policy was distributed. A brief overview was provided by Ms. Ricks. **On a motion by Mr. Rousse, seconded by**

Mr. LaCroix, the Board unanimously voted to approve the First Reading of the Board Meetings, Agenda Preparation and Distribution Policy (C2).

6.10 First Reading Public Participation at Board Meetings Policy (C3)

A copy of the policy was distributed. A brief overview was provided by Mrs. Perantoni. **On a motion by Mr. Rouse, seconded by Mr. Blakely, the Board unanimously voted to approve, as amended, the First Reading of the Public Participation at Board Meetings Policy (C3).**

6.11 First Reading School Visits by Board Members (C4)

A copy of the policy was distributed. A brief overview was provided by Mrs. Perantoni. **On a motion by Mr. Blakely, seconded by Mr. Rouse, the Board unanimously voted to approve, as amended, the First Reading of the School Visits by Board Members (C4).**

6.12 First Reading Board Relations with School Personnel Policy (C5)

A copy of the policy was distributed. Brief overviews were provided by Mrs. Perantoni and Ms. Ricks. **On a motion by Mr. Rouse, seconded by Mr. Lacroix, the Board unanimously voted to approve, as amended, the First Reading of the Board Relations with School Personnel Policy (C5).**

6.13 First Reading Notice of Non-Discrimination Policy (C6)

A copy of the policy was distributed. A brief overview was provided by Mrs. Perantoni. Ms. Ricks voiced her objection to this policy which she finds highly offensive, as it states that groups who discriminate are allowed to recruit and hold meetings at Spaulding High School. It was noted that the Boys Scouts of America have recently changed their policy such that they no longer discriminate. **On a motion by Mr. Rouse, seconded by Mr. Blakely, the Board voted 3 to 1 to approve, as amended, the First Reading of the Notice of Non-Discrimination Policy (C6).** Ms. Ricks voted against the motion.

6.14 First Reading Standing and Special Committees Policy (C7)

A copy of the policy was distributed. A brief overview was provided by Mrs. Perantoni. **On a motion by Mr. Blakely, seconded by Mr. Rouse, the Board unanimously voted to approve, as amended, the First Reading of the Standing and Special Committees Policy (C7).**

6.15 First Reading Policy Committee Policy (C7-1)

A copy of the policy was distributed. A brief overview was provided by Ms. Ricks. **On a motion by Mr. Blakely, seconded by Mr. LaCroix, the Board unanimously voted to approve, as amended, the First Reading of the Policy Committee Policy (C7-1).**

6.16 First Reading Curriculum Committee Policy (C7-2)

A copy of the policy was distributed. A brief overview was provided by Ms. Ricks. **On a motion by Mr. Rouse, seconded by Mr. Blakely, the Board unanimously voted to approve, as amended, the First Reading of the Curriculum Committee Policy (C7-2).**

6.17 First Reading Facilities Committee Policy (C7-3)

A copy of the policy was distributed. A brief overview was provided by Ms. Ricks. **On a motion by Mr. Rouse, seconded by Mr. Blakely, the Board unanimously voted to approve, as amended, the First Reading of the Facilities Committee Policy (C7-3).**

6.18 First Reading Finance Committee Policy (C7-4)

A copy of the policy was distributed. A brief overview was provided by Ms. Ricks. **On a motion by Mr. Blakely, seconded by Mr. LaCroix, the Board unanimously voted to approve, as amended, the First Reading of the Finance Committee Policy (C7-4).**

7. Other Business

None.

8. Reports to the Board

8.1 Superintendent

A copy of the Superintendent's report dated September 28, 2015 was distributed. The report included information pertaining to the Act 46 Consolidation Study Committee (which met on September 29, 2015 with consultant Peter Clarke), Security Protocols (a security audit will be performed by Mark Moody in the near future), and the sprinkler system (extension of the existing system is required to meet Code). Additionally, Mr. Pandolfo noted his appreciation of early distribution of Board packet information and advised that this information will be posted on-line. It is Mr. Pandolfo's goal to eliminate the mailing of paper documents. Mr. Pandolfo reminded Board Members of the up-coming Tri-Board meeting, and advised that a change in procedure for Warrant signatures would be presented at that meeting.

8.2 Principal

A copy of "The Crimson Counselor" was distributed. Mrs. Waterhouse commended the JROTC program, recently honored with distinction for scoring 984 out of a possible 1000 points (during a spring 2015 inspection). Six students, graduates: Emily Benoit and Rose Meriam, and current students: Shannon Brodie, Carli Harris, Julia Jaminet, and Christopher Toborg, recently earned induction into the International Thespian Society. These students were recognized for each amassing over 100 hours of excellent, quality work in theater arts and related disciplines. Mrs. Waterhouse provided an overview of planned activities to be held during Spirit Week, including the pep rally and parade (which will start at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 10, 2015). It was noted that there were no attendees at the Parent Forum (held 09/21/15) on Proficiency Based Learning. The Parent Forum has been rescheduled for Wednesday, October 7, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. Parent/Teacher conferences will be held on Wednesday, October 14, 2015. Mrs. Waterhouse and Ms. Arguin displayed a wool "I Matter / You Matter" blanket. Students will be raising money in an attempt to purchase forty blankets, which will be distributed to homeless individuals in Barre. The cost for each blanket is \$25.00.

8.3 Tech Center Director

Due to illness, Ms. Chamberlain is not available. An update will be provided at a future meeting.

8.4 Committee Reports

Mr. Rousse advised that at a recent meeting of the Spaulding Foundation, the committee, with regrets, accepted the resignation of Norma Malone, President of the Spaulding Foundation. There is a finalized job description for a part time Fund Raising Development Coordinator, with approved funding (funded out of the Spaulding operating budget). The Spaulding Foundation is a 5013C fund raising organization which raises funds to cover the cost of items not covered under the budget.

Policy Committee - Ms. Ricks advised regard the 'order of review' for policies (ABC, F, E,D,G,H). Agendas for upcoming meetings have been published.

Curriculum Committee – The Committee has not met recently. There will be a brief meeting to discuss agenda items for the next meeting.

Finance Committee – The next meeting is scheduled for October 20, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. The following reports were distributed: SHS Expense Budget Status Report FY16 and CVCC Expense Budget Status Report FY16.

Facilities Committee – The Committee will meet on October 14, 2015 in the SHS Library.

8.5 Student Representatives

In response to a query regarding her interest in serving as a Student Representative, Ms. Arguin advised that she feels it is important to keep apprised of what's happening at the school and feels that this is a good way to achieve that goal. It was noted that Tori Biondolillo was unable to attend tonight's meeting.

9. Future Agenda Items

Ms. Ricks advised regarding up-coming policy changes/revisions/additions (which have been sent to Mrs. Perantoni)

Budget Development

Solar Update from Facilities Committee

10. Executive Session

10.1 Student Matter

The item proposed for discussion in Executive Session is a Student Matter.

On a motion by Mr. Rousse, seconded by Mr. LaCroix, 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. Rousse, seconded by Mr. LaCroix, the Board unanimously voted to enter into Executive Session at 8:10 p.m. under the provisions of 1 VSA section 313 to discuss the item proposed for discussion (a Student Matter).

Mr. Pandolfo and Mrs. Waterhouse 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 8:25 p.m.

No action taken.

11. Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Blakely, seconded by Mr. Rousse, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrea Poulin