

**SPAULDING UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #41
ANNUAL MEETING**

Spaulding High School Library
February 29, 2016

PRESENT:

Tom Koch, Moderator
Carol Dawes, Barre City Clerk
Donna Kelty, Barre Town Clerk
John Pandolfo, Superintendent
Brenda Waterhouse, Principal
Joe Blakely
Giuliano Cecchinelli
David LaCroix
Dottye Ricks
Ed Rousse
Carlotta Simonds-Perantoni

ABSENT:

Donna Holden, Clerk

1. Call to Order

The Moderator, Tom Koch, called the Monday, February 29, 2016, meeting to order at 6:03 p.m., which was held in the Spaulding High School Library, 155 Ayers Street, Barre, Vermont.

Hearing no objection, the assembly agreed to waive the reading of the annual meeting agenda.

- ***Article 1 To elect a moderator for a one-year term***

The Moderator opened the floor for nominations.

Mr. Rousse nominated Tom Koch. Ms. Dawes seconded the nomination.
There were no additional nominees. Nominations were closed.

On a motion by Mr. Rousse, seconded by Ms. Dawes, it was unanimously voted to elect Tom Koch to serve as Moderator for a one-year term.

- ***Article 2 To elect a clerk for a one-year term***

The Moderator opened the floor for nominations.

Mrs. Perantoni nominated Donna Holden. Ms. Dawes seconded the motion.
There were no additional nominees. Nominations were closed.

On a motion by Mrs. Perantoni, seconded by Ms. Dawes, it was unanimously voted to elect Donna Holden to serve as Clerk for a one-year term.

• **Article 3** *To elect a treasurer for a one-year term*

The Moderator opened the floor for nominations.

Mrs. Perantoni nominated Ms. Dawes. Mr. Rousse seconded the motion.
There were no additional nominees. Nominations were closed.

On a motion by Mrs. Perantoni, seconded by Mr. Rousse, it was unanimously voted to elect Carol Dawes to serve as Treasurer for a one-year term.

• **Article 4** *To elect an auditor: Two for a three-year term*

The Moderator opened the floor for nominations. Brief discussion was held regarding the responsibilities associated with this position. It was noted that auditing is performed by an outside firm. No individual was elected for the open position during the 2015 meeting. It is believed that this position is a formality. Mrs. Perantoni advised that the school district may wish to research if there is a statute that would allow the district to request permission to remove the position. It was noted that one of the two listed positions, is actually for a term of two years.

Mr. Rousse nominated Dottye Ricks for the three-year term. Mr. LaCroix seconded the motion.

Ms. Ricks nominated Carl Hilton-Van Osdall for the two-year term. Mrs. Perantoni seconded the motion.

There were no additional nominees. Nominations were closed.

On a motion by Mr. Rousse, seconded by Mr. Lacroix, it was unanimously voted to elect Dottye Ricks as Auditor for a three-year term.

On a motion by Ms. Ricks, seconded by Mrs. Perantoni, it was unanimously voted to elect Carl Hilton-Van Osdall as Auditor for a two-year term.

• **Article 5** *To determine what compensation shall be paid to the officers of the district*

On a motion by Mr. Rousse, seconded by Mr. LaCroix, it was unanimously voted to adopt the salaries set forth (equal to those adopted in 2015), as compensation paid to the officers of the district.

MODERATOR:	\$100/year	Tom Koch
CLERK:	\$100/year	Donna Holden
TREASURER:	\$500/year	Carol Dawes
AUDITORS:	\$100/year	Rick Choquette (2017)
		Carl Hilton Van Osdall (2018)
		Dottye Ricks (2019)
BOARD MEMBERS:	\$1,500/year for each	
BOARD CHAIR	\$2,000/year	

After brief discussion it was noted that compensation is not tied to attendance at meetings. Mr. Pandolfo will research whether or not the SU Board can implement policies/procedures requiring meeting attendance as a prerequisite to compensation.

- **Article 6** *Shall the voters of Spaulding Union High School District #41 vote to authorize its Board of School Commissioners to borrow money, when needed, by issuance of bonds or notes not in excess of anticipated revenue for the school year, to meet the expenses and liabilities of the school district?*

On a motion by Mrs. Perantoni, seconded by Mr. Rousse, it was unanimously voted to adopt Article 6, as presented.

- **Article 7** *To present and discuss the proposed 2016-17 budget which will be voted on March 1, 2016*

Mr. LaCroix presented a brief overview of the proposed FY '17 budget of **\$12,744,370**. Mrs. Perantoni advised that the budget, as presented, is consistent with the Board's history of being mindful of taxpayers expectations, while continuing to address the needs of the students.

The assembly was advised the budgets shall be voted on March 1, 2016, between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. by Barre City residents at the Barre City Auditorium, and by Barre Town residents at the Barre Town Middle & Elementary School.

- **Article 8** *To do any other business proper to come before said meeting*

None.

- **Article 9** *To adjourn*

On a motion by Mrs. Perantoni, seconded by Mr. Rousse, the assembly unanimously voted to adjourn at 6:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrea Poulin