SPAULDING HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
SHS Library
April 4, 2016
MINUTES

Board Members Present: J. Guy Isabelle, Ed Rousse, Anthony Folland, Joe Blakely, Student Rep Tori Biondolillo

1. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by Clerk Joe Blakely at 6:15 p.m.

2. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda
Foundation update was added under 8.4 Committee Reports

3. Visitors and Communication
No visitors.

4. Consent Agenda
4.1 March 7, 2016 Regular School Board Meeting Minutes
Amendment was made to 9.3 to change 219 seats to 192 seats.
Motion was made by Anthony Folland, seconded by Guy Isabelle and unanimously voted to approve minutes as amended.

5. New Business
5.1 Resign/Retire
Board members reviewed letters of retirement/resignation from two teachers.

Motion was made by Guy Isabelle, seconded by Ed Rousse and unanimously voted to accept notice of retirement from Rebecca Mackin after 38 years of service with thanks.

Motion was made by Ed Rousse, seconded by Anthony Folland and unanimously voted to accept notice of retirement from Bill McColgan after 21 years of service with thanks.

Motion was made by Guy Isabelle, seconded by Anthony Folland and unanimously voted to accept notice of retirement from Nancy Lynn after 29 years of service with thanks.

5.2 Board Member Resignation
Motion was made by Guy Isabelle, seconded by Ed Rousse and unanimously voted to accept Mark Tatro’s notice of resignation from the school board with regrets.

5.3 Perkins Grant Approval
CVCC Director Penny Chamberlin gave an overview of the four projects in the FY ’17 Perkins Plan. The FY ’17 total is $211,540. $213,288 was awarded in FY ’16.
Motion was made by Guy Isabelle, seconded by Anthony Folland and unanimously voted to approve the Perkins Grant FY17 Plan as presented.

5.4 SHS Class Size Report
Guidance Director Dave Nicholson distributed handouts regarding 2015-16 course requests and average class size. Discrepancies with course requests and current enrollment were discussed. It was noted that most student requests were satisfied.
John Pandolfo noted that the average class sizes look okay even though there are is often variation between the size of particular sections, due to other factors in creating the master schedule. Additionally, some of the very small classes meet in combination with other classes, such as the upper level world language courses.
Discussion followed regarding the class size policy and how decisions are made.
5.5 Recoding of SHS F20 to BSU F20

Motion was made by Guy Isabelle, seconded by Ed Rousse and unanimously approved to recode SHS F20 to BSU F20.

6. Old Business
6.1 Third Reading Student Conduct and Discipline Policy (F1)
A footnote was added.

Motion by Guy Isabelle, seconded by Ed Rousse and unanimously voted to approve Third Reading student Conduct and Discipline Policy.

6.2 Third Reading Student Medication Policy (F6)

Motion made by Guy Isabelle, seconded by Anthony Folland and unanimously voted to approve third reading of Student Medication Policy (F6).

6.3 Third Reading Admission of Resident Students Policy (F13)

Motion made by Guy Isabelle, seconded by Anthony Folland and unanimously voted to approve the third reading of Admission of Resident Students Policy (F13).

6.4 Third Reading Student Self-Expression and Student Distribution of Literature Policy (F29)
Discussion took place about senior pictures; student representative Tori Biondolillo spoke in support of the policy and procedures as long as there is good communication about the procedures, a clearly communicated process for reviewing decisions if these decisions are disputed, and consistency of application of procedures.

Motion was made by Guy Isabelle, seconded by Anthony Folland to approve Third Reading Student Self-Expression and Student Distribution of Literature Policy (F29), Ed Rousse opposed, motion carried 2-1.

7. Other Business
Nothing

8. Reports to the Board
8.1 Superintendent
The BSU Board has agreed to hold a Tri-Board meeting on June 21, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. Administrators may attend for a portion of the meeting. Venue for the meeting to be determined.

Carlotta Simonds-Perantoni and John Pandolfo will attend the VSBA required training on May 18th at Lake Morey. Joe Blakely and John Pandolfo will attend VEHI negotiations training on May 12. VSBA flyer for spring workshops was distributed.

8.2 Principal
WORLD – Published Quarter 3 Burdett Award for Good Citizenship and Academic Performance. TIMES ARGUS – Visiting author and 1988 graduate spoke about her latest book with individual groups and assembly.

End of year events:
- Drama Club – Wedding Singer April 7-9
- SBAC – Week of April 11th
- Pro-Merito – April 11th

SBAC Testing – All 11th graders have completed an SBAC Practice Test
- Testing will occur the week of April 11
- Students will be grouped by Advisory
- Students have been encouraged to do their best
- Students who do not complete the assessment count as a zero against the school

8.3 CVCC Director

Penny Chamberlin reported:
- Most recent applications count 112 SHS
~SHS/Other schools about 50/50 split
~Interviews next week, May 1st week admissions
~192 slots
~Guy Isabelle – People want more applicants from other schools
~Skills USA Competition next week, Nationals in June in Kansas City for gold medals.

8.4 Committee Reports
~Patty Merriam Capital Campaign for Performing Arts Center
~List of improvements in process
~Kerri Lamb resignation from Foundation Committee in works looking for more applicants for secretary.
~Facility Committee hasn’t met since restructuring. Next meeting planned for April 19th at 4:30 p.m. in library.

8.5 Financials
Monthly financial update provided by Lisa Perreault was reviewed.

8.6 Student Representatives
Tori Biondolillo – SHS community service – goal is to be a graduation requirement.
Many clubs and teams have done this by hosting dinners for homeless.

9. Future Agenda Items
None

10. Executive Session
10.1 Personnel

On a motion made by Ed Rousse, seconded by Guy Isabelle, 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 made by Anthony Folland, seconded by Ed Rousse, the Board unanimously voted to enter Executive Session at 7:21 p.m under the provisions of 1 VSA section 313 to discuss the items proposed for discussion.
Mr. Pandolfo was invited to join the Executive Session
The remaining information was provided by the Superintendent:

On a motion made by Guy Isabelle, seconded by Ed Rousse, the Board unanimously voted to exit Executive Session at 7:28 p.m.

11. Adjourn

On a motion made by Ed Rousse, seconded by Guy Isabelle, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda Waterhouse