

BARRE UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
TRANSITIONAL BOARD MEETING

**Spaulding High School
Library**
155 Ayers St., Barre, VT

February 18, 2019
5:30 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda
3. Public Comment
4. Approval of Minutes
 - 4.1. BUUSD Special Meeting of Transitional Board Minutes - January 10, 2019
 - 4.2. BUUSD Transitional Board Meeting Minutes - January 10, 2019
 - 4.3. BUUSD Special Meeting of Transitional Board Minutes - January 17, 2019
5. New Business
 - 5.1. April 9, 2019 Barre Unified Union School District Warning
 - 5.2. First Draft of FY20 BUUSD Budget
6. Old Business
7. Other Business
8. Executive Session
9. Adjournment

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BARRE UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL MEETING
 Spaulding High School Cafeteria
 January 10, 2019
 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Tim Boltin
 Dave Delcore
 Alice Farrell, arrived at 6:18p.m.
 Rebecca Kerin-Hutchins
 Tom Koch
 Donna Kelty, Barre Town Clerk
 Paul Malone
 John Pandolfo, Superintendent
 Jay Paterson
 Sarah Pregent
 Jacquelyn Ramsay-Tolman
 Dotty Ricks
 Sonya Spaulding

Tom Koch, designee for Daniel French, Ed.D., Secretary of Education, called the Organizational Meeting of the Barre Unified Union School District to order at 6:10 p.m.

Mr. Koch presented a letter from Secretary of Education, Daniel M. French, Ed.D. , dated December 14, 2018. The letter, which will be placed on file and entered into the record, appoints Mr. Koch as Mr. French's designee to convene the Organizational Meeting of the Barre UUSD.

Mr. Pandolfo announced the results of the 01/08/19 Article 1 Reconsideration vote in Barre Town; 952 'Yes' votes, 534 'No' votes, and 15 blank/spoiled ballots. The vote failed as it did not meet the 1404 'yes' vote threshold required by Statute. The vote was certified on 01/09/19.

Mr. Pandolfo advised that this evening's meeting would use the Warning posted to be used in the event that the Article 1 Reconsideration Vote did not pass.

Mr. Koch, hearing no objection, waived the reading of the list of Articles and agreed to read each Article individually, prior to it being acted upon.

- *Article I*

To elect a temporary presiding officer and clerk of the District from among the qualified voters of the district.

Mr. Koch read Article I and advised that a temporary presiding officer and clerk needed to be elected.

Mr. Koch asked for nominations for the position of Temporary Presiding Officer.

Mr. Boltin nominated Tom Koch for the position of Temporary Presiding Officer. Mr. Malone seconded the nomination.

There were no additional nominations. Nominations were closed.

Mr. Koch was unanimously elected as Temporary Presiding Officer.

Mr. Koch requested nominations for the position of Temporary Clerk.

Mr. Malone nominated Donna Kelty for the position of Temporary Clerk. Ms. Ricks seconded the nomination. There were no additional nominations. Nominations were closed. Mrs. Kelty was unanimously elected as Temporary Clerk.

- *Article II*

To swear in the members of the Transitional Board created in 9Article of the District's Articles of Agreement, who shall immediately assume office and serve until the voters of the District elect the initial members of the Board of Directors and those members are sworn in and assume their duties.

Mr. Koch read Article II.

Mr. Koch asked the Members of the BUUSD Transitional Board to stand and be sworn in. **BUUSD Transitional Board Members; Tim Boltin, Rebecca Kerin-Hutchins, Paul Malone, Sarah Pregent, and Sonya Spaulding stood and were sworn in by Mr. Koch. All Members present took the Oath of Allegiance and the Oath of Office.**

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It was noted that Mrs. Farrell, who is not present, will need to be sworn in at a later time.

- *Article III*

To adopt Robert's or other rules of order, which shall govern the parliamentary procedures of the organizational meeting and all subsequent annual and special meetings of the District.

Mr. Koch read Article III.

On a motion by Mr. Malone, seconded by Mrs. Kerin-Hutchins, the assembly unanimously voted to adopt Roberts Rules of Order (latest edition).

- *Article IV*

To elect the following officers of the District from among the qualified voters of the district, which officers shall assume office upon election and serve for a term of one year or until their successors are elected and qualified;

- *Moderator*
- *Clerk*
- *Treasurer*

Mr. Koch read Article IV.

Mr. Koch requested nominations for the position of Moderator.

Mr. Boltin nominated Paul Malone for the position of Moderator. Mr. Malone declined the nomination.

Ms. Ricks nominated Tom Koch for the position of Moderator. Mr. Malone seconded the nomination.

There were no additional nominations. Nominations were closed.

Mr. Koch was unanimously elected as Moderator.

Mr. Koch asked for nominations for the position of Clerk.

Mr. Malone nominated Donna Kelty (Barre Town Clerk) for the position of Clerk. Ms. Ricks seconded the nomination.

There were no additional nominations. Nominations were closed.

Mrs. Kelty was unanimously elected as Clerk.

Mr. Koch asked for nominations for the position of Treasurer.

Mr. Malone nominated Carol Dawes (Barre City Clerk) for the position of Treasurer. Mrs. Spaulding seconded the nomination. There were no additional nominations. Nominations were closed.

Ms. Dawes was unanimously elected as Treasurer.

Mrs. Farrell arrived at 6:18 p.m.

Mrs. Farrell was sworn in by Mr. Koch, taking the Oath of Allegiance and the Oath of Office.

- *Article V*

To determine a date and location for the first annual meeting of the District and all subsequent annual meetings, which shall be not earlier than February 1 and not later than June 1 in each year.

Mr. Koch read Article V.

Mr. Boltin moved that the first Annual Meeting/Public Informational Meeting of the Barre Unified Union School District (beginning in 2020), and all subsequent Annual Meetings/Public Informational Meetings of the Barre Unified Union School District, be held the evening before Town Meeting Day (first Tuesday in March), with all Town Meeting Day Articles being voted on by Australian ballot.

Mrs. Spaulding seconded the motion.

The assembly unanimously voted to approve the motion.

Mrs. Pregent moved that the Annual Open Meeting (open floor voting meeting) of the Barre Unified Union School District, be held at Spaulding High School, and that Australian ballot voting for Barre City voters be held at the Barre Municipal Auditorium, and that Australian ballot voting for Barre Town voters, be held at the Barre Town Middle and Elementary School.

Mr. Malone seconded the motion.

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The assembly unanimously voted to approve the motion.

- **Article VI**

To determine whether to vote on the District's budget and all other public questions by Australian ballot.

Mr. Koch read Article VI.

Mr. Pandolfo advised that the 706 Committee had drafted Articles that required Australian ballots with no comingled counting of votes. Brief discussion was held, including information from Mrs. Kelty regarding the some negative aspects of comingled counting, including storage and transportation of ballots, and the costs associated with transportation of ballots and payment of individuals who work to 'count' ballots.

Mrs. Kerin-Hutchins moved that the District's budget and all other public questions be voted on by Australian ballot with no comingling of votes.

Mr. Malone seconded the motion.

The assembly unanimously voted to approve the motion.

- **Article VII**

To determine whether to elect members of the District Board by Australian ballot.

Mr. Koch read Article VII.

Mr. Malone moved to elect members of the BUUSD Board by Australian ballot with no comingling of votes.

Mrs. Kerin-Hutchins seconded the motion.

The assembly unanimously voted to approve the motion.

- **Article VIII**

To determine and approve compensation, if any, to be paid to officers of the District.

Mr. Koch read Article VIII.

Mrs. Farrell moved to compensate officers of the District (per year) as follows; Moderator \$100, Clerk \$100, Treasurer \$750.

Mrs. Pregent seconded the motion.

The assembly unanimously voted to approve the motion.

- **Article IX**

To determine and approve compensation, if any, to be paid to members of the District Board.

Mr. Koch read Article IX.

Mr. Pandolfo advised regarding the current compensation rates for the various Board Members and Chairs.

Mr. Pandolfo advised regarding his suggestion for compensation rates for the BUUSD Chair (\$4,000) and BUUSD Board Members (\$2,500). In response to a query regarding why Mr. Pandolfo feels the compensation amounts should be greater than the current compensation, it was noted that the single BUUSD Board will have more work to perform as it will be responsible for three schools. Though it is possible that the Board will be comprised of 9 Members, it may be comprised of 4 Members, as defined in the Default Articles of Agreement. Regardless of whether the Board has 4 or 9 Members, the overall cost will be lower than what is currently paid to 19 Members. It was noted that for BCEMS, Board compensation is currently decided by Australian ballot. In response to a query regarding the possibility of having this issue decided by Australian ballot, it was noted that Statute differs between Union Districts and other structures of 'make-up'.

Ms. Ricks moved to compensate Board Members \$2,000, and the Board Chair \$3,000. There was no second. The motion died.

Mr. Malone moved to compensate BUUSD Board Members \$2,500 (per year), and the BUUSD Chair \$4,000 (per year).

The motion was seconded by Mrs. Kerin-Hutchins.

The assembly voted to approve the motion. Ms. Ricks voted against the motion.

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- *Article X*

To establish provisions for the payment of any expense incurred by the District before it becomes fully operational on July 1, 2019 under a voter-approved budget for the fiscal year beginning on that date.

Mr. Koch read Article X.

Mr. Koch read to the assembly, the information he received from the State relating to payment of expenses incurred by the BUUSD.

Mrs. Kerin-Hutchins moved that the Barre Unified Union School District comply with the provisions of 16 V.S.A. Section 563, subdivisions (8) and (9), regarding the payment of expenses and the maintenance of financial accounts, and comply with the policies and procedures of the Barre Supervisory Union regarding such matters.

Mr. Boltin seconded the motion.

The assembly unanimously voted to approve the motion.

- *Article XI*

To authorize the District to borrow money pending receipt of payments from the State Education Fund by the issuance of its notes or orders payable not later than one year from date; provided, however, that the District is authorized by Vermont Statutes to borrow sufficient funds to meet pending obligations.

Mr. Koch read Article XI.

Mrs. Pregent moved that the Barre Unified Union School District have the power to borrow money pending receipt of payments from the State Education Fund by issuance of its notes or orders payable no later than one year from date; provided, however, that the newly formed District is authorized by Vermont Statutes to borrow sufficient funds to meet pending obligations.

Mrs. Spaulding seconded the motion.

The assembly unanimously voted to approve the motion.

- *Article XII*

To determine whether to authorize the Board of School Directors, pursuant to the provisions of 16 V.S.A. § 563(10) & (11) (C), to provide mailed notice to residents of the availability of the Annual Report and proposed school budget in lieu of distributing the Annual Report and proposed budget.

Mr. Koch read Article XII.

Ms. Ricks requested that Annual Reports and proposed school budgets be mailed each year. Discussion was held regarding the current practices, brochures and budgets are provided and all information is available, but is not mailed to taxpayers unless requested. It was noted that the Article does not preclude mailing of the Annual Report and proposed budget.

Mrs. Pregent moved that to authorize the Board of School Directors, pursuant to the provisions of 16 V.S.A. § 563(10) & (11) (C), to provide mailed notice to residents of the availability of the Annual Report and proposed school budget in lieu of distributing the Annual Report and proposed budget.

Mr. Malone seconded the motion.

The assembly voted to approve the motion. Ms. Ricks voted against the motion.

Mr. Koch announced that at this time, the assembly would act upon any other business proper to come before said meeting. No other business was presented.

On a motion by Mr. Boltin, seconded by Mrs. Pregent, the assembly unanimously voted to adjourn at 7:14 p.m.

See next page for a copy of the letter from Daniel M. French, Ed.D., Secretary of Education.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrea Poulin



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Agency of Education

December 14, 2018

Tom Koch
326 Lowery Road
Barre, VT 05641

Dear Mr. Koch:

I hereby appoint you as my designee to convene the organizational meeting of the Barre UUSD scheduled for Thursday, January 10th, 2019.

Thank you for agreeing to serve the state in this capacity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dan French".

Daniel M. French, Ed.D.
Secretary of Education

Cc: John Pandolfo, Superintendent



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BARRE UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
TRANSITIONAL BOARD MEETING
Spaulding High School – Cafeteria
 January 10, 2019 – Immediately following the BUUSD Special Meeting

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tim Boltin
 Alice Farrell
 Rebecca Kerin-Hutchins – departed at 7:46 p.m.
 Paul Malone
 Sarah Pregent
 Sonya Spaulding

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:

John Pandolfo, Superintendent

GUESTS PRESENT:

Video Vision Tech Dave Delcore – Times Argus Dottye Ricks

1. Call to Order

The Superintendent of the Barre Supervisory Union, soon to be known as the Barre Unified Union School District, called the Thursday, January 10, 2019, Transitional Board meeting to order at 7:21 p.m., which was held at the Spaulding High School Cafeteria.

2. Agenda Revision

None.

3. Organization of the BUUSD Transitional Board

Mr. Pandolfo advised the Board regarding Article 9 (of the Default Articles of Agreement), highlighting 9B, 9C, and 9D (Initial Meeting of Transitional Board, Purpose and Authority of Transitional Board, and Specific Duties of Transitional Board).

Mr. Pandolfo advised that per Article 9, the Transitional Board is responsible for preparing the First Draft of the proposed budget for FY2020, and presenting it to the New Union District Board for consideration at the first meeting of the Barre Unified Union District Board. Additionally, the Transitional Board will prepare for and warn (as one or more special meetings) election of the Initial Board Members, and Amendments to Default Articles of Agreement. Mr. Pandolfo advised regarding organization of the Transitional Board, and asked for nominations for the position of Board Chair.

Mr. Boltin nominated Paul Malone for the position of Board Chair, seconded by Mrs. Pregent. There were no additional nominations. The BUUSD Transitional Board unanimously voted to elect Paul Malone as Board Chair.

Mr. Malone chaired the remainder of the meeting.

Though a Vice-Chair is not required, Mr. Malone feels strongly that the Board should have a Vice-Chair.

Mr. Malone nominated Sonya Spaulding for the position of Vice-Chair, seconded by Mrs. Pregent. There were no additional nominations. The BUUSD Transitional Board unanimously voted to elect Sonya Spaulding as Vice Chair.

Mrs. Spaulding nominated Alice Farrell for the position of Clerk, seconded by Mrs. Kerin-Hutchins. There were no additional nominations. The BUUSD Transitional Board unanimously voted to elect Alice Farrell as Clerk.

4. Public Comment

Dottye Ricks addressed the Board and requested that for numerous reasons, she would like the Board to contact the State Board of Education and request an extension of five days (to the deadline for holding a vote), to vote for changes to the Default Articles of Agreement. Ms. Ricks also requested that if the State Board of Education refuses to grant the extension,

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she requests that the Board contact an attorney to file suit and requests that Mrs. Kerin-Hutchins be involved in suit related discussions. Ms. Ricks was advised that the deadline for changes to the Default Articles of Agreement is set in Statute and was not determined by the State Board of Education. If the Transitional Board attempts legal action, the 90 day Statute, defined as the vote deadline, will probably be missed.

The BUUSD Transitional Board agreed that they are not interested in pursuing an extension on the vote date and do not want to risk the opportunity to hold a vote on amending the Default Articles of Agreement.

5. Approval of Minutes

As this is the initial meeting of the BUUSD Transitional Board, there are no Minutes to approve.

6. New Business

6.1 Consideration of Amendments to Default Articles of Agreement

Minutes from the January 2, 2019 Act 46 Default Articles of Agreement Amendment Committee Meeting were distributed. A document titled 'Proposed Amendments to Default Articles 2019-01-02' was distributed. A document titled 'WARNING for the SPECIAL MEETING of the BARRE UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT February 19, 2019' was also distributed. Mr. Pandolfo advised that the 'Proposed Amendments....' document was reviewed at the 5:00 p.m. meeting, and that there were no comments at that meeting pertaining to / requesting changes to what has been proposed by the Amendment Committee. Mr. Pandolfo provided an overview of the Warning and requested that the Transitional Board approve the Warning as presented.

On a motion by Mrs. Pregent, seconded by Mrs. Farrell, the BUUSD Transitional Board unanimously agreed to approve the 'WARNING for the SPECIAL MEETING of the BARRE UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT February 19, 2019' as presented.

6.2 First Draft of FY2020 Proposed Budget

Four documents were distributed; 'FY20 Barre Unified Union School District Budget Highlights – December 20, 2018 – Draft 3', the BUUSD Projected Comparative Tax Rate Calculations Budget Years 2019 – 2020' documents (for Barre City and Barre Town), and the BUUSD Proposed Budget, Draft – 12-20-18. In the budget highlights document, bulleted items have additional information (to assist with clear communication). Mr. Pandolfo asked the Board to consider the distributed draft as Draft 1 for the BUUSD Board. The actual expenditure budget is the same as presented to the district boards. The Fund Balance has changed because the CVCC General Fund Balance and Assigned Revenue should not be included with the BUUSD columns. The total of the Draft Expenditure Budget is \$33,316,258. The Equalized Pupil Count is 2,399.51 / \$13,885 (per Equalized Pupil), an increase of 6.8% and a 7 cent increase to the tax rate in each community. The BSU is working with the State to get the Equalized Pupil Count altered. The budget information presented tonight is for informational purposes and no action is being requested of the Transitional Board at this time. No more budget work is required of the current local District Boards.

6.3 Announced Tuition

A document titled FY20 Announced Tuition K – 6 \$14,000 / 7 – 12 \$14,500 / CVCC \$15,940 dated 12/27/18 – LEAID: U097 Barre UUSD, was distributed. Mr. Pandolfo advised that the BTMES and SHS Boards have approved the Announced Tuition as presented. The BCEMS Board is slated to approve the Announced Tuition at their board meeting on January 14, 2019. Mr. Pandolfo is requesting that the Transitional Board also approve the Announced Tuition.

On a motion by Mrs. Pregent, seconded by Mrs. Farrell, the BUUSD Transitional Board unanimously voted to approve the Annual Tuition Rates as proposed (K-6 \$14,000 / 7-12 \$14,500 / CVCC \$15,940).

7. Old Business

None.

8. Other Business

Mr. Pandolfo recommends that some Members of the BUUSD Transitional Board be present at the Informational Hearing for Amendments to the Articles of Agreement (02/18/19).

Mr. Pandolfo advised that City/Town clerks will develop petitions for running for BUUSD Board seats. The petitions will be available on February 20, 2019. Mr. Pandolfo advised that petitions to run for seats on the Barre Unified Union School District Board must be received by the City/Town Clerks 6 Mondays prior to the vote, and will be due by 03/04/19.

The Transitional Board will need to warn the April 9, 2019 vote (election for BUUSD Board Member Seats) no later than 03/10/19. The Warning cannot be published until after the 02/19/19 vote to amend the Articles of Agreement. The Transitional Board will need to develop Draft #1 of the FY2020 BUUSD Budget.

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The next meeting of the BUUSD Transitional Board will be Monday, February 18, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in the SHS Library. Thursday, March 7, 2019 (5:30 p.m.) is reserved as a tentative date to be used in the event that the BUUSD Board is unable to meet on February 18, 2019.

9. Adjournment

On a motion by Mrs. Farrell, seconded by Mrs. Pregent, the BUUSD Transitional Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:01p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrea Poulin

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BARRE UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL TRANSITIONAL BOARD MEETING
Spaulding High School – Library
 January 17, 2019 - 5:45 p.m.

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tim Boltin
 Alice Farrell
 Rebecca Kerin-Hutchins – arrived at 5:53 p.m.
 Paul Malone
 Sonya Spaulding

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Sarah Prgent

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:

John Pandolfo, Superintendent

GUESTS PRESENT:

Donna Kelty

1. Call to Order

The Chair, Mr. Malone, called the Thursday, January 17, 2019, Special meeting of the BUUSD Transitional Board to order at 5:51 p.m., which was held at the Spaulding High School Library.

2. Additions and/or Deletions to the Agenda

None.

3. Visitors and Communication

None.

4. New Business

4.1 February 19, 2019 Barre Unified Union School District Special Meeting Warning Approval

A document titled ‘WARNING for the SPECIAL MEETING of the BARRE UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT February 19, 2019’ was distributed. Mr. Pandolfo provided a brief overview, advising of amendments to the Warning. Mr. Pandolfo read the amended Article containing the legally required grammar.

On a motion by Mr. Boltin, seconded by Mrs. Farrell, the Board unanimously voted to approve the Warning as amended.

The Warning was circulated for signatures.

5. Executive Session

No items were proposed for discussion in Executive Session.

11. Adjournment

On a motion by Mrs. Spaulding, seconded by Mr. Boltin, the BUUSD Transitional Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 5:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrea Poulin

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WARNING
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BARRE UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

April 9, 2019

The legal voters of the Barre Unified Union School District who are residents of the City of Barre and the Town of Barre, are hereby notified and warned to meet at their respective polling places: Barre City residents meet at the Barre City Municipal Auditorium and Barre Town residents meet at the Barre Town Middle and Elementary School gymnasium; on Tuesday, April 9, 2019 between the hours of seven (7:00) o'clock in the forenoon (a.m.) at which time the polls will open and seven (7:00) o'clock in the afternoon (p.m.) at which time the polls will close; to vote by Australian ballot upon the following Articles of business:

ARTICLE I. To elect nine members to the Barre Unified Union School District Board for the ensuing term, commencing upon being sworn in, as follows:

- ~ Two (2) School Directors from Barre City for a term ending March 2020, elected by the voters of Barre City.
- ~ One (1) School Directors from Barre Town for a term ending March 2020, elected by the voters of Barre Town.
- ~ One (1) School Directors from Barre City for a term ending March 2021, elected by the voters of Barre City.
- ~ Two (2) School Directors from Barre Town for a term ending March 2021, elected by the voters of Barre Town.
- ~ One (1) School Directors from Barre City for a term ending March 2022, elected by the voters of Barre City.
- ~ One (1) School Directors from Barre Town for a term ending March 2022, elected by the voters of Barre Town.
- ~ One (1) School Directors elected at-large from Barre City and Barre Town for a term ending March 2022.

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The legal voters of Barre Unified Union School District are further notified that voter qualification, registration and absentee voting relative to said election shall be as provided in Chapters 43, 51, and 55 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated.

Adopted and approved at a meeting of the Transitional Board of School Directors of the Barre Unified Union School District held on February 18, 2019. Received for the record and recorded in the records of the Barre Unified Union School District on March 1, 2019.

ATTEST:

_____, Clerk
Barre Unified Union School District

Tim Boltin

Alice Farrell

Rebecca Kerin-Hutchins

Paul Malone

Sarah Pregent

Sonya Spaulding

Barre Unified Union School District Transitional Board of School Directors

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ARTICLE I. To elect four members to the Barre Unified Union School District Board for the ensuing term, commencing upon being sworn in, as follows:

- ~ One (1) School Directors from Barre City for a term ending March 2020, elected by the voters of Barre City and Barre Town.
- ~ One (1) School Directors from Barre Town for a term ending March 2020, elected by the voters of Barre City and Barre Town.
- ~ One (1) School Directors from Barre City for a term ending March 2021, elected by the voters of Barre City and Barre Town.
- ~ One (1) School Directors from Barre Town for a term ending March 2022, elected by the voters of Barre City and Barre Town.

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ATTEST:

_____, Clerk
Barre Unified Union School District

Tim Boltin

Alice Farrell

Rebecca Kerin-Hutchins

Paul Malone

Sarah Pregent

Sonya Spaulding

Barre Unified Union School District Transitional Board of School Directors

STATE OF VERMONT
WASHINGTON COUNTY, CITY OF BARRE

The undersigned hereby petition the city clerk and other city officers of the CITY of BARRE, Washington County, Vermont that _____ be a nominee for election to the office of Unified Union School District Director for the term ending March _____, at the local election to be held on the 9th DAY OF April,, 2019. We undersigned certify we are registered voters of the City of Barre, Vermont.

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CONSENT OF CANDIDATE

LOCAL ELECTION

17 V.S.A. § 2681(a)

The filing deadline for petitions of nomination is the sixth Monday preceding the day of the election. Each candidate for office must also file a written consent to the printing of the candidate's name on the ballot with the Town or City Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on the filing deadline.

This consent form is used by election officials to determine the form of a candidate's name, its spelling and use of initials or nicknames for the ballot. Please complete this form carefully, using the exact form of your name as you want to appear on the ballot. You may include a nickname, but you may not include a title. (For example, Rick "Speedy" Driver is o.k., but you cannot use Dr. Rick Driver.)

I consent to having my name printed on the ballot for the office of:

(Office and Term Length)

BARRE CITY
(Name of town or city)

My name (exactly as I wish it to appear on the ballot), town or city of residence, and party are as follows:

Name: _____

Town of Residence: BARRE CITY

Party*: NOT APPLICABLE

Date

Signature of Candidate

Mailing Address

Town, State, Zip

Daytime Telephone Number

*This is not allowed in most towns. **Leave blank unless your town has complied with the following state law :** No political party or other designation shall be listed unless the municipal charter provides for such listing, the town has voted at an earlier election to provide such a listing or, in the absence of previous consideration of the question by the town, the legislative body decides to permit listing. If political party or other designations are permitted, no candidate shall use the name of a political party whose certificate of organization has been filed properly with the secretary of state unless the candidate has been endorsed by a legally called town caucus of that political party for the office in question. In any event, the candidate must still file the petition and consent form required by section 2681 of this title. 17 V.S.A. §2681a(d).

STATE OF VERMONT
WASHINGTON COUNTY, TOWN OF BARRE

(30 Registered Voter signatures required.)

The undersigned hereby petition the Town Clerk and other Town Officers of the Barre Unified Union School District Washington County, Vermont that _____ be a nominee for election to the office of _____ for a term of ____ years, at the local election to be held on April 9, 2019. We the undersigned certify we are registered voters of the Town of Barre, Vermont.

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CONSENT OF CANDIDATE
17 V.S.A. § 2681(a)

The filing deadline for the Barre Unified Union School Director is Monday, March 4, 2019. Each candidate for office must file a written consent which allows for the printing of the candidate's name on the ballot and in what manner.

WHERE TO FILE - with the Municipal Clerk

This form is the principal mechanism that election officials use to determine the form of a candidate's name, its spelling, use of initials, and the like. For that reason, complete this form carefully, using the form of your name you want to appear on the ballot.

I consent to having my name printed on the ballot for the office of:

(office - include the term: 1 year, 2 years, etc.)

My name (**EXACTLY** as I wish it to appear on the ballot), town of residence, and party.

Name: _____

Town of Residence: Barre Town

Party* _____ Not Applicable _____

Date: _____

X _____
(Signature of candidate)

(Mailing Address)

Daytime telephone number: () _____ - _____

*This is not necessary in most towns. State law provides: No political party or other designation shall be listed unless the municipal charter provides for such listing, the town has voted at an earlier election to provide such a listing or, in the absence of previous consideration of the question by the town, the legislative body decides to permit listing. If political party or other designations are permitted, no candidate shall use the name of a political party who certificate of organization has been filed properly with the secretary of state unless the candidate has been endorsed by a legally called town caucus of that political party for the office in question. In any event, the candidate must still file the petition and consent form required by section 2681 of this title.

FY20 Barre Unified Union School District Budget Highlights - January 10, 2019

DRAFT 3

Audited Fund Balances:

FUNDS	BCEMS	BTMES	SHS	BSU	TOTAL	CVCC
GENERAL	\$(134,192)	\$606,222	\$(535,618)	\$76,229	\$12,641	\$226,763
TAX STAB.	\$342,218	\$39,835	\$546,091		\$928,144	
CAPITAL	\$301,613	\$13,539	\$104,171	\$4,395	\$423,718	
ASSIGN FY19		\$(100,000)			(\$100,000)	\$(50,000)
TOTAL	\$509,639	\$559,596	\$114,644	\$80,624	\$1,264,503	\$176,763

FY19 Equalized Pupils: SHS-781.66 (32%), BC-884.55 (36%), BT-792.60 (32%)

FY19 Per Pupil Spending: SHS-\$13,491, BC-\$12,919, BT-\$12,591

If consolidated in FY19 $\$31,951,941/2458.81=\$12,994.88$

Draft 1 $\$34,416,037/2458.81 = \$13,997$

Draft 2 $\$34,728,786/2458.81= \$14,124$

Draft 3 $\$33,316,258/2399.51=\$13,885$ This results in an increase of 6.8% per pupil and a 7 cent increase to tax rates in each community.

1) *BOARDS*, $\$291,071-(\$25,000)=\$266,071$

District-wide/Superintendent's Office:

- Streamlining curriculum and technology will result in more efficient consistent oversight of these budgets while allowing the directors to maximize district funds for all staff, which means better instruction for all students.
- Improving communication with parents, staff, and partners in the community has been a goal for the past few years. Recruiting an experienced communication specialist has allowed us to get the word out about all the wonderful things happening in the Barre schools. The plan is to continue this important work, with an increase to the communication budget of \$23,000.
- Supporting our earliest learners is critical. We are fortunate to have access to a regional Act 166 Coordinator. We have achieved value by sharing this service with other districts, and have had the benefit of grant funding to do this up until now. As the grant funding is no longer available, we will support this work with a budget increase of \$10,000.
- As the needs of our students increase, and we gain a better understanding of how to most effectively provide transportation, we will move forward with a plan to lease 2 Suburbans to supplement the STA transportation contract. These Suburbans will reduce the cost of mid-day trips, homeless travel, and out of district placements, while expanding opportunities for our work-based learners.

Improving and expanding services to students in special education

- We plan to continue the implementation (started this school year) of a collaborative Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) program located at BT School. This program serves preschool students from Barre City and Barre Town, and has been successful in better meeting the needs of our students with services provided by our own staff, and better preparing these students for success in Kindergarten.
- The restructuring of district-wide behavioral supports in the Barre schools will help us achieve our goal to strengthen and build internal capacity while reducing contracted service costs. The recruitment of a Board Certified Behavior Analyst will support students by analyzing behaviors, writing behavior plans, the support staff who implementing these plans, which will increase personnel costs by \$60,000. In addition, the recruitment of a full time counselor/therapist will provide much needed social and emotional support to students while reducing contracted service costs. This will result in increased availability and consistency of services to students, and will increase personnel costs by an additional \$60,000.
- We believe that a reading specialist with special education endorsement could serve students at SHS who struggle with reading. We may be able to achieve this with our current level of staffing, but have increased personnel costs by \$60,000 in the event this cannot be done.
- The BSU currently has very successful alternative programs like the Academy for Career Technology (ACT) and the Granite Academy Program. These programs allows students to learn in a therapeutic setting with special resources and supports in place. By expanding programs like this and potentially developing more alternative programs, we will achieve our goal to serve more students internally, which reduces the costly expense of tuition to independent schools. Adding an Assistant Director/Coordinator to oversee these alternative programs and the students currently placed out of district will help to evaluate placements and potentially bring students back into our internal district programs, and is critical to our ability to achieve this goal. This will increase personnel costs by an additional \$65,000.
- Our assessment of current transportation costs for students placed out of district and needing specialized transportation has required us to increase our transportation line item by \$60,000.
- Our Co-Directors will be combining Extended School Year Services (ESY) during the summer to pro consistent and efficient programs to elementary, middle, and high school students throughout the Barre schools.

Child Count, Dec. 2017=SHS-151 (29%)/BC-222 (42%)/BT-153 (29%)

Act 173: FY20 Extraordinary reimbursement threshold changes from \$50,000 to \$60,000 however, reimb. rate will increase from 90% to 95% - This change will result in a decrease in extraordinary revenue

BCEMS:

- Our students benefit greatly from our garden program, as we continue to integrate the garden into our classroom curriculum. To allow for consistent and reliable funding for this program, we have increased the supply line by \$8,000.
- To provide a quality learning environment for our students, since much of the classroom furniture has not been replaced since the school was opened over 20 years ago, we have increased the equipment line for classroom furniture by \$7,000.
- Our assessment of current substitute costs has required us to increase our substitute line by \$50,000.
- The industry standard for building maintenance is roughly \$1/square foot. This is the standard Spaulding High School has used for setting their budget line for several years, but this standard has not been used in the other buildings. For equity, and to avoid deferred maintenance and special loans/bonds for this purpose, this line has been increased to \$126,000 (126,000 square feet x \$1/square foot).

- Because we have increased the building maintenance line to align with the industry standard, we are able to eliminate the \$50,000 transfer to the capital improvement fund - 12/4/18.
- Because we have determined we can fund our instructional coaches through Title 1, we are able to reduce this line by \$135,000.

BTMES:

- To provide the highest level of instructional expertise to students in need of academic intervention, we have added 1 FTE for a Literacy Interventionist. This will increase personnel costs by an additional \$65,000.
- Our students benefit from high quality instruction which includes technology integrated directly into their curriculum. All other schools in the supervisory union have had a dedicated Educational Technology Specialist to provide embedded coaching to teachers and increase their capacity to utilize technology effectively both in instruction and in communication to students and families on student progress. To provide equity across buildings, we have added 1 FTE for an Educational Technology Specialist. This will increase personnel costs by an additional \$55,000.
- To promote a positive learning environment and meet student needs, we have added 2 FTE general education para-educators. This will increase personnel costs by an additional \$45,000 -11/7/18.
- Keeping our students and staff safe is an extremely high priority. BCEMS and SHS have had School Resource Officers in place for a number of years. To support a safe learning environment, and to provide equity across our buildings, we will support an SRO at BTMES with a budget increase of \$50,000 - 11/26/18 (This has been reduced \$35,000, as some of the SRO funding will come from grants and/or the Barre Town municipal budget).
- To allow extended day access to our building in a way that supports increased safety and security, we have added 1 FTE clerical position in our office. This will increase personnel costs by an additional \$35,000. (This position will be filled prior to the end of FY2019)
- Our assessment of current health insurance costs has required us to increase our health insurance line by \$40,000 -11/16/18.
- Our assessment of current substitute costs has required us to increase our substitute line by \$45,000.
- The industry standard for building maintenance is roughly \$1/square foot. This is the standard Spaulding High School has used for setting their budget line item for several years, but this standard has not been used in the other buildings. For equity, and to avoid deferred maintenance and special loans/bonds for this purpose, this line has been increased to \$158,000 (158,000 square feet x \$1/square foot) -11/15/18
- Because we have increased building maintenance line to align with the industry standard, we are able to eliminate the \$25,000 transfer to the capital improvement fund -12/4/18

SHS:

- High quality science instruction is critical for our students. To support the needs of our students in both lower grade core science areas and in upper grade STEM opportunities, we have added 1 FTE for a Science teacher. This will increase personnel costs by an additional \$65,000.
- In addressing the Vermont Flexible Pathways initiative, our Work-Based Learning program has been highly successful in its first few years. This program has allowed students to learn through embedded activities in our local business community, which has the added advantage of educating our community on the great things happening in our school. To meet increased student demand for work-based learning opportunities, we have added 1 FTE for a WBL teacher. This will increase personnel costs by an

additional \$65,000.

- To allow extended day access to our building in a way that supports increased safety and security, we have added 1 FTE clerical position in our office. This will increase personnel costs by an additional \$25,000. (This position will be filled prior to the end of FY2019) - 11/27/18.
- The Phoenix program has offered students a flexible pathway to graduation for two decades through individualized study and flexible scheduling. As a result of savings realized from moving this program back into our building from its previous off-site location, we are able to decrease this line by \$13,000.
- The Naviance Career and College software program supports students in their college and career planning as they progress through high school. This program has been in use for several years, and was previously funded through outside sources which are no longer available. To continue to use this program, we will now fund the \$10,000 subscription fee - 11/27/18.
- Our assessment of current contracted educational services costs allows us to decrease this line by \$25,000.
- Our assessment of current transportation costs has required us to increase transportation lines by \$25,000 for work-based learning and other transportation needs, and \$9,000 for co-curricular transportation for JROTC, etc. - 11/27/18.
- In anticipation of an increase in Career Technical Education tuition, this line item has been increased by \$25,000 - 11/27/18.

CVCC:

- Our Digital Media Arts program has been highly successful, and many of the students completing year 1 of the program have expressed interest in further immersion into the field. In response to this demand, we added a Digital Media II program for FY2019 using Perkins Grant funds. Following grant guidelines, we will reduce grant-funded salary and benefits over a multi-year period, which will increase personnel costs by an additional \$21,500 - 11/27/18.
- Our Medical Professionals program has been highly successful in its first year. Following grant guidelines, we will reduce grant-funded salary and benefits over a multi-year period, which will increase costs by an additional \$54,141.
- Our previous assessment of demand for Co-op placement for students has allowed us to decrease this position from 1.0 FTE to 0.2 FTE. Due to anticipated increased demand, and the opportunity to allow work-based learning opportunities to CTE students, we have increased this position back to 1 FTE. This will increase personnel costs by an additional \$57,600.
- Our assessment of current substitute costs has required us to increase our substitute line by \$5,000
- Several other miscellaneous lines have been reduced - 11/27/18.

BUUSD
Projected Comparative Tax Rate Calculations-BARRE CITY
Budget Years 2019-2020

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Less Local Revenues		8,795,528	
Education Spending	31,951,941	33,316,258	
Equalized Pupils	2,458.81	2,399.51	
Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	12,995	13,885	6.85%
EdSpend/\$10,660(property dollar yield)	127.151%	130.250%	
Homestead Equalized Tax Rate (State determined)	1.00	1.00	
Equalized Tax Rate	1.2715	1.3025	
District's Equalized Pupil %	100%	100%	
Equalized Rate to be assessed by city	1.2715	1.3025	
District's CLA	100.91%	97.95%	
Barre City Homestead rate	1.2600	1.3298	0.07

Projected Comparative Tax Rate Calculations-BARRE TOWN
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Equalized Tax Rate	1.2715	1.3025	
District's Equalized Pupil %	100%	100%	
Equalized Rate to be assessed by town	1.2715	1.3025	
District's CLA	87.58%	85.32%	
Barre Town Homestead rate	1.4518	1.5266	0.07