

**SPAULDING HIGH SCHOOL
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**
Spaulding High School – Library
February 7, 2019 - 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Paul Malone - Chair
Joe Blakely – Clerk – arrived at 6:07 p.m.
Tim Boltin
Anthony Folland
Ed Rousse

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

David LaCroix – Vice Chair
J. Guy Isabelle

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:

John Pandolfo, Superintendent
Brenda Waterhouse, Principal
Penny Chamberlin, Director Central Vermont Career Center
Jacquelyn Ramsay-Tolman, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment

GUESTS PRESENT:

Video Vision Tech Dave Delcore – Times Argus Natalie Taylor Paul Taylor

1. Call to Order

The Chair, Mr. Malone, called the Thursday, February 7, 2019, Regular meeting to order at 6:05 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. Approval of Minutes

4.1 Approval of Minutes – January 3, 2019 Regular Meeting

On a motion by Mr. Boltin, seconded by Mr. Folland, the Board unanimously voted to approve the Minutes of the January 3, 2019 Regular Meeting.

4.2 Approval of Minutes – January 9, 2019 Special Meeting

On a motion by Mr. Boltin, seconded by Mr. Rousse, the Board unanimously voted to approve the Minutes of the January 9, 2019 Special Meeting.

5. Reports to the Board

5.1 Student Representatives

Natalie Taylor provided an update on Student Council activity, including; the upcoming Winter Spirit Week, a box of goods sent to a family in Ethiopia, preparation for the spring blood drive (to be held in March), and advised that winter sports are going well.

5.2 Superintendent

A copy of the Superintendent's report dated January 30, 2019 was distributed. The report included information pertaining to; the new web site, the School Calendar, a Merger Update, and Negotiations. Four additional documents were distributed; a 'Certificate of Environmental Stewardship', a document titled 'Journal of the Senate', A letter to Secretary Daniel French (dated 01/25/19), and a letter from Secretary French to Business Managers, Human Resource Officers and Superintendents (dated 01/31/19).

Mr. Pandolfo advised that SHS diverted 34,400 pounds of food scraps in 2018, and received a certificate from Grow Compost of Vermont. Mr. Pandolfo advised of H.C.R. 2. , House Concurrent Resolution designating January 2019 as School Board Recognition Month in Vermont. Mr. Pandolfo provided an overview of the letter to Secretary French, and his reply. The correspondence relates to concerns with the implementation of the Statewide School District Data Management System and Unified Chart of Accounts. Given the number of issues to date, VASBO has requested a revision to the implementation deadline, a successful pilot program prior to implementation, and filling the vacant e-Finance liaison position at the AOE. Secretary French has replied acknowledging that issues

exist. Mrs. Perreault has responded to Secretary French's reply. It was noted that the State still has not issued the Handbook Guidance on Use of Project Codes. A change to the implementation date requires legislative action. It was noted that Mrs. Perreault has built a module in the existing system, to handle the merged budget.

5.3 Principal

The Principal's Report (dated 02/07/19) was distributed. The Report included information pertaining to; Students & Community, Student of the Week, Athlete of the Week, and Staff Person of the Week. The Athletic Director's Report for February 7, 2019 was distributed. A copy of the Principal's Newsletter for February 2019, an informational flyer from VSAC, and a letter from Aladdin (Food Service Provider) were also distributed. Mrs. Waterhouse advised that a thank you note was received from Green Mountain United Way, thanking SHS employees for contributing at total of \$1,704 to their 2018 campaign. Mrs. Waterhouse advised that she received an e-mail from Linda Ubelacker, containing screen shots of a post card that is believed to be a picture of the SHS Girls Basketball champion team from 1906. Michael Gilbert is conducting research to gather additional information. A copy of the e-mail was circulated. In response to a query, it was noted that VSAC will be holding informational sessions on 02/18/19 during parent/teacher conferences.

5.4 CVCC Director

The CVCC Director's Report for February 2019 was distributed. The Report contained information on; the VSAC Aspirations Program, Community Forums, Professional Development, the Admissions Process and Timeline, and Current Vacancies. Copies of the CVCC Professional Development Plan and the CVCC Admissions (schedule) for 2019-2020 Applicants were distributed. Ms. Chamberlin advised that CVCC parent/teacher conferences were being held this evening and that 60 parents were in attendance. The Barre Town Community Forum has been rescheduled for 02/20/19 at 6:00 p.m. at the Barre Town Municipal Offices. Ms. Chamberlin provided a brief overview of the admissions process, and advised that applications are currently being accepted for the 2019 – 2020 year.

5.5 Committee Reports

5.5.1 Finance

The next meeting is Wednesday, March 27, 2019.

5.5.2 Facilities

The next meeting is Wednesday, March 13, 2019.

5.5.3 Verbal Report of BSU Committees

Minutes from all BSU Committee meetings were previously sent to all Board Members.

BSU Curriculum Committee -

The next meeting is Monday, March 25, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the BSU Central Office 2nd Floor Conference Area

BSU Policy Committee -

The next meeting is Monday, February 18, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the BSU 2nd Floor Conference Area

BSU Finance Committee -

The next meeting is to be announced.

BSU Facilities Committee -

The next meeting is Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. Location is to be determined.

BSU Communications Committee -

The next meeting of the Communications Committee is Thursday, February 14, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the BSU Central Office.

BSU Negotiations Committee -

The Committee met on 01/15/19 and 001/31/19.

The next Negotiations Committee meeting is to be announced.

5.6 Financials

The SHS, CVCC, and BSU Expenditure Reports (dated 01/25/19) were distributed. Mrs. Perreault will work on year-end projections in the near future.

6. New Business

6.1 Resignations/Retires/New Hires

None.

7. Old Business

7.1 Merger Update

A document titled 'Merger Update' (printed from the BSU website) was distributed. Mr. Pandolfo advised that there are currently no less than 6 new Bills in the House and 3 new Bills in the Senate. Mr. Pandolfo provided a brief overview of some of the proposed legislation, and advised that short of a new law being enacted, or the issuance of a Court Order, the district will be merged on 07/01/19. A vote is scheduled for Barre City and Barre Town on 02/19/19. The votes have been warned and a public informational session will be held on 02/18/19. There are two questions on the ballot. The questions pertain to changes to Default Articles of Agreement. Article 1 is for replacing Default Articles 3 and 4 with the Articles drafted by the Study Committee, and pertain to restructuring of schools. If the outcome of the vote is 'yes', future changes to school configuration will require a community vote, and no students may be forced to switch schools without a positive vote from the community. If the outcome of the vote is 'no', there will be no such protections after two years. The second Article pertains to Board configuration. A 'yes' vote will result in a nine member board. A 'no' vote will result in a four member board. Mr. Malone supports a yes vote, and advised that he believes it will be very difficult for a 4 member board to do the work previously accomplished by a total of 19 board members. For Article 1 to pass, it must be approved by a majority of voters in both the City and the Town. For Article 2 to pass, it requires approval of the majority of the overall votes (City and the Town – totaled, but not co-mingled). Mr. Malone encourages community members to vote yes, stressing that this vote is very important. It was noted that the 02/19/19 vote is not a 'regular' vote and should be publicized well. Community members may wish to obtain absentee ballots. A meeting of the Transitional Board will also be held on 02/18/19 at 5:30 p.m. in the SHS Library. The current Boards remain operational until 06/30/19, and beyond as necessary to close out business. Seats which are set to expire in March 2019 will be filled based on the election held on March 5, 2019. Petitions for seats on the BUUSD Board are available and must be submitted to the City/Town Clerks no later than 03/04/19 for the election which will be held on 04/09/19. Board configuration will not be known until the 02/19/19 vote. Mr. Pandolfo would like to hold the first meeting of the BUUSD Board on 04/11/19, with a tentative budget vote on 05/14/19.

7.2 Budget FY20 Update

The 'FY20 Barre Unified Union School District Budget Highlights – January 10, 2019 – DRAFT 3' was distributed. Mr. Pandolfo provided a brief overview of the Projected Comparative Tax Rate Calculations advising that based on the current Equalized Pupil counts from the State, the draft budget results in a 7 cent tax increase for both Barre City and Barre Town. Current legislation does not provide for transitional funds for districts that did not merge voluntarily. The SHS Board will most likely not be holding further budget discussions, as the budget is the responsibility of the BUUSD Board. If a budget vote is to be held on 05/04/19, it must be warned no later than 04/04/19.

8. Other Business

None.

9. Future Agenda Items

SHS Regular Board Meeting – Thursday, March 7, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the SHS Library

Future Agenda Items:

Resigns/Retires/New Hires

Merger Update

Board Re-organization (March meeting)

CVCC Feasibility Study Report (April meeting)

CVCC FY20 Perkins Grant Summary (April meeting) – this item will most likely be presented to the Organizational and Transitional Boards.

The FY20 Perkins Grant Summary is due to the Agency of Education by 06/01/19.

10. Executive Session as Needed

No items were proposed for discussion in Executive Session.

11. Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Rousse, seconded by Mr. Boltin, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrea Poulin