

**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, 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.

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