

BARRE SUPERVISORY UNION #61 SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Spaulding High School - Library
January 17, 2019 - 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Victoria Pompei (BT) – Clerk
Alice Farrell (BT)
Anthony Folland (SHS)
Rebecca Kerin-Hutchins (BT)
Paul Malone (SHS)
Sonya Spaulding (BC)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

J. Guy Isabelle (SHS) – Chair
Giuliano Cecchinelli, II (BC) – Vice Chair
Jennifer Chioldi (BC)

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:

John Pandolfo, Superintendent
Stacy Anderson, Co-Director of Special Services
Lisa Perreault, Business Manager

GUESTS PRESENT:

Video Vision Tech Tyler Kimberly

1. Call to Order

The Clerk, Mrs. Pompei, called the Thursday, January 17, 2019, meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., which was held at the Spaulding High School Library.

2. Additions and/or Deletions to the Agenda

Add 5.2 Resignations/Retires/New Hires

3. Public Comment

None.

4. Approval of Minutes

4.1 Approval of Minutes – December 20, 2018 Regular Meeting

On a motion by Mr. Malone, seconded by Mrs. Spaulding, the Board unanimously voted to approve the Minutes of the December 20, 2018 Regular Meeting.

5. New Business

5.1 Audit Presentation

A copy of a letter from Mudgett Jennett & Krogh-Wisner, PC (dated 12/21/18) was distributed. A document for the Barre Supervisory Union, titled ‘Financial Statements June 30, 2018 (DRAFT 01/07/19) And Independent Auditor’s Report’ was distributed.

Mr. Kimberly addressed the Board, advising that he will be presenting an overview of the FY18 Audit. The Board is encouraged to provide feedback and ask questions. Mr. Kimberly advised that the audit went smoothly, and proceeded to provide an overview of the ‘governmental letter’ and highlights of the audit which was performed from early September until late November. The draft audit was produced in mid to late December. Mr. Kimberly advised that just a couple of adjustments were recommended (inter-district reconciliation and long term liability and assets. Beginning with FY20, under a merged district, there will no longer be a need to reconcile between entities, which should result in fewer adjustments overall. Mr. Kimberly provided an overview of the Financial Statements and Audit Report advising that there were no findings of material weakness or significant deficiencies. The audit included Government-wide Financial Statements and Fund Financial Statements (for both Governmental and General Funds). Mr. Kimberly provided a brief overview of changes in accounting for post-employment. It was noted that page 24, Item 10 (Consolidation), which was written prior to the 01/08/19 vote, will need some minor amendments. Mr. Kimberly and Mrs. Perreault were thanked for their efforts performing the audit.

On a motion by Mr. Malone, seconded by Mrs. Spaulding, the Board unanimously voted to approve the Audit as presented, and as amended to bring 'Consolidation' notes into present tense.

5.2 Resignations/Retires/New Hires

The resume and BSU Notification of Employment Status Form for Ethan Cody was distributed. Mr. Pandolfo provided an overview of Mr. Cody's education and experience. Mr. Cody is presented for the position of Special Educator. Mr. Cody is fully licensed as a middle school teacher. A provisional special educator certificate will be obtained.

On a motion by Mr. Folland, seconded by Mrs. Farrell, the Board unanimously voted to approve the hiring of Ethan Cody.

6. Old Business

6.1 Merger Update

All District Boards have received updates. The Transitional Board approved a corrected Warning this evening. The Warning is for the 02/19/19 vote to amend the Articles of Agreement. The Amendment Committee also met today to conclude their business. The next meeting of the BUUSD Transitional Board is 02/18/19 at 5:30 p.m. in the SHS Library. Members of the Amendment Committee will be present at the informational meeting, which is being held the evening before the vote to amend the Articles of Agreement. Petitions for those running for the expiring District Board seats are due by 5:00 p.m. on 01/28/19, with the election to be held on 03/05/19. Petitions for those running for BUUSD Board seats are due by 5:00 p.m. on 03/04/19 (6 Mondays prior to the election), with the election to be held on 04/09/19. Donna Kely and Carol Dawes will move forward with creation of petitions for BUUSD Board Seats. It was noted that the petitions will be the same regardless of whether the new BUUSD Board is comprised of 4 or 9 members.

6.2 Second and Final Reading Interscholastic Sports Policy (F12)

Copies of all policies referenced in Agenda Items 6.2 through 6.7 were distributed. Mr. Pandolfo advised that the First Readings were approved at the 12/20/18 meeting. The policies are presented this evening for Approval of the Second and Final Readings, and Adoption.

On a motion by Mr. Malone, seconded by Mrs. Spaulding, the Board unanimously voted to approve the Second and Final Readings of policies F12 (Interscholastic Sports), F13 (Admission of Resident Students), F14 (Admission of Nonresident Tuition Students), F34 (Student Freedom of Expression in School-Sponsored Media), G3, as amended (Field Trips), and G7 (Educational Support System), and agreed to adopt said policies.

6.3 Second and Final Reading Admission of Resident Students Policy (F13)

Approved under Agenda Item 6.2

6.4 Second and Final Reading Admission of Nonresident Tuition Students Policy (F14)

Approved under Agenda Item 6.2

6.5 Second and Final Reading Student Freedom of Expression in School-Sponsored Media Policy (F34)

Approved under Agenda Item 6.2

6.6 Second and Final Reading Field Trips Policy (G3)

Approved under Agenda Item 6.2

6.7 Second and Final Reading Educational Support System Policy (G7)

Approved under Agenda Item 6.2

7. Other Business as Needed

None.

8. Reports to the Board

8.1 Superintendent

A copy of the Superintendent's report dated January 17, 2019 was distributed for review and discussion. The report included information pertaining to the Superintendent's Office, Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, Communications, the Business Office, Special Education, Technology, Early Education, Human Resources, and Facilities. Mr. Pandolfo advised that the next meeting of the BSU Policy Committee will include discussion on the following policies;

F6 - Student Medication

F18 - Eighteen Year-old Students

F22 - Student Assessment

F29 - Student Self-Expression and Student Distribution of Literature

G4 – Selecting Library Materials

G5 – Selection of Instructional Materials and Sensitive Issues

In response to a query, it was noted that the name Barre Unified Union School District can be changed. A name change can be presented to voters as one of the Articles to be voted on at the March 2020 vote.

8.2 Committee Reports

8.2.1 BSU Policy Committee –

Minutes from the December 17, 2018 meeting were distributed. The February meeting will include discussion on the policies referenced in Agenda Item 8.1(Superintendent’s Report to the Board). A policy relating to inter-district choice will need to be discussed by the Original BUUSD Board (not the Transitional Board), or its assigned policy committee. Work is in progress to change ‘BSU’ to ‘BUUSD’, so that current policies can be presented to the Original BUUSD Board for approval.

The next two meetings are scheduled for;

Monday, February 18, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the BSU in the Second Floor Conference Area.

Monday, March 18, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the BSU in the Second Floor Conference Area.

8.2.2 BSU Curriculum Committee -

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 28, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in the SHS Library.

8.2.3 BSU Finance Committee -

The Committee did not meet in December.

The next meeting is February 21, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. in the SHS Library.

8.2.4 BSU Facilities Committee -

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, March 12, 2019. Location is to be determined.

8.2.5 BSU Communications Committee -

The Committee will not meet in January. The full day of training for the Barre Education Coalition has been postponed.

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

8.2.6 BSU Negotiations Committee -

The Committee met on Tuesday (01/01/15/19).

The next meeting with teachers and para-educators is Thursday, January 31, 2019.

8.3 Financials

The BSU FY19 Expenditures Report (dated 01/10/19) was distributed. There is no year-end projection at this time.

9. Executive Session as Needed

9.1 Administrator Evaluations

9.2 Superintendent Evaluation

Items proposed for discussion in Executive Session include Administrator Evaluations and the Superintendent’s Evaluation.

On a motion by Mr. Malone, seconded by Mrs. Spaulding, the Board unanimously voted to enter into Executive Session, with Mr. Pandolfo in attendance (for Administrator Evaluations), at 6:31 p.m. under the provisions of 1 VSA section 313 to discuss the items proposed for discussion.

The remaining information was provided by the Board Clerk.

On a motion by Mr. Malone, seconded by Mrs. Spaulding, the Board unanimously voted to exit Executive Session at 8:22 p.m.

On a motion by Mrs. Spaulding, seconded by Mr. Malone, the Board unanimously voted to table Agenda Item 9.2, Superintendent’s Evaluation.

10. Adjournment

On a motion by Mrs. Spaulding, seconded by Mrs. Kerin-Hutchins, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Poulin