

**BARRE SUPERVISORY UNION #61 SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

Barre Town Middle and Elementary School - Library
May 23, 2019 – 5:30 p.m.

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

J. Guy Isabelle (SHS) – Chair
Giuliano Cecchinelli, II (BC) – Vice Chair
Victoria Pompei (BT) – Clerk
Jennifer Chioldi (BC)
Alice Farrell (BT)
Anthony Folland (SHS)
Rebecca Kerin-Hutchins (BT)
Paul Malone (SHS)
Sonya Spaulding (BC)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:

John Pandolfo, Superintendent

GUESTS PRESENT:

Video Vision Tech

1. Call to Order

The Chair, Mr. Isabelle, called the Thursday, May 23, 2019, meeting to order at 5:40 p.m., which was held at the Barre Town Middle and Elementary School Library.

2. Additions and/or Deletions to the Agenda

None.

3. Public Comment

None.

4. Approval of Minutes

4.1 Approval of Minutes – April 11, 2019 Special Meeting

On a motion by Mrs. Chioldi, seconded by Mrs. Spaulding, the Board unanimously voted to approve the Minutes of the April 11, 2019 Special Meeting.

5. New Business

5.1 Resignations/Retires/New Hires

The resumes and BSU Notification of Employment Status Forms for Annette Rhoades (Assistant Director of Special Services), John C. “Chris” Cunningham (Special Educator) and Rhonda Forlow (Special Educator) were distributed. Mr. Pandolfo advised that these candidates will be formally hired by the BUUSD Board. Mr. Pandolfo provided an overview of the candidates’ education and experience, and answered questions from the Board.

On a motion by Mrs. Spaulding, seconded by Mr. Malone, the Board unanimously voted to approve the hiring of the slate of candidates presented; Annette Rhoades, John C. “Chris” Cunningham, and Rhonda Forlow.

Letters of resignation from Michael McCurdy, Karen Heath, Jennifer Cote, Brittany Tremblay, Mariel Adsit, Dorothy Unkles, Janet Allen, Penny Cahill, Molly Ciecierski, Holly Haggerty, Hayley Fitzgerald, Patrick Merriam, and Pam Wark were distributed. Mr. Pandolfo advised regarding the staff members who are resigning, and asked that the Board approve the resignations. It was noted that no Board action is necessary for Pat Merriam and Pam Wark’s resignations. Mr. Pandolfo will address those separately.

On a motion by Mr. Malone, seconded by Mrs. Spaulding, the Board unanimously voted to accept, with thanks for their years of service, the resignations of the slate of staff presented; Michael McCurdy, Karen Heath, Jennifer Cote, Brittany Tremblay, Mariel Adsit, Dorothy Unkles, Janet Allen, Penny Cahill, Molly Ciecierski, Holly Haggerty, and Hayley Fitzgerald.

In response to a query, Mr. Pandolfo advised that he is not sure if this is a significant number of resignations (higher than in previous years), and is not sure if more resignations will be submitted. There are many different factors involved in the various resignations.

There have not been many candidates for the school psychologists' positions. If qualified candidates cannot be hired, it is possible to use contracted services.

Mr. Pandolfo advised regarding the resignations from non-licensed staff members; Patrick Merriam (11 years of service), and Pam Wark, another long-term employee. Mr. Pandolfo and the Board wish Mr. Merriam and Mrs. Wark well. Mr. Isabelle thanked Mrs. Wark for her work on behalf of the Policy Committee.

6. Old Business

None.

7. Other Business as Needed

The next BSU meeting is Thursday, June 13, 2019 at 5:30 p.m., with a BUUSD Board meeting at 6:00 p.m. As SHS Library renovations will start in June, the location of the meeting will need to be determined.

It was confirmed that the existing district Boards, and BSU Board will need to meet at some time in the future to approve the FY19 Audit.

8. Reports to the Board

8.1 Superintendent

A copy of the Superintendent's report dated May 23, 2019 was distributed for review and discussion. The report included information pertaining to the Superintendent's Office, the Business Office, Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, Communications, Special Education, Technology, Early Education, Human Resources, and Facilities.

Mr. Pandolfo was congratulated for being named Superintendent of the Year.

Mr. Pandolfo provided an update on water testing (for lead). The impact to BCEMS will be minimal as testing is limited to only those taps that required work. Tap inventories for BTMES and SHS were sent to the State. The State will provide the sample collection bottles. It is not known, why BTMES and SHS were chosen for fast-track testing. It will take a significant amount of work to obtain samples.

8.2 Committee Reports

8.2.1 Policy Committee

The April 15, 2019 Meeting was cancelled. The Committee met on May 20, 2019 and reviewed some related policies. The first meeting of the BUUSD Policy Committee will be scheduled in August 2019.

8.2.2 Curriculum Committee

Minutes from the April 22, 2019 meeting were distributed. The Committee met on May 20, 2019. It was noted that a group of local students recently traveled to California (Silicon Valley) to present their invention (a concussion measuring device) that was created at The Generator, a makerspace located in Burlington.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 24, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. The location is to be announced.

8.2.3 Finance Committee

Minutes from the May 7, 2019 BUUSD meeting were distributed. Discussion included organization of the BUUSD committee, and reviewing several procedures at each meeting. Discussion was also held regarding the current cell phone procedures, the FY20 Budget, creation of a calendar (for items that need yearly discussion), and final checks for Board Members.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 4, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. The meeting location will be announced.

8.2.4 BSU Facilities Committee

Minutes from the May 14, 2019 BUUSD meeting were distributed. Discussion included; the BTMES garden, lead testing, and a possible change to meeting days.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 11, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in the BTMES Library.

8.2.5 BSU Communications Committee

Minutes from the May 8, 2019 meeting were distributed. The Committee discussed goals, the new web site, continuation of public engagement, and discussion on promotion of the FY20 budget.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, June 12, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. The location will be announced.

8.2.6 BSU Negotiations Committee

Minutes from the March 22, 2019 meeting were distributed. The Committee also met on May 21, 2019. Mr. Malone advised that the negotiation session was a success and that the Committee came to an agreement with both teachers and para educators. Mr. Pandolfo advised that the best practice is for the unions to ratify the contracts prior to the Board approving them. Mr. Pandolfo will discuss the details of the Agreements in the BUUSD Executive Session.

8.3 Financials

Three reports were distributed; The BSU FY19 Budget Expense Report/Year-end Projection Report, the BUS General Fund Revenue Report, and the BSU Expenditures FY19 Report. There is an unaudited projected deficit of \$ 125,179.34. In response to a query, it was confirmed that the projected deficit is not finalized. Additional information is required prior to finalizing the end of year deficit/surplus.

9. Executive Session as Needed

No items were proposed for discussion in Executive Session.

10. Adjournment

On a motion by Mrs. Chioldi, seconded by Mrs. Farrell, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrea Poulin