

**BARRE UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING**
Spaulding High School - Library
September 9, 2019 - 5:30 p.m.

MINUTES

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Giuliano Cecchinelli, Chair - (BC)
Tim Boltin, Vice Chair - (BC) – arrived at 5:35 p.m.
Guy Isabelle – (At-Large)
Andrew McMichael – (BC)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Dave LaCroix – (BT Community Member)
Robert Lord – (BT Community Member)
Victoria Pompei – (BT)

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:

Hayden Coon, BCEMS Principal
Jamie Evans – Facilities Director
Scott Griggs – CVCC Assistant Director

GUESTS PRESENT:

Dave Delcore – Times Argus Pat McAskill

1. Call to Order

The Chair, Mr. Cecchinelli, called the Monday, September 9, 2019 BUUSD Facilities Committee meeting to order at 5:31 p.m., which was held at Spaulding High School in the Library.

2. Additions and/or Deletions to the Agenda

None.

3. Approval of Minutes – August 12, 2019 BUUSD Facilities Committee Meeting

3.1 BUUSD Facilities Committee Meeting – August 12, 2019

On a motion by Mr. Boltin, seconded by Mr. McMichael, the Committee unanimously voted to approve the Minutes of the August 12, 2019 BUUSD Facilities Committee meeting.

4. New Business

4.1 SHS Heating System – Update on Underground Testing

Mr. Evans advised that a Mechanical Contractor (Cooper Mechanical) was hired to perform testing. Mr. Evans provided an overview of the testing process which confirmed several known underground leaks. The leaks are most likely occurring at the fittings. The oil furnace will be used to heat the gymnasium portion of the building, while the wood boiler will heat the remainder of the building. The oil furnace is being cleaned and serviced to assure it is in optimum shape for the upcoming heating season. Though oil costs more than wood chips, the cost difference should not be sizeable given that fuel prices have dropped. The fix for the leaks will occur next summer and will involve digging up areas of the parking lot. There are known problems with fittings and some of the fittings in the woodchip building have been replaced. Mr. Evans may wish to consider changing all of the fittings as part of this project. The fix to the underground leaks will involve installation of one long pipe. The life expectancy of the new piping is unknown at this time. The project is slated to go out to bid in late winter.

4.2 Building Trades Lab – Access for Students with Mobility Limitations

A document titled ‘Area of Concern: As written in CVCC Administration Voluntary Compliance Plan April 2019’ was distributed. Mr. Griggs addressed the Committee, advising that the information being presented tonight is for informational purposes only and that he is not requesting action at this time. Mr. Griggs advised that the issue is being presented to assure that Board Members are aware of the issue, noting that an outside agency has documented their concern of the matter. Mr. Griggs advised regarding safety concerns that students need to walk through the Plumbing and Heating section, as well as the Automotive section of the building in order to access the Building Trades area. That students need to walk through these areas poses a safety issue and could be problematic for individuals with mobility issues. It was noted that there are currently no students or staff members with known mobility issues. Mr. Evans advised that given the current culture of violence in schools, there is an added safety concern. Mr. Evans noted that currently CVCC is undersized, and there are space limitations at the SHS campus. It would be very difficult and expensive to modify the building to address the mobility issue. Mr. Griggs advised that at this point, there are no recommendations regarding remediation of the accessibility issue, and it is understood that any change would require a significant/extreme construction expense. Mr. Isabelle

queried regarding the potential to address this issue as part of the CVCC re-visioning project. The re-visioning study will be presented at this week's BUUSD Board meeting. In response to a query, Mr. Griggs advised that there are currently no other compliance issues to report to the Board.

5. Other Business

Mrs. McAskill requested that changes to Board/Committee meeting locations be listed on the on-line calendar of meetings and requested that if the location of a meeting is changed after the agenda is posted, a sign, advising of the new location, be posted at the advertised location.

Update on Lead Testing of Water – Mr. Evans provided an overview of the process of the pilot program involving recent testing at SHS and BTMES, noting that BTMES had significantly more taps that tested above the acceptable limit. Mr. Evans advised regarding remediation that has taken place to date, advising that he is waiting to hear back from the State regarding re-testing of replaced faucets. The faucets that have been replaced remain out of service at this time. Mr. Evans advised that the State advised that it would be acceptable to install in-line filters on the SHS Athletic Department's ice machine and that those filters have been installed. Mr. Evans advised that he has been receiving some inquiries from parents and that he has responded to all inquiries. The exact amount of reimbursement from the State is unknown at this time, but he expects to receive reimbursement for the majority of work (time and materials) that has been performed thus far. Mr. Isabelle wants the community to know that Mr. Evans and the custodial staff have gone above and beyond for this pilot program.

Update on Library Renovations – Mr. Evans reported that the renovation involved much work by librarian Christine Smith and her staff. The renovation included; changes to the layout configuration, shortening of bookcases, installation of new carpet, new paint, new furniture (circulation desk, tables, and chairs), installation of white boards, and the installation of the glass window which is composed of shatter resistant safety glass. Some of the furniture is from the Vermont Corrections Institute, which provides furniture that is high-end quality, at a lower in price.

BTMES – Lighting of Bus Loop - Mr. Evans reported that Green Mountain Power will be changing the lighting to LED bulbs. The timeframe for bulb replacement is unknown at this time. Green Mountain Power has advised that it will cost approximately \$2000 to install a new light at the bus loop exit. Mr. Evans will provide additional information at a future meeting.

Solar Projects – Mr. Evans provided a brief overview of the solar projects at the schools, advising that there are savings associated with the solar projects. Mr. Evans advised that Lisa Perreault (Business Manager) can provide detailed information relating to savings and how the program works.

6. Items for Future Agendas

- BTMES Generator (for emergency management)
- Update – BTMES – Removal of Canopy
- Update - Storm Water Retention Project

7. Next Meeting Date

As the next regular meeting date falls on a holiday, the next meeting date will be determined and announced after consultation with Tina Gilbert. It was agreed to hold the next meeting at the BUUSD Central Office in the First Floor Conference Area at 5:30 p.m.

8. Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. McMichael, seconded by Mr. Boltin, the Committee unanimously voted to adjourn at 6:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrea Poulin