

**BARRE UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT  
FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE - SPECIAL MEETING  
BUUSD Central Office – First Floor Conference Area  
October 15, 2019 - 5:00 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Giuliano Cecchinelli, Chair - (BC)  
Tim Boltin, Vice Chair - (BC)  
Guy Isabelle – (At-Large)  
Paul Malone – Ad Hoc Committee Member (BT) – arrived at 5:15 p.m., departed at 5:45 p.m.  
Victoria Pompei – (BT) - departed at 5:29 p.m.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Dave LaCroix – (BT Community Member)  
Robert Lord – (BT Community Member)  
Andrew McMichael – (BC)

**ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:**

John Pandolfo, Superintendent  
Jamie Evans, Facilities Director  
Luke Aither, Assistant Principal SHS – arrived at 5:30 p.m.

**GUESTS PRESENT:**

Kerri Lamb

**1. Call to Order**

**The Chair, Mr. Cecchinelli, called the Tuesday, October 15, 2019 Special Meeting of the BUUSD Facilities and Transportation Committee to order at 5:02 p.m., which was held at the BUUSD Central Office in the First Floor Conference Area.**

**2. Additions and/or Deletions to the Agenda**

Add 4.2 Update on Lead Testing

**3. Public Comment**

Agenda Item 3 was discussed after Agenda Item 4.2. Kerri Lamb addressed the Committee advising that she would like to see the formation of a committee to work on bettering the facilities for athletics, advising that she believes our athletic buildings and grounds are in disrepair don't compare well with that of other schools. Mrs. Lamb advised that the concession stands, media booth, and track are most in need of much improvement, with other areas also needing improvement. Mr. Evans advised that Dubois & King have done some conceptual work, but funds are lacking. Mr. Malone believes that costs to improve the athletic fields were estimated at approximately \$3,000,000. It was noted that Ed Rouse is the head of the Spaulding Foundation. The Foundation does not raise money for specific projects, but rather raises funds for SHS and lets SHS make the decisions on how the funds are utilized. Mrs. Lamb advised that she would like to actively participate in raising funds to improve the SHS athletic buildings and grounds. It was noted that CVCC students cannot assist with improvements as it is not in their curriculum. Mrs. Lamb advised that there are currently no stairs into the media booth, and it is very difficult for individuals to enter the booth. This is a safety issue. It should be a fairly easy fix to add stairs for entry into the media booth. Improvements to the SHS athletic fields have been discussed numerous times, but not action is ever taken. Mrs. Lamb stressed her belief that improvements need to be made and she would like the Board to consider authorizing an ad-hoc committee for that purpose. Brief discussion was held regarding the possibility of reviving the SHS SHAC Committee. The Committee was advised that under consolidation (the BUUSD), any committee that is formed would need to be BUUSD-wide (not just for SHS). It was agreed to bring Mrs. Lamb's request to the BUUSD Board for their consideration and possibly approval. Mrs. Lamb advised that she will send an e-mail with information, and will attend a future Board meeting.

**4. New Business**

**4.1 Act on SHS Bollard Decision**

Mr. Cecchinelli reported that he spoke with Mark Gherardi, who has advised that the granite was ordered and should be in in a week or less. After the granite is in, it will be processed, with the work to possibly be divided amongst 3 different manufacturers. The immediate work is for bollards only. The other granite pieces will not be available until a later date. The bollards will be square and will not have planters. Planters and a bench will be placed outside by the cafeteria. The planters will be designed such that they will withstand winter without cracking. It was suggested that steeled stone that is inside the building be swapped with the polished stone that is outside. The polished stone may pose a safety issue as it is slippery when wet. It was suggested that an inventory be taken of all polished stone that is on the outside of the building.

Mr. Pandolfo has Minutes from 2010 that relate to a traffic study. The study shows that one vehicular lane is safest configuration. Mr. Pandolfo believes that no change in the traffic pattern flow should be done until additional information is received, possibly another traffic study. Mr. Pandolfo does not recommend making any traffic flow changes at this time, and wishes to avoid any hasty decisions. Mr. Evans provided some historical information regarding past traffic issues and changes that were implemented. The custodial crew will be responsible for shoveling/sanding/salting the walkway path leading out of campus. The committee provided Mr. Malone with an overview of the discussion held prior to his arrival at the meeting. Mr. Pandolfo advised that the full 2010 traffic study will be located and reviewed. There will be work involved for any redesign of pedestrian and/or vehicle traffic, with the first step being to locate the old traffic study performed by Dubois and King. Mr. Malone advised that he had conversations with Mr. Aither, and that Mr. Aither advised he had spoken with the Barre City Chief of Police, who did not have an issue with changing the campus exit to have 2 exit lanes. Two exit lanes is Mr. Malone's preference.

**On a motion by Mr. Isabelle, seconded by Mrs. Pompei, the Committee unanimously voted to make a recommendation to Administration authorizing them to install the new bollards back in the same locations that the previous bollards were removed from, with the intention of having a traffic study performed.**

Mr. Malone voiced opposition to the motion. Mrs. Pompei raised concern regarding voting by Mr. Malone, as he is not officially on the Committee, and his presence constitutes a quorum of the Board. Mr. Malone withdrew his 'vote' of opposition.

The Committee provided Mr. Aither with an overview of the discussion held prior to his arrival at the meeting, and advised him regarding the Superintendent's recommendation and the decision of the Committee.

#### **4.2 Update on Lead Testing**

Lead testing was performed at BCEMS as part of the pilot program. BCEMS applied for, and received a waiver not to have to retest every tap. All problematic taps at BCEMS have been remediated. The BUUSD has received notice from the State that they will be publishing the results of the BCEMS testing on Friday, 10/18/19. BCEMS needs to retest all remediated taps. Results from testing at BTMES and SHS should be available within a few days.

#### **5. Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting is Monday, November 4, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. at the BUUSD Central Office in the First Floor Conference Area.

#### **6. Adjournment**

**On a motion by Mr. Boltin, seconded by Mr. Isabelle, the Committee unanimously voted to adjourn at 6:00 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,  
*Andrea Poulin*