

**BARRE UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANNUAL MEETING**

Spaulding High School - Library
March 2, 2020
5:30p.m.

PRESENT:

Tom Koch, Moderator
Carol Dawes, Barre City Clerk
Donna Kelty, Barre Town Clerk
John Pandolfo, Superintendent
Gina Akley
Tim Boltin – arrived at 5:42 p.m.
Giuliano Cecchinelli
Paul Malone
Sonya Spaulding

1. Call to Order

The Moderator, Tom Koch, called the Monday, March 2, 2020, meeting to order at 5:32 p.m., which was held at Spaulding High School, 155 Ayers Street, Barre, Vermont. It was noted that there is no Article 6. Articles are warned as Articles 1f through 5, and Article 7.

Hearing no objection, the assembly agreed to waive the reading of the annual meeting agenda.

2. Elect a Temporary Moderator

The assembly agreed that no action was necessary. No action was taken.

3. Act on the Articles of the Meeting

- ***ARTICLE 1 To elect a moderator for a one-year term***

The Moderator opened the floor for nominations.

Ms. Dawes nominated Tom Koch. Mrs. Kelty seconded the nomination.
There were no additional nominees. Nominations were closed.

On a motion by Ms. Dawes, seconded by Mrs. Kelty, it was unanimously voted to elect Tom Koch to serve as Moderator for a one-year term.

- ***ARTICLE 2 To elect a clerk for a one-year term***

The Moderator opened the floor for nominations.

Ms. Dawes nominated Donna Kelty. Mr. Malone seconded the motion.
There were no additional nominees. Nominations were closed.

On a motion by Ms. Dawes, seconded by Mr. Malone, it was unanimously voted to elect Donna Kelty to serve as Clerk for a one-year term.

- ***ARTICLE 3 To elect a treasurer for a one-year term***

The Moderator opened the floor for nominations.

Mrs. Kelty nominated Carol Dawes. Mr. Malone seconded the motion.
There were no additional nominees. Nominations were closed.

On a motion by Mrs. Kelty, seconded by Mr. Malone, it was unanimously voted to elect Carol Dawes to serve as Treasurer for a one-year term.

- ***ARTICLE 4 To determine what compensation shall be paid to the officers of the district.***

On a motion by Ms. Dawes, seconded by Mrs. Kelty, it was unanimously voted to adopt the salaries set forth in the Warning, as compensation paid to the officers of the district.

MODERATOR:	\$100/year	Tom Koch
CLERK:	\$100/year	Donna Kelty
TREASURER:	\$750/year	Carol Dawes
BOARD MEMBERS:	\$2,500/year for each	
BOARD CHAIR	\$4,000/year	

- ***ARTICLE 5 Shall the voters authorize the District to borrow money pending receipt of payments from the State Education Fund by the issuance of its notes or orders payable not later than one year from date provided, however, that the District is authorized by Vermont Statutes to borrow sufficient funds to meet pending obligations***

On a motion by Mr. Cecchinelli, seconded by Mrs. Akley, it was unanimously voted to adopt Article 5, as presented.

- ***ARTICLE 7 To do any other business proper to come before said meeting***

Ms. Dawes advised that because of the current Articles of Agreement, the nomination petition deadline pushes printing of the ballots too late. Ms. Dawes advised that it would be preferable to change the petition deadline from 30 to 40 days prior to the election, to 'the sixth Monday before the election'. Ms. Dawes requested that thought be given to amending the Articles of Agreement.

Discussion was held regarding whether or not an Annual Meeting is legally required. It was noted that statute does not require the meeting. If an Annual Meeting is not held, individuals will need to run for annually elected positions utilizing petitions. The positions would then be voted on by Australian ballot. The assembly agreed that continuing to hold an Annual Meeting is the preferred method. Brief discussion was held regarding holding the Annual Meeting the week prior to the Town Meeting Day election. It was noted that the week before the Town Meeting Day election is a school vacation week and may result in a lower turnout of Board Members.

Mr. Koch thanked Mr. Pandolfo for his service, as teacher, Curriculum Director and Superintendent. Mr. Pandolfo will be missed, and the assembly wishes him well in his future endeavors.

- ***ARTICLE 8 To adjourn***

On a motion by Mrs. Spaulding, seconded by Mrs. Akley, the assembly unanimously voted to adjourn at 5:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrea Poulin