

**BARRE UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT  
FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING**  
Spaulding High School Library and Via Video Conference – Google Meet  
August 1, 2022 - 6:00 p.m.

**MINUTES**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Giuliano Cecchinelli, II, Chair – (BC)  
Terry Reil, Vice Chair - (BT)  
Mary Jane Ainsworth (BT Community Member)  
Tim Boltin - (BC)  
Andrew McMichael (BC Community Member)

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Vacant Position

**OTHER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Sonya Spaulding

**ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:**

Luke Aither, SHS Co-Principal  
Jamie Evans, Facilities Director  
Lisa Perreault, Business Manager

**GUESTS PRESENT:**

Michael Davey (EEI)                      Paul Malone

**1. Call to Order**

**The Chair, Mr. Cecchinelli, called the Monday, August 1, 2022 BUUSD Facilities and Transportation Committee meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., which was held in the Spaulding High School Library and via video conference.**

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

None.

**3. Public Comment**

None.

**4. Approval of Minutes**

No action.

**5. New Business**

None.

**6. Old Business**

**6.1 EEI – HVAC Proposal**

A copy of a letter from Michael Davey – EEI (dated 07/28/22) was distributed.

A copy of a document titled ‘Spaulding HS Preliminary ECM Matrix – 7-26-22’ was distributed.

A copy of a presentation titled ‘EEI – Barre Unified Union School District’ was distributed.

Mr. Davey displayed the presentation on screen and began his presentation by providing a brief overview of discussion at the 07/25/22 meeting. The presentation included ‘Big Picture Concepts’ (various projects for SHS), which Mr. Davey believes should be reviewed by the Committee prior to the Committee selecting projects to recommend to the Board (for approval and final presentation to the AOE). Mr. Davey read the list of projects, provided additional detail (as requested at the last meeting) and answered questions throughout the presentation. It was noted that wood chip heating (in use at SHS) is the least expensive type of heating. Brief discussion was held regarding an option to install heat pumps (for heating and cooling). Mr. Evans cautioned that heat pumps do not improve ventilation/air quality and would most likely not meet ESSER requirements. The project proposed under 3a improves filtering from MERV 8 TO MERVE 13. Discussion included exploration of utilizing a variety of option combinations (within the ESSER funding parameters), and options that would need to be presented to the AOE (for conceptual and final approval), and could possibly be rejected by the AOE (as not qualifying for ESSER funding). It was suggested that selection of project options should seriously consider including 3f (Improved Ventilation Cafeteria). Additional discussion included whether or not the entire remainder of the building needs to be sprinkled or whether the sprinkler system could be scaled back to allow for more ventilation work to be performed. Mr. Davey cautioned that EEI always has a contingency, but recently, contingencies are eaten up within a month due to

inflation. Mr. Davey will provide figures for both duct work scenarios (dehumidification (smaller) and air conditioning (larger duct work)). The Committee also discussed the potential lease for lighting upgrades, and the State's decision to revert back to the Federal threshold for PCBs. Mr. Davey provided a brief overview of the 'ESSER Timeline', which allows construction to begin in Winter 2022 and end in September 2024. In response to a query regarding relocation of classrooms, Mr. Davey advised that additional discussion can be held with engineers, but he believes that only small sections of classrooms would need to be relocated at any specific time. It was agreed that relocation of classrooms will be discussed in a separate meeting. Given the difficulty in finding contractors to bid on projects (earlier in the year), Mrs. Poulin queried regarding the level of confidence that contractors will be available for work in December, when bids are going out in November.

**On a motion by Mr. Reil, seconded by Mr. Boltin, the Committee unanimously voted to present the Board with a recommendation to approve the EEI proposal to move forward with project options (ECM #s) 1a, 2a, 3a, 3f, 4, and the required Payment Performance Bond of 1% of the overall cost. (1a: New Electrical Service High School Main and power panels for upper floor A/c, 2a: DDC Controls and valves building window, 3a: 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor and Partial 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Dehumidification with Energy Rec Rooms 116 – 100, 3f: Improved Ventilation Cafeteria, and 4: Add Fire Suppression).**

After brief discussion, it was agreed that the current scope of work allows for EEI to provide costs associated with a lighting lease (for all or portions of SHS).

#### **7. Other Business**

None.

#### **8. Items to be Placed on Future Agendas**

- HVAC Projects Update

Mrs. Spaulding will schedule a tour of SHS (second and third floors) prior to the next Board meeting 08/11/22. The tour will begin at 5:00 p.m. A central meeting place (to start the tour) will be announced.

#### **9. Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting is Monday, September 12, 2022 at 6:00 p.m., at the Spaulding High School Library and via video conference.

#### **10. Adjournment**

**On a motion by Mr. Reil, seconded by Mr. McMichael, the Committee unanimously voted to adjourn at 7:32 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,  
*Andrea Poulin*