

**BARRE UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**

Spaulding High School Library and Via Video Conference – Google Meet
November 7, 2022 - 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sonya Spaulding (BC) – Chair
Alice Farrell (BT) – Vice Chair
Chris Parker (BT) - Clerk
Tim Boltin (BC)
Giuliano Cecchinelli, II (BC)
Nancy Leclerc (At-Large)
Paul Malone (BT)
Sarah Pregent (BC)
Terry Reil (BT)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:

Chris Hennessey, Superintendent
Josh Allen, Communications Director
Stacy Anderson, Director of Special Services
Jamie Evans, Facilities Director
Karen Fredericks, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment
Carol Marold, Director of Human Resources
Lisa Perreault, Business Manager

GUESTS PRESENT:

Dave Delcore – Times Argus	Leslie Babic	Amanda Badeau	Michael Boutin	Jamie Frey
Carol Hebert	Josh Howard	Colleen Kresco	Sue Paxman	Heather Slayton
Kevin Spaulding	Sean Toohey	Rachel Van Vliet		

1. Call to Order

The Chair, Mrs. Spaulding, called the Monday, November 7, 2022, Special meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., which was held at the Spaulding High School Library and via video conference.

2. Pledge and Mindfulness Moment

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance. The Board held a Mindfulness Moment. Mrs. Spaulding read the Meeting Norms. Mrs. Spaulding thanked community members for their attendance and read the public comment guidelines.

3. Additions and/or Deletions to the Agenda

On a motion by Mr. Reil, seconded by Mr. Cecchinelli, the Board unanimously voted to approve the Agenda as presented.

4. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

4.1 Public Comment

Mr. Boutin requested clarity regarding Agenda Item 5.2 - Non-Public Records – Exempt Records From FOIA Request, advising that if discussion pertains to general discussion on how FOIA requests are handled/processed, the discussion does not meet the requirement for discussion in Executive Session. Discussion of the specific records released by mistake would qualify. Mr. Boutin reiterated that discussion of the general process for FOIAs does not meet legal requirements for Executive Session. Brief discussion was held regarding clarity of the proposed discussion and whether or not all of the discussion qualifies for Executive Session.

4.2 Student Voice

None.

5. Executive Session

5.1 Personnel – Disciplinary Action

5.2 Non-Public Records – Exempt Records From FOIA Request

Items proposed for discussion in Executive Session include a Personnel Matter (Disciplinary Action) and Non-Public Records – Exempt Records From FOIA Request.

On a motion by Mr. Reil, seconded by Mrs. Pregent, the Board unanimously agreed to find that premature general public knowledge of the items proposed for discussion, specifically a Personnel Matter (Disciplinary Action) and Non-Public Records – Exempt Records From FOIA Request, would clearly place the Barre Unified Union School District at a substantial disadvantage should the discussion be public.

On a motion by Mrs. Pregent, seconded by Ms. Parker, the Board unanimously voted to enter into Executive Session, with Sean Toohey of Lynn, Lynn, Blackman & Manitski, P.C. (agenda items 5.1 and 5.2) and Mr. Hennessey (agenda item 5.2 and possibly for 5.1) in attendance, at 6:10 p.m. under the provisions of 1 VSA section 313 to discuss the items proposed for discussion.

On a motion by Mr. Reil, seconded by Mr. Malone, the Board unanimously voted to exit Executive Session at 8:59 p.m.

6. Adjournment

On a motion by Mrs. Pregent, seconded by Mr. Malone, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrea Poulin