

**BARRE UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT  
FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING**  
BUUSD Central Office and Via Video Conference – Google Meet  
January 9, 2023 - 6:00 p.m.

**MINUTES**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Terry Reil, Chair - (BT)  
Mary Jane Ainsworth (BT Community Member)  
Tim Boltin - (BC)  
Andrew McMichael (BC Community Member)

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Giuliano Cecchinelli, II, Vice Chair – (BC)  
Vacant Position

**OTHER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Sonya Spaulding

**ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:**

Chris Hennessey, Superintendent  
Jamie Evans, Facilities Director

**GUESTS PRESENT:**

None.

**1. Call to Order**

**The Chair, Mr. Reil, called the Monday, January 9, 2023 BUUSD Facilities and Transportation Committee meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., which was held at the BUUSD Central Office and via video conference.**

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

**On a motion by Ms. Ainsworth, seconded by Mr. Boltin, the Committee unanimously voted to approve the Agenda as presented. Mr. McMichael was not present for the vote.**

**3. Public Comment**

None.

**4. Approval of Minutes**

**4.1 Approval of Minutes – December 12, 2022 BUUSD Facilities and Transportation Committee Meeting**

**On a motion by Mr. Boltin, seconded by Ms. Ainsworth, the Committee unanimously voted to approve the Minutes of the December 12, 2022 BUUSD Facilities and Transportation Committee meeting. Mr. McMichael was not present for the vote.**

**5. New Business**

None.

**6. Old Business**

**6.1 5-Year Strategic Plan Update**

Mr. Evans reported that the only changes to the document are the addition of the ventilation, lighting, and asbestos abatement projects at Spaulding High School. Mr. Evans will submit a copy of the updated plan so it can be added as an addendum.

**6.2 EEI Update**

Mr. Evans advised that EEI is on site. Work started on 01/02/23. Asbestos remediation is underway in the upstairs foreign language hall. EEI believes they are ahead of schedule, and believe they will have abatement of this section completed by mid to late week. Construction for sprinklers and lighting will begin late this week or early next week. Dumpsters and signage are in place, and a card reader for contractors only has been installed. Contractor access is limited to one stairwell. Overall, the project is going very smoothly. Weekly meetings continue to be held. Mr. Evans has been very impressed with the work performed by EEI. Mr. Hennessey advised that EEI is very pleased with how Mr. Evans and SHS administrators have planned to accommodate the work.

### **6.3 SHS Asbestos Remediation Update**

Mr. Reil advised that it is anticipated that the financial piece of the work will be approved by the Board on 01/12/23. Mr. Evans advised that with the exception of the stage ceiling, asbestos abatement of ceiling tiles will occur for the entire building. Abatement of these tiles is necessary to proceed with the sprinkler and lighting projects. Mr. Reil queried regarding the process for ‘quarantining’ the areas for abatement that are not part of the sprinkler and/or lighting projects. Mr. Evans believes those areas will be abated during school breaks and advised that EEI will provide additional details in the future. In response to a query from Ms. Ainsworth, Mr. Evans provided an overview of the process for asbestos abatement which includes testing of air quality (for asbestos) prior to releasing an area for work.

### **6.4 SEA Transportation Update**

Mr. Hennessey advised that he has no specific updates. Mr. Hennessey has met with Mr. Derner and Mrs. Anderson, and they have been reviewing efficiency in transportation, noting that attendance has greatly improved with the provision of transportation. Administrators are looking to coordinate schedules to make transportation more efficient and it has been decided that an outside vendor will not be used for transportation of SEA students.

### **7. Other Business**

Mr. Reil advised that on 01/12/23, the full Board will be reviewing the ‘procedures’ document for community members on committees. There may be some changes to the document and Mr. Reil encourages community members on this Committee to look for any changes. If the timeline changes, (for submitting letters of interest) Mr. Reil will reach out to community members that are currently on the Facilities/Transportation Committee.

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

- EEI Update
- Transportation in General (including Parking Lot item B)
- Building Maintenance Visionary – Review of Past Upgrades (Parking Lot item A – put on agenda but leave in Parking Lot)
- Review Bidding Procedures
- Review Outside Vendor Procedures

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

The next meeting is Monday, February 13, 2023 at 6:00 p.m., at the Spaulding High School Library and via video conference.

### **10. Adjournment**

**On a motion by Mr. Boltin, seconded by Ms. Ainsworth, the Committee unanimously voted to adjourn at 6:19 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,  
*Andrea Poulin*