

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

March 30, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

**Virtual Option:** Click this link to join the meeting remotely:

Meeting ID: [meet.google.com/vxi-arvi-mgb](https://meet.google.com/vxi-arvi-mgb)

Phone Numbers: (US)+1 929-777-4801 PIN: 769 689 006#

**In-Person:** Spaulding High School Library, 155 Ayers St., Barre

Please Note: If you attend the meeting remotely you must state your name for the record to satisfy the Open Meeting Law

*Public comment is welcomed and limited to 2 minutes per agenda item. The board will hear public comments and questions, but won't respond directly during public comments. This can feel impersonal, but is in place to allow the board to stay on task and address the work of the board for that meeting.*

**AGENDA**

- 6:00 1. Call to Order
- 6:05 2. Pledge and Mindfulness Moment
- 6:10 3. Additions or Deletions with Motion to Approve the Agenda
- 6:15 4. Comments for Items Not on the Agenda
  - 4.1. Public Comment
  - 4.2. Student Voice
- 6:45 5. Current Business
  - 5.1. BUUSD Budget Approval [**ACTION**]
  - 5.2. BUUSD Warning Approval [**ACTION**]
- 6. Adjournment

**MEETING NORMS**

- 1. Keep the best interest of the school and children in mind, while balancing the needs of the taxpayers
- 2. Make decisions based on clear information
- 3. Honor the board's decisions
- 4. Keep meetings short and on time
- 5. Stick to the agenda
- 6. Keep remarks short and to the point
- 7. Everyone gets a chance to talk before people take a second turn
- 8. Respect others and their ideas

## FY24 BUDGET REVOTE OPTIONS & TIMELINE

Updated March 28, 2023

"[Our Strategic Plan](#) guides the work of every member of our community."

The BUUSD Administrative Team would like to submit the following two options to the BUUSD School Board for consideration to bring forward to the community. Both proposals are below the Vermont state average of 7.8% general fund increases approved by districts so far this year, but we will do everything possible to make either proposal work.

### Option 1

General Fund Budget expense total of **\$49,615,633** an increase of **\$2,361,314** or **5%** higher than last year.

- Per pupil spending: \$17,978, increase of 10.6%
- Tax rate increases: BC - 8.5 cents BT - 3.5 cents

### Option 2

General Fund Budget expense total of **\$50,325,733** an increase of **\$3,071,414** or **6.5%** higher than last year.

- Per pupil spending: \$18,300, increase of 12.6%
- Tax rate increases: BC - 11 cents BT - 5.7 cents

### SUMMARY: FY24 Budget Highlights

The following list highlights major points to consider with both the 5% and 6.5% budget proposals. All items were proposed as cuts in the previous 1.5% budget. Again, the following are highlights; line by line details can be found in the attached revised FY24 budget.

**Director of Communications** The director position and department related lines (\$115K) would be fully reinstated in the 6.5% budget. For the 5% proposal, only \$50K would be reinstated. In that case, we would

approach the communications position as a contracted service.

**K-8 Athletics and Activities** All K-8 Athletics and co-curriculars would be reinstated in both proposals. (\$120K)

**STA Transportation Contract** The proposed reduction to the bus contract would be fully reinstated in both proposals. (\$200K) Additionally, the bus rider reduction will also be reinstated in both proposals. (\$25K)

**Field Trips and Co-Curricular Transportation** All but \$10K of the proposed reduction would be reinstated in the 5% proposal; the full \$60K would be reinstated in the 6.5% proposal.

**BUUSD Technology Integrationists** BCEMS and BTMES BUUSD Technology Integrationist positions would be reinstated with both proposals. SHS would be reinstated in the 6.5% proposal.

**School Resource Officers at BCEMS and BTMES** Both PreK-8 SRO lines (BC: \$40K and BT: \$5K) would be reinstated in both proposals. (\$45K)

**BUUSD ParaEducators** The 6 FTE paraeducators (\$180K) would be fully reinstated in the 6.5% budget. For the 5% proposal, only 3 (\$90K) would be reinstated.

## REVOTE TIMELINE

<b>March 15</b>	Admin team meeting to discuss new FY24 budget proposals
<b>March 16</b>	Board receives the Admin team's proposal, discussed at the finance committee meeting
<b>March 17-TBD</b>	Administration determine details
<b>March 23</b>	Board meeting to discuss Options 1 & 2
<b>March 30</b>	Board presentation and approval of budget and warning
	<a href="https://legislature.vermont.gov/Documents/2024/Docs/ACTS/ACT001/ACT001%20As%20Enacted.pdf">https://legislature.vermont.gov/Documents/2024/Docs/ACTS/ACT001/ACT001%20As%20Enacted.pdf</a>
<b>March 17-May 9</b>	Communication to community
<b>May 9</b>	REVOTE- <i>If the budget is voted using an Australian ballot and fails, the law requires the legislative body (the school board) to prepare a revised budget and set a new date for the vote. The date of an Australian ballot revote must be at least seven days following the warning notice with the informational meeting taking place at least five days after</i>

*the notice. If the revised budget fails, this procedure is repeated until a budget is adopted. (17 VSA § 2680(c)). For a union school district, the applicable section is 16 V.S.A. § 711e(f).*

**ESSER Funded Positions**

**Option 1, 5%**-SHS Behavior Specialist

**Option 2, 6.5%**-SHS Behavior Specialist, Curriculum Coordinators

**Special Education Updates**

**Paraeducator Data:**

- 179 students have services in their IEPs that list BUUSD Paraeducator as a service provider.
- Of these 179, 13 students have a full day 1:1 BUUSD Pareducator listed in their IEPs, and 3 students have a 1:1 BUUSD Paraeducator for a part of every day.
- The remaining 166 students' IEPs list BUUSD Paraeducator services in small groups for a variety of frequencies.

**BI Data:**

- 56 students have services in their IEPs that list BUUSD BI as a service provider.
- Of these 56, 13 students have a full day 1:1 BUUSD BI listed as a service provider.
- The remaining 43 students' IEPs list BUUSD BI services in small groups

Special Ed Staff & ChildCount data for board <b>updated as of 3/21/23</b>	19-20	20-21	21-22	22-23
<b>BCEMS SPECIAL EDUCATORS</b>	17	18	17	14
<b>BCEMS SpEd PARAS/BIS</b>	52	40	34	36.5
<b>BCEMS STUDENTS ON IEPS</b>	224	223	209	221
<b>BTMES SPECIAL EDUCATORS</b>	12	12	12.8	13
<b>BTMES SpEd PARAS/BIS</b>	35	32	29	28

<b>BTMES STUDENTS ON IEPS</b>	159	159	176	194	
<b>SHS SPECIAL EDUCATORS</b>	11	10.25	13	11	(includes SEA)
<b>SEA GEN ED TEACHERS</b>	1	2	2	3	
<b>SHS SpEd PARAS/BIS</b>	17	13.5	12.5	13.5	(includes SEA)
<b>SHS STUDENTS ON IEPS</b>	157	157	160	161	(includes SEA)
<b>BUUSD TOTALS</b>	<b>19-20</b>	<b>20-21</b>	<b>21-22</b>	<b>22-23</b>	
<b>TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATORS</b>	40	40.25	42.8	38	
<b>TOTAL SpEd PARAS/BIS</b>	104	85.5	75.5	78	
<b>TOTAL # STUDENTS ON IEPS</b>	540	539	545	576	
	BCEMS	BTMES	SHS	SEA	
<b>UNFILLED SPECIAL EDUCATOR POSITIONS as of 3/21/23</b>	2	0	1	1	
<b>UNFILLED SPECIAL EDUCATION PARA/BI POSITIONS as of 3/21/23</b>	5	9	1	1	

**BUUSD BUDGET 2023-24 -PROPOSED & ESTIMATED 3/27/23**

**Comparative Tax Rate Calculations  
USING \$700,000 TOWARD REVENUE**

	<b>FY2023</b>	<b>FY2024</b>	
Total BUUSD Expenses 5% Increase	<b>53,254,319</b>	<b>55,615,634</b>	4.43%
	<b>MINUS</b>	<b>MINUS</b>	
Less Local Revenues	<b>15,762,385</b>	<b>15,970,237</b>	
	<b>EQUALS</b>	<b>EQUALS</b>	
Education Spending	<b>37,491,934</b>	<b>39,645,397</b>	5.7%
	<b>DIVIDE BY</b>	<b>DIVIDE BY</b>	
Equalized Pupils-1/5/23	<b>2,306.85</b>	<b>2,205.25</b>	(101.60)
	<b>EQUALS</b>	<b>EQUALS</b>	
Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	<b>16,252</b>	<b>17,978</b>	10.6%
State-wide Avg. FY23 \$18,373-FY24 \$20,155	<b>DIVIDE BY YIELD</b>	<b>DIVIDE BY YIELD</b>	
EdSpend/\$15,479 (property yield)	<b>122.070%</b>	<b>116.143%</b>	
	<b>TIMES</b>	<b>TIMES</b>	
Homestead Equalized Tax Rate	<b>1.00</b>	<b>1.00</b>	
	<b>EQUALS</b>	<b>EQUALS</b>	
Equalized Tax Rate	<b>1.2207</b>	<b>1.1614</b>	
	<b>TIMES</b>	<b>TIMES</b>	
District's Equalized Pupil %	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	
	<b>EQUALS</b>	<b>EQUALS</b>	
Equalized Rate to be assessed by city	<b>1.2207</b>	<b>1.1614</b>	
	<b>DIVIDE BY</b>	<b>DIVIDE BY</b>	
District's CLA, 12/22/22	<b>92.57%</b>	<b>82.76%</b>	
	<b>EQUALS</b>	<b>EQUALS</b>	
<b>Barre City Homestead Rate</b>	<b>1.3187</b>	<b>1.4034</b>	\$ 0.085

	<b>FY2023</b>	<b>FY2024</b>	
Total BUUSD Expenses including grant funds	<b>53,254,319</b>	<b>55,615,634</b>	
Less Local Revenues including grant funds	<b>15,762,385</b>	<b>15,970,237</b>	
Education Spending	<b>37,491,934</b>	<b>39,645,397</b>	
Equalized Pupils-1/13/22	<b>2,306.85</b>	<b>2,204.86</b>	
Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	<b>16,252</b>	<b>17,981</b>	
State-wide Avg. FY23 \$18,373-FY24 \$20,155			
EdSpend/\$15,479(property yield)	<b>122.07%</b>	<b>116.16%</b>	
Homestead Equalized Tax Rate	<b>1.00</b>	<b>1.00</b>	
Equalized Tax Rate	<b>1.2207</b>	<b>1.1616</b>	
District's Equalized Pupil %	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	
Equalized Rate to be assessed by town	<b>1.2207</b>	<b>1.1616</b>	
District's CLA, 12/22/22	<b>103.79%</b>	<b>95.87%</b>	
<b>Barre Town Homestead Rate</b>	<b>1.1761</b>	<b>1.2117</b>	\$ 0.036

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USING \$700,000 TOWARD REVENUE**

	<b>FY2023</b>	<b>FY2024</b>	
Total BUUSD Expenses 6.5% Increase	<b>53,254,319</b>	<b>56,325,733</b>	5.77%
	<b>MINUS</b>	<b>MINUS</b>	
Less Local Revenues	<b>15,762,385</b>	<b>15,970,237</b>	
	<b>EQUALS</b>	<b>EQUALS</b>	
Education Spending	<b>37,491,934</b>	<b>40,355,496</b>	7.6%
	<b>DIVIDE BY</b>	<b>DIVIDE BY</b>	
Equalized Pupils-1/5/23	<b>2,306.85</b>	<b>2,205.25</b>	(101.60)
	<b>EQUALS</b>	<b>EQUALS</b>	
Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	<b>16,252</b>	<b>18,300</b>	12.6%
State-wide Avg. FY23 \$18,373-FY24 \$20,155	<b>DIVIDE BY YIELD</b>	<b>DIVIDE BY YIELD</b>	
EdSpend/\$15,479 (property yield)	<b>122.070%</b>	<b>118.223%</b>	
	<b>TIMES</b>	<b>TIMES</b>	
Homestead Equalized Tax Rate	<b>1.00</b>	<b>1.00</b>	
	<b>EQUALS</b>	<b>EQUALS</b>	
Equalized Tax Rate	<b>1.2207</b>	<b>1.1822</b>	
	<b>TIMES</b>	<b>TIMES</b>	
District's Equalized Pupil %	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	
	<b>EQUALS</b>	<b>EQUALS</b>	
Equalized Rate to be assessed by city	<b>1.2207</b>	<b>1.1822</b>	
	<b>DIVIDE BY</b>	<b>DIVIDE BY</b>	
District's CLA, 12/22/22	<b>92.57%</b>	<b>82.76%</b>	
	<b>EQUALS</b>	<b>EQUALS</b>	
<b>Barre City Homestead Rate</b>	<b>1.3187</b>	<b>1.4285</b>	\$ 0.110

	<b>FY2023</b>	<b>FY2024</b>	
Total BUUSD Expenses including grant funds	<b>53,254,319</b>	<b>56,325,733</b>	
Less Local Revenues including grant funds	<b>15,762,385</b>	<b>15,970,237</b>	
Education Spending	<b>37,491,934</b>	<b>40,355,496</b>	
Equalized Pupils-1/13/22	<b>2,306.85</b>	<b>2,204.86</b>	
Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	<b>16,252</b>	<b>18,303</b>	
State-wide Avg. FY23 \$18,373-FY24 \$20,155			
EdSpend/\$15,479(property yield)	<b>122.07%</b>	<b>118.24%</b>	
Homestead Equalized Tax Rate	<b>1.00</b>	<b>1.00</b>	
Equalized Tax Rate	<b>1.2207</b>	<b>1.1824</b>	
District's Equalized Pupil %	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	
Equalized Rate to be assessed by town	<b>1.2207</b>	<b>1.1824</b>	
District's CLA, 12/22/22	<b>103.79%</b>	<b>95.87%</b>	
<b>Barre Town Homestead Rate</b>	<b>1.1761</b>	<b>1.2334</b>	\$ 0.057