

BARRE UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
BUUSD Central Office and Via Video Conference – Google Meet
August 9, 2023 - 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Giuliano Cecchinelli, II (BC) – Chair
Chris Parker (BT) – Vice Chair
Paul Malone (BT) - Clerk
Michael Boutin (BC)
Nancy Leclerc (At-Large)
Ben Moore (BC)
Terry Reil (BT)
Emily Reynolds (BT)
Sonya Spaulding (BC)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:

GUESTS PRESENT:

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| Dave Delcore – Times Argus | Michael Gilbar | Josh Howard | Prudence Krasofski | Joelen Mulvaney |
| Alison Novak | Andrea Poulin | | | |

1. Call to Order

The Chair, Mr. Cecchinelli, called the Wednesday, August 9, 2023, Regular meeting to order at 6:17 p.m., which was held at the BUUSD Central Office and via video conference.

2. Pledge and Mindfulness Moment

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance. The Board held a Mindfulness Moment.

3. Additions and/or Deletions to the Agenda

Discussion included requests for the following changes; addition of 7.5 New Teacher Lunch, addition of 12.4 Negotiations Update, deletion of 4.0 Executive Session, deletion of 6.2 Warrants (no administrators present to answer questions), deletion of 7.1 New Hires (no administrators present to answer questions), deletion of 7.2 Superintendent Evaluation Committee (no previous discussion and no documentation in the packet), deletion of 7.3 School Board Member Matter (no information/documentation included in packet – waiting on legal opinion), deletion of 12.1 Personnel Matter – Schedule Contract Performance (no administrators present to provide information).

Mrs. Spaulding moved to approve the Agenda with the addition of 7.5 New Teacher Lunch and 12.4 Negotiations Update, and to leave everything else as is. Motion Seconded by Ms. Reynolds.

The Chair immediately called the vote. The motion passed on a 5 – 4 vote.

Mr. Cecchinelli, Mr. Moore, Ms. Parker, Ms. Reynolds, and Mrs. Spaulding voted for the motion.

Mr. Boutin, Mrs. Leclerc, Mr. Malone, and Mr. Reil voted against the motion.

4. Executive Session (as needed)

No items were proposed for discussion in Executive Session.

5. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

5.1 Public Comment

In response to a query from Mr. Howard regarding whether or not members of the public were notified to send in questions via e-mail (for agenda items that can't be addressed due to lack of administrators at the meeting), Mr. Cecchinelli advised that members of the public were not notified, and requested that Mr. Howard present his questions during this portion of the meeting. Mr. Howard queried regarding (7.1 New Hires) how the interview process went. Mr. Howard was advised that he will need to contact Mr. Hennessey regarding this question. Mr. Howard voiced frustration that there are no administrators present to answer questions, and advised that

he believes agenda items requiring administrator input should be postponed until a meeting where administrators are present. Additionally, Mr. Howard voiced frustration that his emails to administrators and Board Members are not being responded to.

Ms. Mulvaney requested that all participants be respectful to each other and demonstrate proper decorum.

Mrs. Leclerc expressed concern regarding agenda items for which there are no administrators present to answer questions. Mrs. Leclerc referenced the Parking Lot, and voiced concern that no Board business from the Parking Lot is on the agenda, thus, preventing the Board from conducting business related to the education of students.

5.2 Student Voice

None.

6. Consent Agenda

6.1 Approval of Minutes – July 26, 2023 Regular Meeting

On a motion by Mr. Boutin, seconded by Mr. Malone, the Board unanimously voted to approve the Minutes of the July 26, 2023 Regular Meeting.

6.2 Warrant Approvals (07/27/23)

Mr. Cecchinelli requested a motion to approve the Warrants for 07/27/23, 07/31/23, and 08/01/23.

Mrs. Spaulding moved to approve the Warrants for 07/27/23, 07/31/23, and 08/01/23. There was no second.

Brief discussion was held and it was noted that Warrants for 07/31/23 and 08/01/23 are not included in the packet. The Board was advised that these Warrants were emailed to Board Members. Not all Board Members have seen the e-mail (and there is no addendum to the Board packet).

Mrs. Spaulding amended the original motion to approve only the Warrants for 07/27/23. Ms. Reynolds seconded the motion. The Chair immediately called the vote.

On a motion by Mrs. Spaulding, seconded by Ms. Reynolds, the Board voted 6 to 3 to approve the Warrants for 07/27/23.

Mr. Boutin, Mr. Cecchinelli, Mr. Moore, Ms. Parker, Ms. Reynolds, and Mrs. Spaulding voted for the motion. Mrs. Leclerc, Mr. Malone, and Mr. Reil voted against the motion.

7. Current Business

7.1 New Hires

The resumes and BUUSD Notification of Employment Status Forms for Winchell Delano (BT Special Educator) and Morgan Segit (BCEMS Licensed Teacher to Support SPED) were distributed.

Mr. Cecchinelli provided a brief overview of the candidates presented for hire.

Mr. Boutin moved to approve the hiring of Winchell Delano and Morgan Segit. Ms. Reynolds seconded the motion. The Chair immediately called the vote.

On a motion by Mr. Boutin, seconded by Ms. Reynolds, the Board voted 5 to 0 to approve the hiring of Winchell Delano and Morgan Segit.

Mr. Boutin, Mr. Moore, Ms. Parker, Ms. Reynolds, and Mrs. Spaulding voted for the motion. Mrs. Leclerc, Mr. Malone, and Mr. Reil abstained.

7.2 Superintendent Evaluation Committee

Mr. Cecchinelli advised that after the Board agreed to utilize the VSBA evaluation service, he was contacted by Sandra Cameron and advised that the Board should select an individual or form a committee, to work with Ms. Cameron for the purpose of reviewing documents, establishing expectations for the Superintendent, and establishing criteria for the evaluation. Mr. Cecchinelli advised that he has asked Ms. Parker, Mr. Moore, and Mr. Malone to be a part of that Committee. Mr. Cecchinelli reiterated the purpose of the committee and advised that the Superintendent would be involved as well. It was clarified that the committee will not be performing the evaluation itself. Concern was raised regarding the belief that the Chair acted independently regarding the make-up of the committee because this type of a committee is not a standing committee, and discussion of the committee make-up should have been at the Board level. Mr. Cecchinelli disagrees with the concern that was raised. Mr. Reil requested that the Chair provide information to support his decision. The Chair requested that Mr. Reil show the portion of the 'book' that advises that his actions were inappropriate. **Mrs. Spaulding made a motion to approve the committee. Mr. Reil called Point of Order as**

Mrs. Spaulding was not recognized to speak and he still has the floor. Brief discussion was held regarding the appropriateness of discussion being held prior to a motion being made. **Mrs. Spaulding made a motion to approve the committee. Mr. Reil called Point of Order again, advising that he is the recognized speaker who has the floor.** Mr. Reil reiterated his objection and advised that he believes that if the Chair cannot provide VSBA/statutory documentation supporting his decision to choose committee make-up, he believes the matter should be referred to legal counsel for clarification. Mr. Cecchinelli believes that if Mr. Reil believes the Chair is violating statute, he should (per Robert's Rules) appeal the Chair's decision and let the Board vote.

Mrs. Spaulding moved to appoint Mr. Malone, Mr. Moore, and Ms. Parker for the committee. Mr. Malone seconded the motion. Mr. Cecchinelli called for a vote. Mr. Reil queried why no discussion is being held prior to a vote. Mr. Cecchinelli agreed to have discussion.

Lengthy discussion was held, including but not limited to; support for the motion, a query regarding the number of committee members (why limit to 3?), VSBA did not specify the number of members (1 individual or a committee), a query regarding why the e-mail from VSBA wasn't shared with the Board and isn't in the Board packet (Mr. Cecchinelli will share the e-mail), concern that this matter was not brought to the Board prior to a decision being made on the number of members and the chosen individuals, concern that all Board Members were not asked regarding their interest on serving on the committee, concern that the committee is not well defined (as was requested for a proposed behavioral committee), concern that the matter is being handled wrong, a community member queried regarding who was on the Chair's list of candidates (and in what order), a query regarding the specific duties of the committee, and overview of the duties (review source documents that establish the expectations of the Superintendent, and the criteria for the evaluation), a query regarding additional Board Members that are interested in serving (Mrs. Leclerc), Mr. Reil's statement for the record that he believes the Chair is acting independently of the Board, which isn't appropriate, and that given that this process was recently followed for the proposed behavioral committee, he believes all the VSBA committee related questions asked for that committee should also be asked/answered for this committee (use the same process), Mr. Cecchinelli advised that he has not notified VSBA regarding committee membership, thus no 'action' has been taken, reiteration that the same protocol is not being applied to this committee as it was for the behavior committee, a suggestion that a fourth member be appointed to the committee (Mrs. Leclerc), Mr. Cecchinelli's acknowledgement that he, as Chair, is part of the committee (ex-officio), the benefit of having VSBA attend a Board meeting to provide more information on this matter, and a suggestion to table the agenda item for now. **Mr. Boutin suggested a friendly amendment to allow a four member committee, to include Mrs. Leclerc, Mr. Malone, Mr. Moore, and Ms. Parker. Mrs. Spaulding advised she would not agree to the amendment.**

Mr. Reil moved to amend the original motion to include Mrs. Leclerc as a member of the committee. The motion was seconded by Mr. Boutin. It was clarified that discussion can/should be held for the proposed amendment. Discussion was held, including the benefit of having an additional person on the committee and clarification that the contract from VSBA did not include information related to having a committee. Clarification was provided that the committee will not be making any ultimate decisions around the actual evaluation, but rather will assist with establishing parameters.

On a motion by Mr. Reil, seconded by Mr. Boutin, the Board voted 5 to 3 to amend the original motion to include Mrs. Leclerc on the committee.

Mr. Boutin, Mrs. Leclerc, Mr. Malone, Mr. Moore, and Mr. Reil voted for the motion. Ms. Parker, Ms. Reynolds, and Mrs. Spaulding voted against the motion.

On a motion by Mrs. Spaulding, seconded by Mr. Malone the Board voted 5 to 3 to appoint Mrs. Leclerc, Mr. Malone, Mr. Moore, and Ms. Parker to the committee.

Mr. Boutin, Mrs. Leclerc, Mr. Malone, Mr. Moore, and Mr. Reil voted for the motion. Ms. Parker, Ms. Reynolds, and Mrs. Spaulding voted against the motion.

7.3 School Board Member Matter

Mr. Cecchinelli advised that Mrs. Leclerc sent an e-mail to him, blind copied the Board, and also sent a copy to legal counsel. The e-mail stated Mrs. Leclerc's belief that Mr. Cecchinelli has done things to single out Mrs. Leclerc and that it is considered harassment. **Mr. Malone called Point of Order advising that in the previous meeting he asked that the Board seek a legal opinion regarding whether this issue should be discussed in Executive Session on open session. Mr. Cecchinelli responded that this is not an Executive Session matter because it does not involve personnel and Board Members are not considered personnel. Mr. Malone advised he still wants the written legal opinion stating that exact point. Mr. Cecchinelli advised that he got a legal opinion, but not in writing.** In response to a query from Mr. Reil, regarding the Board not receiving a copy of the correspondence, Mr. Cecchinelli advised that he contacted legal counsel via telephone. Mr. Malone reiterated that he requested a formal legal opinion from the District's legal counsel that would determine which way this matter would be approached. It was confirmed that the Board voted to seek a legal opinion. Mr. Cecchinelli stated that legal counsel said the Chair is allowed to create the agenda and that this item does not fall under Executive Session. Board Members requested that Mr. Cecchinelli seek a written legal opinion on this matter. Mr. Cecchinelli advised that he is waiting for an appeal of his opinion.

Mrs. Leclerc moved to table discussion until the next meeting, until the Board receives the information it requested. Mr. Reil seconded the motion.

Brief discussion was held regarding whether or not the Board asked that the legal opinion be in writing.

On a motion by Mr. Boutin, seconded by Mrs. Spaulding the Board voted 6 to 2 to Call the Question. Mr. Boutin, Mr. Moore, Ms. Parker, Mr. Reil, Ms. Reynolds, and Mrs. Spaulding voted for the motion. Mrs. Leclerc and Mr. Malone voted against the motion.

On a motion by Mrs. Leclerc, seconded by Mr. Reil, the Board voted 5 to 3 against the motion to table discussion until the next meeting, until the Board receives the information requested.

Mrs. Leclerc, Mr. Malone, and Mr. Reil voted for the motion. Mr. Boutin, Mr. Moore, Ms. Parker, Ms. Reynolds, and Mrs. Spaulding voted against the motion.

Mr. Boutin moved to move on to the next agenda item. The motion was seconded by Mr. Reil. Mr. Boutin withdrew the motion.

Mr. Reil moved to move this item to the next meeting pending having the legal opinion put in writing and distributed to Board Members. Mrs. Leclerc seconded the motion.

Mr. Boutin requested a friendly amendment to the motion, removing the portion of the motion that moves this item to the next meeting. Mr. Reil did not accept the amendment.

Mr. Reil advised that he believes the Board wants to discuss this matter, but that a written legal opinion is wanted. Mr. Cecchinelli reiterated that he did obtain a legal opinion, but it was verbal, not written. Mr. Malone advised that he believes all legal opinions should be in writing. Mr. Boutin advised that he wants to see a written opinion, but he does not want to discuss this matter at a future meeting. In response to a query from Mr. Boutin, Mr. Cecchinelli advised he will seek a written opinion from legal counsel.

On a motion by Mr. Reil, seconded by Mrs. Leclerc, the Board voted 5 to 3 against the motion to move this item to the next meeting pending having the legal opinion put in writing and distributed to Board Members.

Mrs. Leclerc, Mr. Malone, and Mr. Reil voted for the motion. Mr. Boutin, Mr. Moore, Ms. Parker, Ms. Reynolds, and Mrs. Spaulding voted against the motion.

Mr. Cecchinelli will, as requested, obtain a written legal opinion on this matter.

Mrs. Leclerc read a copy of the e-mail sent to Mr. Cecchinelli and advised she has a list of the dates of all of the e-mails that have not been responded to and emails that have not been opened. Additionally, Mrs. Leclerc believes the Chair has allowed Board Members to attack other Board Members, sent a threatening e-mail (to Board Members) regarding open meeting laws, warns meetings incorrectly, acts alone on making decisions, and does not add requested items to agendas. Mrs. Leclerc expressed frustration that at meetings, the Board 'makes up rules', or doesn't know rules. Mrs. Leclerc believes the Board can support the Chair, but feels the Chair does not support the Board. Mrs. Leclerc does not believe that there is common respect for Board Members at all meetings.

Mr. Cecchinelli responded to the e-mail, advising that Mrs. Leclerc was cut off in some meetings because she was not the recognized speaker and was speaking about items not on the agenda. Mr. Cecchinelli advised that it is his duty as Chair, to facilitate the meetings. Mr. Cecchinelli advised that in a Facilities meeting, Mrs. Leclerc was attending as a community member, not a Board Member, and did not have the same privilege as committee members. Mr. Cecchinelli advised that Mrs. Leclerc's e-mails are questions and are blind copied to other Board Members, and that creates a discussion and violates open meeting law. Mr. Cecchinelli advised that he does not want to violate open meeting laws and that is why he ignores her e-mails. Mr. Cecchinelli advised that if the e-mails are sent to him and not blind copied or copied to other Board Members, he would respond. Mrs. Leclerc advised that Mr. Cecchinelli could have at least responded to her individually, and advised regarding his concerns that the e-mails were violating open meeting law. Mrs. Leclerc advised that communication is important and that VSBA has advised that blind copies should be used to prevent violation of open meeting laws. Discussion was held regarding whether or not it is improper to blind copy Board Members. Mrs. Leclerc reiterated her belief that she has been targeted and her feelings on the matter. Mr. Cecchinelli advised that he does not target Mrs. Leclerc and that he treats Board Members equally. Mrs. Leclerc advised that she has expressed her feelings and asked that the Chair recognize her position and how she is feeling and the fact that he doesn't communicate with her. Mrs. Leclerc would like to move ahead and have positive interactions with the Chair. Regarding agenda items, Mr. Cecchinelli advised that he requested a list of questions (from Board Members), and that he has not received those lists. Mr. Cecchinelli wants to provide a list of questions to legal counsel prior to their attendance at a meeting. Mrs. Leclerc believes it would be beneficial to have legal counsel provide guidance and

training to the Board. Mrs. Leclerc would like the Board to come up with a list of questions for legal counsel. Mr. Cecchinelli advised that that method is not how he wants to do it and that he wants all questions emailed to him. Mrs. Leclerc does not believe the Chair has the authority to make that decision; rather it is a Board decision. Mr. Cecchinelli advised of his belief that under Robert's Rules of Order, the Board can appeal any of his decisions. A community member expressed his belief that it is 'shady' to have everything filtered through one person and agrees that the Board should come up with the questions. Ms. Parker believes the District should consider the cost involved with utilizing legal counsel and whether or not other options are available. Mr. Reil advised that legal counsel performed training last year and provided a Q & A session. Mrs. Leclerc advised that she has also requested that VSBA provide training. Mr. Malone is disturbed by the process of this evening's meeting, questions the purpose of this 'exhibition', and believes the Board has a strong charge to improve education and is concerned that this evening's agenda contains nothing to improve education. Mr. Malone also noted that most votes by this Board are split 5 – 4, and there does not seem to be effort to work together to reach consensus. Mr. Malone also believes that the Chair serves at the pleasure of the Board and he is concerned that many items requested by Board Members do not get put on agendas. Mr. Cecchinelli advised that regarding Mrs. Leclerc's request for a Q&A with Pietro Lynn, he wants to get the questions in advance (a compromise) "If Nancy wants legal counsel on the agenda, Nancy can provide the questions". Mr. Cecchinelli believes that is a reasonable 'ask'. Mr. Malone reiterated that the Board should work on problem solving. Mr. Cecchinelli advised that Mrs. Leclerc sent the email to the Board and legal counsel and her claim that he is harassing her has to be addressed. Mrs. Leclerc noted that the e-mail did not state that the Chair was harassing her, Mr. Cecchinelli reiterated that this discussion cannot be held in executive session because it does not meet the requirements for executive session. Mrs. Leclerc reiterated that request for a Q&A session with legal counsel, or training with VSBA, was for the entire Board, not just her, and that no request was sent to the Board requesting a list of questions. Mrs. Leclerc advised that she reached out to Mr. Cecchinelli to explain her position and said she wanted to move ahead. Mrs. Spaulding requested clarification regarding blind copying or cc'ing Board Members. Ms. Reynolds advised that information pertaining to 'cc'ing' exists on the Secretary of State's web site and does provide information on this subject.

7.4 OML Violation

Mr. Cecchinelli advised that this is on the agenda because of an e-mail he received from Mr. Reil. The e-mail is not included in the packet. Mr. Reil read the email which raises concern regarding a possible violation of Open Meeting Law. Mr. Reil read from the Open Meeting Law statute. Mr. Reil also read from the Secretary of State's website (Guidance on Open Meeting Laws). Mr. Cecchinelli advised that Mr. Malone wanted to speak under Other Business, and as no specific items are listed under Other Business, Mr. Cecchinelli believes Mr. Malone should have spoken during Public Comment For Items Not On The Agenda. Mr. Reil re-read from statute and VSBA language and reiterated that there is no restriction or privilege listed for exclusion. Mr. Cecchinelli advised that it is his rule that non-committee members cannot speak under Other Business and must present their information under Public Comment. Mr. Reil voiced concern that the Chair's rules cannot overrule statute and that community input is vital. Mr. Reil believes that quashing a member of the public's right to speak, is not a reasonable accommodation to maintain order. Mrs. Spaulding believes the 'sticky' item is that the Other Business section does not have any specific items listed under it and wonders if that opens up the opportunity for members of the public to ask questions about anything. Mrs. Spaulding advised that if Mr. Malone had asked the question under Public Comment, tonight's discussion would not be happening. Mr. Reil advised that because Mr. Malone was not allowed to speak, the Chair did not know if the question/comment was related to an item on the agenda. Mrs. Spaulding suggested that Other Business be removed from the agenda. Mr. Cecchinelli noted that once discussion of an agenda item has ended, there is no additional discussion allowed on that agenda item. Mr. Reil read from statute again, advising that he believes statute is very clear. Mr. Malone advised that his question was very simple and does not rise to the level of having to discuss open meeting law for an hour at a board meeting. Mr. Cecchinelli believes this issue needs to be addressed. Mr. Boutin suggests that the District reach out to VSBA and ask to have some training on Open Meeting Law. Mrs. Spaulding advised regarding a VSBA webinar on this topic. Mrs. Poulin advised that during all of the Annual Meetings, under Other Business, the attorney who moderates the meeting asks if there is any individual who has any other business to come properly before the assembly, so her interpretation of Other Business is something can be brought up under Other Business if it is something that Board or committee would address. Additionally, Mrs. Poulin advised that believes that before decisions are made, individuals should weigh whether the decision will do more harm than good. Given that she has never seen Other Business get out of control (in 16 years) she believes disallowing community input under Other Business does more harm than good, citing the amount of time the Board spent debating the issue this evening. Mr. Howard queried regarding what Mr. Malone wanted to ask under Other Business. Ms. Mulvaney does not believe that Other Business is a required agenda item and believes it's kind of a catch-all category and that it needs to be addressed with the Chair. Mr. Cecchinelli advised that he discussed this matter with the attorney and was advised to 'dump it', so he will no longer have Other Business on the Agenda (only Round Table). Mr. Cecchinelli acknowledged that he does not control other Chairs, but his suggestion to Chairs of other committees is to remove Other Business from agendas.

7.5 New Teach Lunch

Mr. Cecchinelli advised regarding a New Teacher Lunch that will be held at Spaulding High School on August 22,2023 at 11:30 a.m. Board Members are invited to attend. The Lunch is for all new teachers within the District.

8. Old Business

None.

9. Other Business/Round Table

Mr. Malone advised that he had a number of items to discuss, but there are no administrators in attendance to address his concerns. One item relates to use of schools as emergency shelters.

Mrs. Leclerc queried regarding why the back-up information is not being included in the packets, and advised that the District Calendar is not up to date, but she will need to address that with Mr. Hennessey when he is in attendance.

Mr. Boutin thanked Ms. Parker for meeting with him to discuss the behavioral ad-hoc committee and he is looking forward to the behavioral presentation at the next Board meeting. Mr. Boutin believes Action Memos would have been beneficial at this evening's meeting.

Mrs. Spaulding has been asked to serve on the Barre Community Relief Fund Board, which is trying to raise money to distribute to individuals and businesses that have been impacted by the flood. Mrs. Spaulding encourages individuals to visit the website and make a donation. Those who have been impacted by the flood are encouraged to apply for a grant.

Ms. Parker advised that the 08/16/23 Policy Committee Meeting has been cancelled due to the lack of new policy agenda items.

Mr. Malone queried regarding availability of the Warrant sign-off sheet for the 07/27/23 Warrant. Mr. Cecchinelli advised that one was not printed up for the meeting, but the one in the Board packet can suffice.

Mr. Cecchinelli advised that for Agenda Item 7.5, he neglected to inform the Board that the funding for the luncheon will come out of the Board line-item.

10. Future Agenda Items

Mr. Boutin reiterated his request to have Parking Lot Item J on every other Board meeting agenda. (Removal of Articles 3 & 4)

Mr. Boutin advised that he found the website for the Barre Community Relief Fund Board: barrevt.com/barre-community-fund

Mr. Reil advised that the Chair has been participating on the initiative to upgrade SHS Athletic fields, without Board approval or direction, so he would like to add SHS Athletic Field Upgrades on a future agenda so that the Board can provide approval or guidance, thus preventing the Chair working independently. It was noted that the Spaulding Foundation is involved in this and Mr. Cecchinelli stepped in because there is no Board Member currently on the Spaulding Foundation.

Mrs. Leclerc requested that a representative from administration be present at all future Board meetings and that a representative from the business office be present to answer Warrant questions. Mrs. Leclerc noted anticipated discussion at the Finance Committee, and advised that the Board will then receive an update (Warrant Signatures and Procedures – Parking Lot Item B).

In response to a query from Mr. Malone, Mr. Cecchinelli advised that procedure work has been being performed over the summer and is ongoing. This item is in the Parking Lot (Item A) and slated for the September Agenda. Mr. Malone queried regarding Parking Lot Item C – Board Stipends. Mrs. Spaulding advised that the Finance Committee will be discussing this item prior to it going to the Board. Mr. Malone queried regarding the status of Parking Lot Item E (Youth Risk Behavior Survey Results) and which agenda it will appear. Mr. Malone queried regarding Parking Lot Item G (Curriculum Committee Charge). Mr. Boutin advised that discussion will be held in the fall. No specific date will be assigned at this time. Mr. Boutin is waiting for Ms. Fredericks to provide information. Mr. Malone queried regarding the status of Parking Lot Item F (Combining of Middle School Sports). Mr. Cecchinelli does not believe anything will be done this year. This item will remain in the Parking Lot.

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- SHS Athletic Field Upgrades
- Staffing Update – Unfilled Openings
- Update on Start to School Year
- Finalized List of Resignations for FY23

Parking Lot:

- Add - Update on New Financial Software (added by Mr. Reil 08/09/23 – will be on a Fall Agenda)
- 5-Year Capital Plan Update (including SEA) – (added by Mrs. Leclerc 08/09/23)

11. Next Meeting Dates

Brief discussion was held regarding the meeting location and availability at school locations. It was noted that BTMES did host a recent Negotiations Committee meeting.

Upcoming meetings:

Wednesday, August 23, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at a to be determined location and via Video Conference (Google Meet).

Wednesday, September 13, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Spaulding High School Library and via Video Conference (Google Meet).

12. Executive Session as Needed

12.1 Personnel Matter – Contract Performance

12.2 Personnel Matter – Employee Evaluation

12.3 Personnel Salaries/Contracts

12.4 Negotiations Update

Items proposed for discussion in Executive Session include Personnel Matters (Contract Performance, Employee Evaluation, and Salaries/Contracts) and Negotiations.

On a motion by Mr. Reil, seconded by Mr. Malone, the Board unanimously agreed to find that premature general public knowledge of the item proposed for discussion, Negotiations, would clearly place the Barre Unified Union School District at a substantial disadvantage should the discussion be public.

On a motion by Mr. Malone, seconded by Mr. Boutin, the Board unanimously voted to enter into Executive Session, at 8:10 p.m. under the provisions of 1 VSA section 313 to discuss the items proposed for discussion.

The remaining information was provided by the Board Clerk.

On a motion by Mr. Boutin, seconded by Mrs. Spaulding, the Board unanimously voted to exit Executive Session at 9:15 p.m.

13. Adjournment

On a motion by Mrs. Spaulding, seconded by Ms. Reynolds, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 9:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Poulin