

**BARRE UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD RETREAT**

Barre City Municipal Auditorium, Alumni Hall, 16 Auditorium Hill, Barre, VT
April 12, 2023 4-8:00 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:

Chris Hennessey, Superintendent

GUESTS PRESENT:

1. Call to Order

The Chair, Mr. Cecchinelli, called the Wednesday, April 12, 2023, Retreat meeting to order at 4:02 p.m., which was held at the Barre City Municipal Auditorium, Alumni Hall.

2. Additions and/or Deletions to the Agenda

4.3 a Board concerns

3. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

3.1 Public Comment

None.

3.2 Student Voice

None.

4. Current Business

4.1. Group Activity

Each Board Member received a canvas and paint, with some general instructions. Painting ensued. When everyone finished, the work was allowed to dry as the board continued with the retreat.

4.2. Strategic Goals Review

The Board reviewed the District's strategic plan goal matrix. The strategic goals of the BUUSD should be updated on the district web page as they are achieved. A review should be conducted periodically to

ensure the District remains adaptable and responsive to student needs.

4.3. Board Meetings Essential Work Tool Kit

4.4. Committee Structure

The Board discussed how relevant the current committee structure was in serving the needs of the Board. The Board decided to continue the discussion at a future board meeting.

Dinner Break

4.5. Public Participation and Community Input

The Board discussed the District's procedure for Public Comment at Board Meetings and the right for the public to speak at the appropriate time. The Board also discussed the Chair's question on time limits and the ability to control the time. Not every meeting may require a time limit based on the number of people present

4.6. Student Participation and Voice

The Board discussed the role of students in a Board Meeting versus the possibility of Board Members visiting students in school during a scheduled time, possibly once a month. Student Council could lead the discussion. The Board will continue its discussion at a later meeting.

4.7. Group Activity Continued

The group activity concluded with Board Members arranging individual canvases by color to create one larger canvas. Board Members bring their ideas and experiences to the group. The Board works as a whole. The Board's artwork is now in the SHS library.

5. Next Meeting Date

Regular BUUSD Board Meeting, May 10, 2023 at 6:00 pm

6. Adjournment

On a motion by Ms. Reynolds, , seconded by Ms. Parker, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Giuliano Cecchinelli II