

BARRE UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
Spaulding High School Library and Via Video Conference – Google Meet
February 1, 2024 - 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Giuliano Cecchinelli, II (BC) – Chair
Chris Parker (BT) – Vice Chair
Paul Malone (BT) - Clerk
Nancy Leclerc (At-Large)
Sarah Pregent (BC)
Terry Reil (BT)
Michael Boutin (BC)
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 Thursday, February 1, 2024, Special BUUSD Board meeting to order at 7:25 p.m., which was held at the Spaulding High School Library and via video conference.

2. Additions and/or Deletions to the Agenda

On a motion by Mrs. Pregent, seconded by Mrs. Spaulding, the Board unanimously voted to approve the Agenda as presented.

3. Executive Session

3.1 Superintendent Evaluation 1 V.S.A § 313 (a)(3)

On a motion by Mrs. Pregent, seconded by Mrs. Spaulding, the Board unanimously voted to enter into Executive Session at 7:25 p.m. under the provisions of 1 VSA § 313 (a)(3) to discuss the items proposed for discussion.

The remaining information was provided by the Board Clerk.

On a motion by Mrs. Spaulding, seconded by Mrs. Pregent, the Board unanimously voted to exit Executive Session at 7:27 p.m.

On a motion by Mrs. Spaulding, seconded by Mrs. Pregent, the Board unanimously voted to re-enter into Executive Session, inviting the superintendent, under the provisions of 1 VSA § 313 (a)(3) to discuss the items proposed for discussion.

On a motion by Mrs. Spaulding, seconded by Mrs. Pregent, the Board unanimously voted to exit Executive Session at 7:53 p.m.

Mrs. Spaulding moved to approve the Superintendent's Evaluation as presented. Mrs. Pregent seconded the motion.

Mr. Reil moved to amend the motion by removing the first sentence in the Evaluation Summary, as he does not support it, and it does not address his concerns. Mr. Malone seconded the motion.

Mrs. Spaulding declared Point of Order stating that she believes the motion by Mr. Reil contained Executive Session material.

Mr. Cecchinelli ruled that Mr. Reil's motion was invalid and immediately asked for a vote on the main motion.

Mr. Reil questioned Mr. Cecchinelli regarding which motion he was calling a vote for. Mr. Cecchinelli advised he was calling for a vote on the main motion. Discussion of Robert's Rules of Order ensued with Mr. Reil advising that the Chair cannot invalidate a motion to amend as it takes priority over a main motion and that the motion to amend must be voted on first. Mr. Reil disagrees with the statement that his motion contains Executive Session material. Mr. Malone stated that the vote of the first motion will ultimately reflect disagreement among Board members regarding the Superintendent's Evaluation.

Mrs. Pregent called the question. The motion to call the question was not seconded. No vote was held regarding calling the question. The Chair went straight to a vote on the main motion.

On a motion by Mrs. Spaulding, seconded by Mrs. Pregent, the Board voted 5 to 3 on the motion to approve the Superintendent's Evaluation as presented.

Mr. Boutin, Ms. Parker, Mrs. Pregent, Ms. Reynolds and Mrs. Spaulding voted for the motion.

Mr. Riel, Mr. Malone, and Mrs. Leclerc voted against the motion.

6. Adjournment

On a motion by Mrs. Spaulding, seconded by Mrs. Pregent, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Gilbert