BARRE UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING

Spaulding High School Library and via Google Meet March 4, 2024; 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Giuliano Cecchinelli II Chris Parker Nancy Leclerc Terry Reil Michael Boutin Emily Reynolds Sonya Spaulding Chris Hennessey Bernadette (Bern) Rose Jake Trepanier

1. Call to Order

In the absence of the current Moderator, Tom Koch, Giuliano Checchinelli called the Monday, March 4, 2024, meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., which was held at Spaulding High School Library, 155 Ayers Street, Barre, Vt and via Google Meet.

2. Act on the Articles of the Meeting

• ARTICLE 1 To elect a moderator for a one-year term

Mr. Cecchinelli opened the floor for nominations.

Mr. Cecchinelli nominated himself. Mr. Reil seconded the nomination.

There were no additional nominees. Nominations were closed.

On a motion by Mr. Cecchinelli, seconded by Mr. Reil, the assembly voted 6 to 1 to elect Giuliano Cecchinelli to serve as Moderator for a one-year term.

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

Mrs. Leclerc voted against the motion.

Did not follow 11 VSA 736 (a) in the absence of the moderator or moderator pro tempore must be elected by the voters.

• ARTICLE 2 To elect a clerk for a one-year term

The Moderator opened the floor for nominations.

Mr. Reil nominated Tina Lunt. Mrs. Leclerc seconded the motion.

There were no additional nominees. Nominations were closed.

On a motion by Mr. Reil, seconded by Mrs. Leclerc, the assembly unanimously voted to elect Tina Lunt to serve as Clerk for a one-year term.

• ARTICLE 3 To elect a treasurer and assistant treasurer for a one-year terms
The Moderator opened the floor for nominations.

Mr. Boutin nominated Jake Trepanier for Treasurer. Mrs. Leclerc seconded the motion. Mr. Boutin nominated Natalie Soffen for Assistant Treasurer. Ms. Parker seconded the motion. There were no additional nominees. Nominations were closed.

On a motion by Mr. Boutin, seconded by Mrs. Leclerc, the assembly unanimously voted to elect Jake Trepanier to serve as Treasurer for a one-year term.

On a motion by Mr. Boutin, seconded by Ms. Parker, the assembly unanimously voted to elect Natalie Soffen to serve as Assistant Treasurer for a one-year term.

• ARTICLE 4 To determine what compensation shall be paid to the officers of the District.

Recommendation from Mr. Hennessey, supported by Mrs. Perreault and Ms. Dawes to increase treasurer to \$1500/year and compensate assistant treasurer \$750/year. The assembly voted 5 to 2 to adopt the salaries set forth in the Warning, as compensation paid to the officers of the District.

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

MODERATOR: \$100/year Giuliano Cecchinelli

CLERK: \$100/year Tina Lunt
TREASURER: \$1500/year Jake Trepanier
ASST. TREASURER \$750/year Natalie Soffen

BOARD MEMBERS: \$2,500/year for each

BOARD CHAIR \$4,000/year

• ARTICLE 5 Shall the voters of Barre Unified Union School District vote to authorize its Board of School Commissioners to borrow money, when needed, by issuance of bonds or notes not in excess of anticipated revenue for the school year, to meet the expenses and liabilities of the school district?

Quick discussion re: the language of the article here v. what is on the ballot. The language is off and thus confusing. Decision to clear up this confusion before March of 2025.

On a motion by Ms. Rose, seconded by Mr. Boutin, the assembly voted 5 to 2 to adopt Article 5, as presented.

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

• ARTICLE 6 To do any other business, proper to come before said meeting

No other business was presented.

• ARTICLE 7 To adjourn

On a motion by Mr. Boutin, seconded by Ms. Parker, the assembly unanimously voted to adjourn at 6:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Chris Hennessey and Tina Gilbert