

**BARRE UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT  
FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING**  
Spaulding High School Library and Via Video Conference – Google Meet  
January 8, 2024 - 6:00 p.m.

**MINUTES**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Giuliano Cecchinelli, II, Chair – (BC)  
Terry Reil, Vice Chair - (BT)  
Mary Jane Ainsworth (BT Community Member)  
Sarah Pregent - (BC)

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Andrew McMichael (BC Community Member)

**OTHER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Nancy Leclerc

**ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:**

Chris Hennessey, Superintendent  
Jamie Evans, Facilities Director

**GUESTS PRESENT:**

Stacy Emerson                      Josh Howard

**1. Call to Order**

**The Chair, Mr. Cecchinelli, called the Monday, January 8, 2024 BUUSD Facilities and Transportation Committee meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., which was held in the Spaulding High School Library and via video conference.**

**2. Additions and/or Deletions to the Agenda**

Agenda Item 5.3 BUUSD Transportation Discussion – Discuss out of order.

Add 5.4 Facilities Use Question – Policy E20

Agenda Item 5.2 Review Central Office Building Assessment Report – postpone until next meeting. Full page copies will be provided in the packet.

**3. Public Comment**

None.

**4. Approval of Minutes**

**4.1 Approval of Minutes – December 4, 2023 BUUSD Facilities and Transportation Committee Meeting**

**On a motion by Mrs. Pregent, seconded by Mr. Reil, the Committee unanimously voted to approve the Minutes of the December 04, 2023 BUUSD Facilities and Transportation Committee meeting.**

Discussion moved to Agenda Item 5.3

**5. New Business**

**5.1 Facilities Director Report**

A copy of the Director's Report will be posted as an addendum.

Mr. Evans provided an overview of the Facilities Director's Report, including receipt of a \$60,000 SHARE grant to be used at BCEMS to upgrade the wood chip boiler system, approval of grant funding for storm-water mitigation at SHS, PCB and Radon testing, BCEMS roof work, anticipated repairs to the SHS gym roof, and anticipated work on the SHS heating loop that feeds the CVCCSD section (currently appears to be losing water – water needs to be added daily). It was agreed that in the future, a copy of the Report will be included in the Committee packet. Project information will be added to the 5-Year Plan once additional information is available. Mr. Evans provided a brief overview of the storm-water mitigation project at SHS.

**~~—5.2 Review Central Office Building Assessment Reports~~**

**5.3 BUUSD Transportation Discussion**

A copy of a letter from Mr. Hennessey to the Facilities Committee, dated 01/02/24, was distributed.

Ms. Emerson was welcomed to the meeting. Mr. Hennessey advised regarding documentation included in the packet and opened the floor for discussion. Ms. Emerson advised regarding a document submitted to Mr. Hennessey via e-mail. The document was displayed on screen. Ms. Emerson provided historical and current information regarding STA's role in providing transportation to the District, including a reduction in the bus fleet (due to collaboration between BCEMS and BTMES), increased wages to promote driver recruitment/retention, use of 3 Suburbans and 2 accessible vans, ridership, routes, coordination with other districts for transportation of students being transported out of district, and other services provided by STA. Ms. Emerson answered questions from the Committee relating to use of Suburbans, ridership, route reviews (performed annually), regulations related to bus stops and, combining of routes with few riders. Mr. Hennessey answered questions related to the District's lease of Suburbans (in addition to those owned by STA), bus 'riders' (monitors – District employees), use of taxi services, and transportation for students covered under the McKinney-Vento Act (11 students currently need transportation).

#### **5.4 Facilities Use Question – Policy E20**

Mr. Reil advised regarding a query he received regarding whether or not the policy contains a provision for waiver of the use of facility fee. It was noted that waiver information is contained on the form. Mr. Reil will forward the e-mail to Mr. Hennessey who will reach out to the submitter for clarification and to provide information.

#### **6. Old Business**

None.

#### **7. Items for Future Agendas**

- EEI Financials
- Central Office Assessment Report
- Review of Capital Asset Schedules

#### **8. Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting is Monday, February 5, 2024 at 6:00 p.m., at the Spaulding High School Library and via video conference.

#### **9. Adjournment**

**On a motion by Mrs. Pregent, seconded by Ms. Ainsworth, the Committee unanimously voted to adjourn at 6:59 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,  
*Andrea Poulin*