

**BARRE UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING**
Spaulding High School Library and Via Video Conference – Google Meet
April 1, 2024 - 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Giuliano Cecchinelli, II – (BC)
Garrett Grant (BC)
Jackie Wheeler (BT)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Andy McMichael (BC)

OTHER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Nancy Leclerc (At-Large)

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:

Chris Hennessey, Superintendent
Jamie Evans, Facilities Director

GUESTS PRESENT:

1. Call to Order

Mr. Hennessey called the Monday, April 1, 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. Organize (Elect Chair and Vice Chair)

Mr Grant nominated Mr. Cecchnelli for Chair, seconded by Mrs. Wheeler. Motion was passed unanimously.
Mrs. Wheeler nominated Mr. Grant for Vice Chair, seconded by Mr. Cecchinelli. Motion was passed unanimously.

3. Additions and/or Deletions to the Agenda

None

4. Public Comment

None.

5. Approval of Minutes

5.1 Approval of Minutes – January 8, 2024

On a motion by Mr. Grant, seconded by Mrs. Wheeler, the Committee unanimously voted to approve the Minutes of January 8, 2024.

6. New Business

6.1 Facilities Director Report

Mr. Evans shared big projects for the summer.
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- Ventilation and LED lighting upgrades, 1964 asbestos containing ceiling tiles, electrical upgrades (occur this summer). Once electrical upgrades occur they can finalize the new ventilation equipment for the 4 main core hallways. Filtered clean air in our classrooms as well as the cafeteria. In the winter those rooftop units become heating units. Project is paid for by the ESSER funds, lighting is through rebates through Efficiency Vermont.
- Storm Water Project through the State of Vermont. They have determined any property having 3 acres or more of impervious land has to have a stormwater mitigation project (some way to capture rainwater). Grant money paid for the design and study for how this would be done at all three schools. Permits have been applied for for all 3 schools, design is in place, and all has been paid through this grant. Green Print Partners is a contractor the state of Vermont has hired to work with schools to create this work. Now in Phase II of funding, we'll get 90% funding and we have to match 10% per building project. Spaulding will have a natural swale along the sports field and asphalt. If overflow occurs it will be captured into a drainage to the river. Crimson Tide driveway and small parking area will be removed and turned back into grass providing more ball field space.

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- Roof project is going to the Board April 10 for approval. Last five years we've taken sections of the building, as much as we can afford and got contractors to replace the 1995 original roof. This year will be the last year for that project then that roof will be 100% completed.
- Storm Water project requires an underground drainage system under the faculty parking lot. Water will get filtered into the drain system which then goes back into the City of Barre storm drain collection system. Anticipate being done summer 2025.

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- Old asbestos floor tiles are still being removed and replaced. Every year a section is replaced with new ones.
- Storm Water project is a bio retention pond which is going to collect the rainwater. The storm water runoff is designed to capture and hold that water and as time goes on it will drain and percolate into the ground. It's designed to capture a 100-year storm.

Goal for the next few months would be to review assessment reports and do site visits. Mr. Evans offered a walking tour of the buildings which will be scheduled outside of committee meetings and would include facility personnel at those buildings.

6.2 EEI Financials

This item was requested at the January meeting, no quorum for February and March was canceled. ESSER monies spent to date on the project is \$5,550,250. Mostly on ventilation upgrade, sprinkler system installation, abatement of ceiling tiles, and electrical upgrade. Lighting upgrade is a different funding source. If all goes well by the first day of school that will all be done. The Career Center is included as that's part of the entire campus. Power will be shut down for the lighting upgrade and they're going to bring on site a small remote generator to keep the service going over the summer. Spaulding is the hub to serve all IT needs for all the other schools. Barre Town will host summer school so they'll still have IT needs. Generator will keep IT going and fire alarm panels up and operational for detection. Figuring it will take about a week. Grand total assigned to this project is 7 million.

6.3 Central Office Assessment Report

A report titled "Facility Condition Assessment" for the BUUSD Central Office was distributed.

Suggested improvements:

- Upgrade the lighting (LED, dimmable) and that has been completed since the report came out.
- Boiler systems which is the heart plant for the building they're in fantastic shape, serviced every year and working well. Like anything they keep improving to higher efficiency models. They recommend upgrading to a more efficient model.
- Roof is not leaking, it's in good shape as stated in their analysis, but it's a 25-30 year old roof and in the next five years we're going to want to replace that roof. We have time to build that into our budget.

It's an old building but a good building and needs a budget to keep it in good shape. No major red flags in the report.

Solar credit was discussed and more information can be provided by Lisa Perreault, Business Manager.

Mr. Grant will be having future questions about the recommendation for ADA compliant things.

7. Old Business

None. Mr. Cecchinelli mentioned the lights up at Barre Town School was definitely an improvement going from no lights to lights.

Mr. Evans shared these are owned and managed by Green Mountain Power and we pay a flat, per pole light fee on a monthly basis to manage and service them.

8. Items for Future Agendas

- Central Office Assessment Report with potential tour
- EEI Financials

9. Next Meeting Date

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

June 3, 2024 at 6:00 p.m., at the Spaulding High School Library and via video conference.

Typically no meeting in July as summer projects are happening.

Mr. Cecchinelli suggested every other month meeting after July.

10. Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Grant, seconded by Mrs. Wheeler, the Committee unanimously voted to adjourn at 6:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Gilbert