

**BARRE UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**

Spaulding High School Library and Via Video Conference – Google Meet
April 18, 2024 - 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Michael Boutin (BC) – Chair
Sonya Spaulding (BC)- Clerk
Emily Reynolds (BT)
Garrett Grant (BC)
Alice Farrell (BT)
Catherine Whalen (BT)
Nancy Leclerc (At-Large)
Terry Reil (BT)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Giuliano Cecchinelli, II (BC) – Vice Chair

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:

Chris Hennessey, Superintendent BUUSD
Jody Emerson, Superintendent CVCCSD
Jamie Evans, Facilities Director
Mari Goodridge Miller, Asst. Principal

GUESTS PRESENT:

David Delcore, Times Argus	Chrstine Bell	Mary Bowers	Meaghan Healey	Guy Isabelle
Michelle Leeman	Sharon Jacobs	Michaela Morris	Christie Omodeo	Terri Steele
Rachel Van Vliet	Linsey Wells	Jackie Wheeler	Paul Malone	John Walker

1. Call to Order

The Chair, Mr. Boutin called the Thursday, April 18, 2024, Special meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., which was held at the Spaulding High School Library and via video conference.

2. Additions and/or Deletions to the Agenda

Add Mindfulness Moment and Pledge
Add Round Table

Mr. Reil made a motion to approve the agenda with amendments, seconded by Mrs. Leclerc. Motion passes unanimously.

3. Mindfulness Moment and Pledge

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance. The Board held a Mindfulness Moment

4. Current Business

4.1 CVCCSD Facilities Request - Welding Program

Documents provided: Email Communication; Original Letter of Facilities Request; SHS Building Map of CVCC; State of VT Letter; 2012 VT Dept of Education Letter; Excerpts related to Career/Technical Education Facilities; Dept of Education Career and Lifelong Learning Memo

Mrs. Emerson, Superintendent at CVCCSD shared they're trying to expand and working toward building a new facility in the future to continue growing because they turn away far too many students each year. New CVCC building - site selection criteria and an area we're looking at is happening, but we don't have a site yet.

- The Welding Program needs spaces for 16 students..
- State requirement - 160 square feet per student for the workshop space along with a storage and classroom space required. CVCC has a classroom available. Looking for shop space and a little bit of storage.
- Some of the funding can't be used in a private or leased location.
- Looked at spaces in Waterbury and Cabot, unfeasible given the distance. Closer is better due to it being a hazardous occupation
- Looked within the public school building and identified a space which used to be a student space. Currently used by maintenance and facilities, room 18. CVCC has a shed they could give if that could be made usable.

- Recommendation from BUUSD was to consider room 136, on the second floor. Need ground floor due to weight, flames, and steel being carried up there.
- Timeline is really low - Project WorkSafe has visited room 18 and found it feasible. They are on standby if another room needs to be looked at which involves a walk through, report on what we need to do to make it feasible for that program, and then CVCC provide to AOE how we are going to pay and accomplish work in time for students to be in the space in August.
- Instructors and students who accepted are ready pending approval, that's 16 students, some SHS students, with a wait list.

Would like us to work together collaboratively to find a space for students because we are here for students and to support our growth especially when we see declining enrollment and cost of sending schools. If there's a way to utilize that potentially available space we'd like to do that. Additional discussions around moving programs, using the CVCC office space, and sharing space but all have complications.

4.2 Facilities Request Discussion

Building Space Discussion write up from Jamie Evans, Facilities Director

Mr. Evans provided feedback. Room 18 - Currently a shop for maintenance and facilities. Houses power tools, heating ventilation and coolants, all equipment repairs, office spaces for Head of custodial, Head of maintenance, and Electrician. Without the shop we would need to hire this work out and spend more. Maintenance shop is far too important to lose when there are two other options available.

Option A - Room 136 (includes rooms A&B on the map) - Used to be a shop, it is convenient for exhaust venting through the roof for the welding smoke, panel board already for electrical, and direct access to the stairwell outdoors. Space the career center already has and it would work. Agrees it's not ideal for getting material to the room.

Option B - Career Center office used to be the auto shop. It has direct access to the roof, has a panel board for electrical, ground floor, and access straight outdoors. Offices used to be on the second floor and have all the provisions for it.

Mr. Reil stated Mr. Evans finished the room 136 discussion because he stated "it's not safe to put repairs there". Then it's not safe for a Welding. Mr. Evans disagreed with the statement and restated what he said and made a comment of putting words in his mouth, which Mr. Reil proceeded to disagree.

Ms. Reynolds called point of order

Mr. Reil went on to agree with Brian about getting a 24 foot piece of steel up those stairs doesn't work. That's heavy, a lot of weight, it's dangerous. Access to the roof is a good positive but welding shouldn't be up there. Curious about the other maintenance areas and what is being done in the current shop which can't be done in those areas. Mr. Evans shared cutting of plywood for wall dividers work on furniture, Kitchen equipment, boiler room repairs, assembling and disassembling promethean boards, anything maintenance related we do out of that shop. All power and hand tools and heavy equipment is there, 3 office spaces, heating and cooling and ventilation system. Small scale paint booth. Yard equipment repairs. Mr. Reil questioned if the building structure outside is a cold storage - Why not move storage to the SEA barn. Mr. Evans added it would need fire protection prevention detection, sprinklers, phone, running water. OSHA will tell you you need all that protection; it's a school environment.

Another discussion started to ensue between Mr. Reil and Mr. Evans.

Mrs. Reynolds called point of order

Quick discussion involving room 20 Cosmetology moving upstairs, 2 year program. Room 24 Art room be moved somewhere else - Mrs. Miller explained the room has specific ventilation for the paint booth, clay traps in the sinks, 70 kids a semester in the space. A lot was put into the infrastructure to make that space and it would be really tough for us.

Mrs. Spaulding made a motion directing SHS administration, BUUSD Facilities, the Superintendent and CVCC administration to work together to find a place for this program, seconded by Mrs. Farrell,

Mrs. Emerson added April 30th is the deadline to have a site and funding for the work decided. Mrs. Reynolds added the importance of clearly spelling everything out in the lease agreement and renegotiating the rent protecting both parties. Mrs. Emerson is prepared to pay additional rent. .

Mrs. Leclerc wants to amend the motion to allow room 18 for the Welding program versus staff working it out, seconded by Mr. Reil, motion failed 4 to 3 with 1 abstention.

Mrs. Whalen, Mrs. Leclerc, and Mr. Reil voted for the amended motion

Mrs. Spaulding, Ms. Reynolds, Mr. Grant, and Mr Boutin voted against the amended motion

Mrs. Farrell Abstained due to her positions on both the CVCCSD and BUUSD Boards.

Original motion passed 6 to 1; Mrs. Farrell abstained due to her positions on both the CVCCSD and BUUSD Boards.

5. Round Table

Mrs. Farrell praying for sun, sick of rain

6. Executive Session

None

7. Adjournment

.On a motion by Mr. Reil, seconded by Mrs. Leclerc the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Gilbert