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## BARRE UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Spaulding High School Library and Via Video Conference – Google Meet  
May 21, 2024 - 8:00 a.m.

### MINUTES

#### COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sonya Spaulding (BC) – Chair  
Emily Reynolds (BT) - Vice Chair  
Victoria Pompei (BT)

#### COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Shellie Stevens (BC)  
Catherine Whalen (BT)

#### OTHER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Garrett Grant (BC)  
Nancy Leclerc (At-Large)

#### ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:

Chris Hennessey, Superintendent (arrived at 6:32 pm)  
Lisa Perreault, Business Manager  
Jen Nye, Co-Principal BTMES  
Erica Pearson, Co-Principal BTMES  
Ted Mills, Asst. Principal BTMES  
Ashley Young, Asst. Business Manager  
Stacy Anderson, Director of Special Services  
Rebekah Mortensen, Asst. Director of Special Services  
Elizabeth Brown, Early Education Coordinator

#### OTHERS

Bridgett Apfel, Bookkeeper BTMES  
Sue Cioffi, Admin. Asst. Special Services

#### PUBLIC MEMBERS PRESENT:

David Delcore, Time Argus	Jeff Blow	Nora Duane	Josh Howard	Joelen Mulvaney	Christine Parker
Rachel Van Vliet	Bern Rose	Bridgett Apfel	Ashley Young		

#### **1. Call to Order**

The Chair, Mrs. Spaulding called the Tuesday, May 21, 2024 BUUSD Special Finance Committee meeting to order at 8:08 a.m., which was held at the Spaulding High School Library and via video conference.

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

None

#### **3. Public Comment**

Ms. Rose spoke as a community member wondering how family and kids are coping. Watched showcase videos and saw teachers engaging kids, using manipulatives and math classes across grade levels. Oftentimes she got push back from her positive comments and wondered why and started showing up. It's easy to be negative and through her kids' school life at the end of every year she tried to find positive comments. She keeps coming because we need to bring what's working and what's good. Remind people about the report from Karen Fredericks. Look at the curriculum meeting of May 1st. Look at all the gains our kids are making across the board, all the money we are spending is actually helping kids with the great horizontal and vertical plan Karen is working on with lead teachers which is going to continue without her.

#### **4. New Business**

None

#### **5. Old Business**

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## 5.1 FY25 Budget Revote

Line-by-line budget documents were provided as well as a schedule of times administrators and support staff would be present to work through and find any revisions for their lines. The column titled FY25 revote on 5/14/2024 is the column being revised today in order to recommend a revote #3 budget. Meeting started with the first 11-12 pages of Barre Town Lines. Barre Town lines were reduced by \$50,650 at the end of their session at 9:05 a.m. Mrs. Goodridge Miller joined the meeting to go over page 12-27 for Spaulding High School lines. SHS lines were reduced by \$44,800 with Tech center overcharge coming back \$98,710, at the end of their session at 10:25 a.m. Mrs. Reynolds left the virtual meeting to join in person and arrived at 10:36 a.m. Mrs. Waterhouse joined the meeting starting on page 28 for Barre City lines. Barre City lines were reduced by \$68,200 minus larger positions, at the end of their session at 11:18 a.m. Barre Town's corrected number \$70,650. Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Mortensen, and Mrs. Cioffi from Special Services joined at 1:00 p.m. to review lines starting on page 40. Mrs. Brown from Early Education and Mrs. Nye from Barre Town joined at 1:25 p.m. Reduced Special Services line by \$48,626. Early Education started on page 43 at 1:32 p.m., reduced by \$550. Mrs. Fredericks joined at 2:00 p.m. to review Curriculum lines starting on page 39 (ELL). Mr. Evans joined the meeting at 2:20 p.m. to review Facilities lines starting at page 10, Barre Town Facilities and reviewing all building facility lines. Started reviewing Superintendent lines at 3:33 p.m. Grand total \$903,086 for 8.94% increase. Spending increase of 4.97%, per pupil long-term weighted ADM is \$11,237, district tax rate \$1.10, tax rate for City is \$1.44 (4 cent increase), Town tax rate \$1.27 (6 cent increase). **(Please review the recording on our website for specific details of the work done.)**

**NOTE:** What was originally stated as the total in reductions of \$903,086 is actually \$703,487.

## 6. Items for Future Agenda

- Creating a Resolution: Low Spending Districts and Act 127
- Advocacy work with AOE
- Items from the original agenda for May
- Policy Review
- Total Compensation Package

## 7. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is Monday, June 17, 2024 at 6:00 p.m., at the Spaulding High School Library and via video conference.

## 8. Adjournment

**On a motion by Mrs. Pompei, seconded by Ms. Reynolds, the Committee unanimously agreed to adjourn at 3:47 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,  
*Tina Gilbert*