

BARRE UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
Spaulding High School Library and Via Video Conference – Google Meet
May 13, 2024 - 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Michael Boutin (BC) – Chair
Giuliano Cecchinelli, II (BC) – Vice 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:

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:

GUESTS PRESENT:

David Delcore, Times Argus	Lauren Buck	Erika Dolan	Sharon Jacobs	Suzanne Jacobs	Joan McMahon
Mariah Routhier	Tracy Wrend				

1. Call to Order

The Chair, Mr. Boutin called the Monday, May 13, 2024, Special meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., which was held at the Spaulding High School Library and via video conference.

2. Pledge of Allegiance/Mindfulness Moment

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

3. Additions and/or Deletions to the Agenda

Mrs. Wrend addressed the Board about their last meeting and wanted to acknowledge that the last meeting was potentially a difficult one and she emphasized that her goal in working with the board is to support them and working together in a way that attracts and retains the very best candidate to fit in the board's system and always to promote effective governance. As a consultant she plans to facilitate in a way that promotes practice of the norms and agreements that the board adopted the first time they met. She requested comments and questions be directed to her for the parts of the meeting she facilitates. She will work with the chair in the way she would if she was staffing a board as a superintendent, offering support to help keep the meeting on track. Informally ask the board members to give a thumbs up if they were okay with her filling that role for this meeting.

Mrs. Farrell made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Mrs. Spaulding. Motion passes unanimously.

4. Round Table

- Mrs. Spaulding wanted to apologize for interrupting Mrs. Leclerc the other day with calling the question. Mrs. Spaulding was wrong and she will try to do better.
- Mrs. Leclerc acknowledged that she received a couple of apologies and appreciated the board members who reached out to her and apologized. It meant a lot to her and she thanked them.
- Mrs. Farrell attended a program development meeting with two programs at the career center Welding and Design & Fabrication dedicated to the granite industry. Anyone with students interested in knowing about those should contact the career center. Really important, these two programs are vital to our community.

5. Executive Session 1 VSA 313 (3) appointment and employment or evaluation of public officer or employee

Mrs. Leclerc made a motion to enter executive session at 6:08 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Farrell. Motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Leclerc felt extremely concerned, fearful and apprehensive about participating in the executive session regarding her safety. She requested assurance from both the board chair and the board to ensure her safety and the safety of all board members to not be threatened with violence and bullying.

Mrs. Farrell made a motion to exit executive session at 7:51 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Leclerc, motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Farrell made a motion to designate Mrs. Leclerc to work with Tracy to draft a statement regarding the superintendent search, seconded by Mrs. Whalen, motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Leclerc made a motion to designate Mr. Reil and Mrs. Spalding to negotiate contracts for the superintendent candidates, seconded by Mr. Grant, motion passed unanimously.

Mr Boutin suggested taking the May 22nd board meeting for interviews and moving that regular meeting to May 23rd. Mrs. Spalding suggested moving the regular board meeting to the 29th and holding the interviews on the 22nd.

Mr. Grant made a motion to hold interviews on May 22nd and the board meeting on May 29th, seconded by Mrs. Farrell, motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Wrend clarified that the 22nd will still be a board meeting. The only agenda items will be superintendent search related including interviews in executive session.

Mrs. Farrell made a motion to authorize the chair to contact Lynn, Lynn and Blackman on a personnel matter, seconded by Mr. Grant, motion passed unanimously.

6. Adjournment

.On a motion by Mrs. Leclerc, seconded by Mr. Grant the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tina Gilbert