

**BARRE UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING**

Spaulding High School Library and Via Video Conference – Google Meet
May 22, 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:

Chris Hennessey, Superintendent
Stacy Anderson, Director of Special Services
Karen Fredericks, Director of Curriculum
Jen Nye, Co-Principal BTMES
Rebekah Mortensen, Asst. Special Services Director
Brenda Waterhouse, Principal BCMS

GUESTS PRESENT:

David Delcore, Times Argus	Alex Alexander	Sarah Attig	Jennifer Bisson	Lauren Buck
Brandon Campo	Sarah Capron	James Carpenter	Randi Collins	Erika Dolan
Cassandra Demarais	Kirsten Evans	Nicole Fuller	Karen Gadapee	Shayna Guild
Karen Heath	Sarah Hill	Josh Howard	Sharon Jacobs	Colleen Kresco
Prudence Krasofski	Ben Matthews	Jessica Maurais	Eirene Mavodones	Joan McMahon
Melissa Metayer	Karen Moran	Christine Parker	Bern Rose	Eric Recchia
Jackie Wheeler	Mariah Routhier	Megan Spaulding	Kim Tewksbury	Lindsey Wells
Rhonda Thygesen	Rachel Van Vliet	Jasmine Wible	Leah Starr	Jordan
Denise Lavallee	Brodey Priddy	Isabella Cecchinelli	Brianna Pace	Grace Lindhiem
Hana Dobrilovic	Kiara Hogan	Aden Cushman	Tracy Wrend	

1. Call to Order

The Chair, Mr. Boutin called the Wednesday, May 22, 2024, regular 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

Add 6.1 Finance Committee Update
Add 6.2 Admin Interview Schedule
Add 5.2 Personnel Matter Evaluation 1 VSA 313 (a) (3)
Add 5.3 Contracts Update 1 VSA 313 (a) (1)
Add 5.4 Personnel Disciplinary 1 VSA 313 (a) (3)

Mr. Reil made a motion to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Mrs. Farrell. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Round Table

Mr. Cecchinelli share it's hot out, Mrs. Spaulding thanked everyone who joined the Finance Committee meeting yesterday, Mr. Grant thanked the BEA and Career Center for dinner, and Mr. Boutin will not be having cake because his sugar is nice and low now.

5. Executive Session

5.1 Superintendent finalist interview and possible action (1 V.S.A. § 313 (a) (3) the appointment or employment or evaluation of a public officer or employee...)

5.2 Personnel Matter - Evaluation

5.3 Contracts Update 1 VSA 313 (a) (1)

5.4 Personnel Disciplinary 1 VSA 313 (a) (3)

Mr. Reil made a motion for findings for contracts, seconded by Mrs. Farrell, motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment and Student Voice should be on all agendas.

Mrs. Leclerc made a motion to enter executive session for three Personnel 1 VSA 313 (a) (3) and Contracts Update 1 VSA 313 (a) (1), inviting in Tracy Wrend, JoAn Canning, and Brenda Waterhouse at 6:12 p.m., seconded by Mr. Reil, motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Reynolds made a motion to exit executive session at 8:20 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Whalen, motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Spaulding made a motion to approve the appointment of JoAn Canning as Superintendent for the 24-25 school year, seconded by Mr. Reil, motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Grant made a motion to authorize Mrs. Leclerc, in consultation with Tracy and JoAn, to develop a press release, seconded by Mrs. Farrell, motion passed unanimously.

6. Current Business

6.1 Finance Committee Update

Very productive day removing about \$900,000 but Mrs. Perreault's additional review was more like \$700,000. There were multiple questions which came up about increasing certain lines and the committee stayed with the direction of the Board and only reductions occurred. There is a list of lines which they felt would be overspent if not increased which include the following:

- Travel and conference lines zeroed out across every department, reinstating would be \$50,100
- Co-Curricular for BT Teacher budgeted \$55,000; currently spent \$102,000
- BT Contracted Services budgeted \$5500; currently spent \$7000
- BT Supplies budgeted \$2000; currently spent \$2396
- Sub wages SHS General Instruction budgeted \$146,892.70; currently spent \$186,994
- Supplies General Instruction budgeted \$4000; should be \$10,000
- SHS Supplies \$3500 (suggested one time expense in this budget year instead of increasing FY25)
- SHS SRO - Add \$50,000
- BC Interventionist Supplies budgeted \$461; currently spent \$1574.08
- Co-Curricular BC Contracted Services budgeted \$5000; currently spent \$7297
- Postage BC budgeted \$4700; currently spent \$7000
- BC Graduation Principal's Office budgeted \$400; BT budgeted at \$1500 (encourage making that equitable)
- Teacher Tuition for Special Education Instruction budgeted \$40,000; currently spent \$85,000 (will continue to increase due to Provisionals and actual requirements needed for licensure)
- Teacher Tuition for Early Childhood Education zeroed out; currently spent \$3588 (2 year program)
- Travel and Conference for Special Education zeroed out; currently spent \$1249 (not included in first line)
- Communication - Technology Department budgeted \$50,000; currently spent \$57,600 approx
- Electricity at SEA budgeted \$20,000; currently spent \$28,000

Suggested and decided that the meeting on the 29th will be devoted to candidate interviews and budget discussion keeping consent agenda items. Mrs. Farrell expressed that communication and marketing of this next budget is very important. Community survey going out tomorrow and closes next Tuesday. In the past postcards went to every household in Barre City and Barre Town or information session Town Hall style 5 days prior to vote were suggested.

6.2 Admin Interview Schedule

Directors and Principals going forward need to be interviewed by the board. New ones moving forward tonight still need to have a meet and greet with the board May 29th at 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Grant made a motion to authorize the chair to sign contracts for Michael Martin, Denise Maurice, Shannon Miller, Laurie Smith, and Jarrod Weiss and instruct staff to come before the board, seconded by Mrs. Farrell, motion passed unanimously.

7. Adjournment

On a motion by Mrs. Farrell, seconded by Mrs. Leclerc the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Gilbert