

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

December 4, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

**In-Person:** Spaulding High School Library, 155 Ayers Street, Barre

**Virtual Option:** Click this link to join the meeting remotely:

Meeting ID: [meet.google.com/vxi-arvi-mgb](https://meet.google.com/vxi-arvi-mgb)

Phone Numbers: (US)+1 929-777-4801 PIN: 769 689 006#

**PLEASE NOTE:** If you attend the meeting virtually and the video link fails, we will still proceed with the meeting at the assigned in-person location. You must state your name for the record to satisfy the Open Meeting Law.

*Public comment is welcomed and limited to 2 minutes per agenda item. The board will hear public comments and questions, but won't respond directly during public comments. This can feel impersonal, but is in place to allow the board to stay on task and address the work of the board for that meeting.*

**AGENDA**

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge and Mindfulness Moment
3. Additions or Deletions with Motion to Approve the Agenda
4. Executive Session
  - 4.1. Personnel 1 VSA 313 (a)(1)(A)
5. Comments for Items Not on the Agenda
  - 5.1. Public Comment
  - 5.2. Student Voice
6. Consent Agenda
  - 6.1. Warrant Approval: [November 14, 2024](#), [November 21, 2024](#)
7. New Business
  - 7.1. [Superintendent Search and Evaluation Discussion \(VSBA and NESDEC\)](#)
  - 7.2. Superintendent Evaluation Vendor Selection
  - 7.3. Superintendent Search Vendor Selection
8. Old Business
  - 8.1. [FY26 Budget Discussion](#)
  - 8.2. [VSBA Business Meeting Update](#)
  - 8.3. Board Discussion - CVCCSD
  - 8.4. [Consolidation Proposal for Feedback](#)
  - 8.5. [Confirmatory Easement Deed](#)
9. Round Table/Superintendent Report
10. Next Meeting Dates: December 19, 2024, Spaulding High School Library/via Google Meet  
January 8, 2025, Spaulding High School Library/via Google Meet
11. Executive Session
  - 11.1. Employee Contracts 1 V.S.A. 313(a)(1)(A)
12. Adjournment

**MEETING NORMS**

1. Keep the best interest of the school and children in mind, while balancing the needs of the taxpayers
2. Make decisions based on clear information
3. Honor the board's decisions

4. Keep meetings short and on time
5. Stick to the agenda
6. Keep remarks short and to the point
7. Everyone gets a chance to talk before people take a second turn
8. Respect others and their ideas

## **BUUSD School Board Briefing Memo December 4, 2024**

### **AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION: 8.1 FY26 Budget Discussions**

**BACKGROUND/SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:** The administration heard the School Board's feedback from the previous meeting concerning the FY26 school budget guidance. In the first phase, we are considering position redundancies and efficiency in services across the schools. This work will continue. We are also using the lens of class size policy, Education Quality Standards and other resources to establish appropriate staffing levels with a lens of quality over quantity and ensure a multi-tiered system of support for our students. Building administrators will be present at the December 19th meeting to provide additional information.

The second budget proposal reflects a reduction in facilities, non-instructional support staff, and staffing based on the aforementioned guidance.

**ATTACHMENTS:** The School Board already has the line item budget therefore, a summary report is provided at this time.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION/MOTION:** None at this time.

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### **AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION: 8.2 VSBA Business Meeting Update**

**BACKGROUND/SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:** Emily Wheeler Reynolds is a member of the Vermont School Board Association Board of Directors. She would like to update the BUUSD Board on the recently held Business Meeting

**ATTACHMENTS:** None at this time

**RECOMMENDED ACTION/MOTION:** None at this time

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### **AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION: 8.3 Board Discussion CVCCSD**

**BACKGROUND/SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:** The CVCCSD has future plans to ask the member communities to approve a bond for relocation and expansion of the programs. The School Board would like to continue this discussion to have input on this plan.

**ATTACHMENTS:** None at this time

**RECOMMENDED ACTION/MOTION:** None at this time

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**AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION:** **8.4** Consolidation Proposal for Feedback

**BACKGROUND/SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:** At a School Board Meeting held on the BUUSD School Board requested that the Administration create an RFP for consolidating the Barre Town and Barre City Schools that would include cost and quality options. The School Board is asked to review the proposal and make suggestions for additions or deletions. The School Board already approved the motion to go forward with this study.

**ATTACHMENTS:** RFP for School Consolidation

**RECOMMENDED ACTION/MOTION:** No action is requested

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**AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION:** **8.5** Confirmatory Easement Deed

**BACKGROUND/SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:** At a previous School Board Meeting, the Board was informed about the Encore Solar Project, which will be placed on land next to the Spaulding Alternative Program. The Board's Attorney, Mark McDermott, created a legal document that will allow a land easement for Encore to complete the project.

**ATTACHMENTS:** Easement Deed

**RECOMMENDED ACTION/MOTION:** The School Board will authorize the Superintendent to sign the Easement Deed on behalf of the Board.