

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

Barre Town Municipal Building and Via Audio Conference – Google Meet  
October 30, 2024 - 6:00 p.m.

**MINUTES**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Michael Boutin (BC) – Chair (arrived at 5:40)  
Giuliano Cecchinelli II (BC) - Vice Chair  
Sonya Spaulding (BC)- Clerk  
Nancy Leclerc (At-Large)  
Emily Reynolds (BT)  
Terry Reil (BT)  
Garrett Grant (BC)  
Alice Farrell (BT)  
Catherine Whalen (BT)

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:**

JoAn Canning, Superintendent

**GUESTS PRESENT:**

Paul Malone, Debbie Singiser (VSBA), David Englander (VSBA)

**1. Call to Order**

The Vice Chair, Mr. Cecchinelli, called the Wednesday, October 30, 2024, Board Retreat meeting to order at 4:58 p.m., held at the Barre Town Municipal Building, Barre, and via audio conference.

**2. Pledge and Mindfulness Moment**

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

**3. Additions and/or Deletions with Motion to Approve the Agenda**

None

**Mrs. Spaulding made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Leclerc, to approve the agenda, motion passed unanimously.**

**4. New Business**

**4.1 Governance Standards- Vermont School Board Association: Debbie Singiser**

Retreat Goal: Increased understanding of education governance; Familiarity with the District Quality Standards' Governance Standards and where the board sees itself  
Roles and responsibilities, Governance and Management, Essential Work of Vermont School Boards.

**4.2 Robert's Rules of Order: David Englander ([VSBA Powerpoint](#); [VSBA Youtube Webinar](#))**

Retreat Goal: Improved competence using Roberts Rules of Order  
Open Meeting Law, Why Robert's Rules of Order, Basic Principles of Robert's Rules, Roles and Responsibilities of the Chair, Roles and Responsibilities of Board Members, Motions, Useful Resources.

**Please refer to the links for specific information for 4.1 and 4.2:** Audio Recording on the website or [VSBA Training Slidedeck](#)

**4.3 Board Committees**

Retreat Goal: What makes one successful? Not Discussed - Debbie Singiser left a resource

**5. Next Meeting Dates**

November 13, 2024, Spaulding High School Library/via Google Meet

**6. Adjournment**

**On a motion by Mrs. Leclerc, seconded by Mr. Grant, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:10 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,  
*Tina Gilbert*