

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

Spaulding High School Library and Via Video Conference – Google Meet  
December 19, 2024 - 6:00 p.m.

**MINUTES**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Michael Boutin (BC) – Chair  
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  
Lisa Perreault, Business Manager  
Carol Marold, Director of Human Resources  
Shannon Miller, Co-Principal (BT)  
Jesse Schattin, Administrator SEA  
Mike Martin, Director of Technology  
Amanda Riggelman, Director of Curriculum  
Denise Maurice, Principal (SHS)  
Erica Pearson, Co-Principal (BT)  
Jennifer Bisson, Asst. Principal (BC)  
Melissa Greenwood, Asst. Principal (BC)  
Mari Goodridge Miller, Asst. Principal (SHS)  
Jody Emerson, Director and Superintendent CVCCSD

**GUESTS PRESENT:**

Alex Alexander, Alice Harding, Alissa Lamell, Allison Mills, Amy Caffry, Andrea Stiff, Andrew Duddy, Ben Matthews, Bern Rose, Betsy Pearce, Cassandra Demarais, Chantelle Micheli, Chris Moran, Christine Parker, Christopher Toborg, Colleen Kresco, Dan Morrison, Darby Hiebert, Eirene Mavodones, Ella Lyford, Ellen Kaye, Hannah Bedell, Isabella Cecchinelli, Jackie Wheeler, Jan Zemba, Jen Cote, Jen Trombly, Jesse White, Jessica Carpenter, Joelen Mulvaney, John Corliss, Jordan, Josh Howard, Karen Heath, Karen Moran, Karine Marineau, Kelly Beliveau, Kim Martin, Kirsten Evans, Lauren Ball, Lauren Buck, Lindsey Wells, Mackenzie Kovaka, Martha Blaisdell, Mary Bowers, Melissa Metayer, Michaela Morris, Michelle LaFrancis, Nealee Thibault, Nicole Fuller, Paul Malone, Pierre Trepanier, Prudence Krasofski, Rachel Greenfield, Rachel Van Vliet, Samantha Knudsen, Sarah Brownell, Sarah Capron, Sarah Hill, Shannon Huda, Sherry Lewton, Stephanie Collins, Steven Thompson, Sue Brennan, Susan Trowbridge, Terry Murray, Tyler Kimberley, William Dodge.

**1. Call to Order**

The Chair, Mr. Boutin, called the Thursday, December 19, 2024, special meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., held at the Spaulding High School Library, Barre, and via video conference.

**2. Pledge and Mindfulness Moment**

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

The Chair reviewed how public comment works, read the meeting norms, and ran through introductions of Board members and administrators present.

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

Remove 12.1 and 12.2

Add 7.4 Student Council Dinner Dance (will take out of order after Student Voice)

Take 8.1 out of order before 6.1

Add 7.5 Training for Open Meeting Law  
Add 7.6 Superintendent Evaluation Committee

**Mrs. Spaulding made a motion, seconded by Mr. Grant, to approve the agenda with amendments; motion passed unanimously.**

#### **4. Comments for Items Not on the Agenda**

##### **4.1 Public Comment**

Joellen Mulvaney, Rachel Van Vliet, Chris Parker, and Josh Howard all shared comments

##### **4.2 Student Voice**

Isabella Cecchinelli shared items of importance to the student body

(Taken out of order)

##### **7.4 Student Council Dinner Dance**

Isabella Cecchinelli shared details regarding the planning and cost of the Student Council Dinner Dance and the need for insurance coverage from Multi-Line.

**Mrs. Spaulding made a motion to support the off-campus Student Council Dinner Dance on January 24, 2025 and have it covered by Multi-Line Insurance, seconded by Mrs. Farrell, motion passed unanimously.**

#### **5. Consent Agenda**

##### **5.1 Regular Meeting Minutes - November 13, 2024**

##### **5.2 Special Meeting Minutes - December 4, 2024, December 11, 2024**

##### **5.3 Warrant Approval: December 5, 2024, December 11, 2024**

##### **5.4 NESDEC Superintendent Search Contract Approval**

##### **5.5 VSBA Superintendent Evaluation Contract Approval**

##### **5.6 Request to Search Letter - AOE**

##### **5.7 Ratification of Audit Firm**

(Amend Dec. 11 minutes - Terry voted yes to the motion, remove no round table)

**Mrs. Farrell made a motion to approve the consent agenda as amended, seconded by Mrs. Leclerc; motion passed unanimously.**

(Taken out of order)

##### **8.1 FY26 CVCCSD Budget**

Mrs. Emerson presented her presentation of the CVCCSD Budget and provided answers to questions.

#### **6. Building Reports**

##### **6.1 BCEMS, BTMES, SHS, SEA**

Mr. Reil and Mrs. Leclerc made comments. Mr. Schattin provided additional information about SEA.

#### **7. New Business**

##### **7.1 Audit Presentation**

Mr. Tyler Kimberley, representing Mudgett, Jennett, and Krogh-Wisner PC, presented the audit report draft and answered questions.

##### **7.2 Legislative Breakfast**

**Mrs. Spaulding made a motion to approve the Legislative Breakfast and instruct staff to make arrangements for January 13, 2025 at 7:00 a.m. at the Spaulding High School Cafeteria, seconded by Mrs. Farrell; motion passed unanimously.**

##### **7.3 Monthly Expenditure Report - November 2024**

Mrs. Farrell and Mr. Reil asked questions and made comments.

##### **7.4 Student Council Dinner Dance (took out of order before Consent Agenda)**

##### **7.5 Training for Open Meeting Law**

Mrs. Whalen shared her thoughts and concerns about additional training on Open Meeting Law being beneficial to the board.

**Mrs. Whalen made a motion to instruct staff to reach out to Sean Toohey to schedule an hour of Open Meeting Law training, seconded by Mrs. Leclerc, motion was modified to reach out to David Englander who provided training at the retreat, motion passed 7 to 1, Mrs. Spaulding voted against the motion.**

## **7.6 Superintendent Evaluation Committee**

Mr. Bouitn asked if there's any interest in at least 3 members joining the Superintendent Evaluation Committee. Mr. Reil, Mrs. Farrell, Mrs. Leclec, Mrs. Spaulding, and Ms. Reynolds are all interested.

**Mrs. Farrell made a motion to appoint Mr. Reil, Mrs. Leclerc, Mrs. Spaulding, and Ms. Reynolds to the Superintendent Evaluation Committee, seconded by Mrs. Leclerc, motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Reil agreed to reach out to Sandra Cameron at VSBA. The board took a break.

## **8. Old Business**

**8.1 FY26 CVCCSD Budget** (took out of order before 6. Building Reports)

### **8.2 FY26 Budget Discussion**

Ms. Canning shared a presentation titled ([FY26 Budget Proposal Discussion](#)) - Questions and concerns were shared by those in attendance and Board members. Mrs. Canning and Mrs. Perreault provided answers, clarification, and additional information.

**The board agreed to skip the rest of the agenda and go to Adjournment.**

## **9. Committee Reports**

**9.1 Facilities/Transp. Cmt: Met December 9, 2024; Next Meeting: February 1, 2025**

**9.2 Policy Committee: Next Meeting: January 15, 2025**

## **10. Round Table/Superintendent Report**

## **11. Next Meeting Dates**

January 8, 2025, Spaulding High School Library/via Google Meet

January 22, 2025, Spaulding High School Library/via Google Meet

## **12. Executive Session**

**12.1 ~~Superintendent Search~~ VSA 313(a)(3)**

**12.2 ~~Superintendent Evaluation~~ VSA 313(a)(3)**

## **13. Adjournment**

**On a motion by Ms. Reynolds, seconded by Mrs. Farrell, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 9:00 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,  
*Tina Gilbert*