

**BARRE UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
Spaulding High School Library and Via Video Conference – Google Meet  
January 22, 2025 - 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)  
Terry Reil (BT)  
Garrett Grant (BC)  
Alice Farrell (BT)  
Catherine Whalen (BT)

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Emily Reynolds (BT)

**ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:**

JoAn Canning, Superintendent  
Amanda Riggleman, Director of Curriculum  
Lisa Perreault, Business Manager  
Ashley Young, Asst. Business Manager  
Brenda Waterhouse, Principal (BC)  
Denise Maurice, Principal (SHS)  
Erica Pearson, Principal (BT)  
Melissa Greenwood, Asst. Principal (BC)

**GUESTS PRESENT:**

Adam Kay, Alex Alexander, Amy Caffry, Bern Rose, Cass Lang, Chris Moran, Christine Parker, Eirene Mavodones, Ella Lyford, Jackie Wheeler, Jeff Eddy, Josh Howard, Julie Burns, Kirsten Evans, Lauren Buck, Lindsey Wells, Mary Bowers, Nicole Fuller, Paul Malone, Peter Anthony, Prudence Krasofski, Rachel Van Vliet, Sarah Hill, Sharon Jacobs, Steven Thompson, Tyler Watkins, Wendy Sell

**1. Call to Order**

The Chair, Mr. Boutin, called the Wednesday, January 22, 2025, meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. 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.

Introduction of Board Members and Administrators present

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

None

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

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

**4.1 Public Comment**

Bern Rose and Mrs. Leclerc shared comments.

**4.2 Student Voice**

None

**5. Consent Agenda**

**5.1 Regular Meeting Minutes - January 8, 2025**

**5.2 Special Meeting Minutes - January 15, 2025**

**5.3 Warrant Approval: January 9, 2025, January 15, 2025**

Board members asked some Warrant questions.

**Mr. Grant made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Leclerc, to approve the consent agenda; motion passed unanimously.**

## **6. Building Reports**

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

Board and community members shared comments and questions.

### **6.2 Quarterly Enrollment/Home Study**

Board members shared comments and questions

### **6.3 Quarterly CIA Plan & District Assessment Data**

Amanda Riggelman, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment, shared a presentation and answered questions from the Board and community members.

The board took a 5-minute break

### **6.4 Quarterly Special Ed Staff/Child Count Data**

Board and community members shared comments and questions

### **6.5 District Behavior Data Report**

Board and community members shared comments and questions

## **7. New Business**

### **7.1 Monthly Expenditure Report (December)/ Year-End Projection Report**

Board members shared comments and questions

**Mrs. Spaulding called Point of Information during Mrs. Leclerc's comments, wanting to know where the \$800,000 surplus is.**

**Mrs. Leclerc responded that the amount is rounded. Mrs. Spaulding called Point of Information, pointing out that the surplus report has \$737,862. Mrs. Leclerc stressed that she used the word "about."**

### **7.2 Community Engagement Plan for Budget**

Ms. Canning shared the planned events and answered questions from Board members.

## **8. Old Business**

### **8.1 FY26 Warning Approval**

**Mr. Grant made a motion to approve the FY26 Warning, seconded by Mrs. Farrell; motion passed 7 to 1. Mr. Reil voted against the motion.**

**Correction: The motion passed 5 to 3. Mr. Reil, Mrs. Leclerc, and Mrs. Whalen voted against it.**

## **9. Committee Reports**

### **9.1 Policy Committee: Next Meeting - February 19, 2025**

Suggestions provided by Board members

### **9.2 CVCCSD Board: Next Meeting - February 10, 2025**

Mrs. Farrell shared information

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

- Mrs. Whalen shared information about the Night to Shine, a prom night for special needs kids.
- Mrs. Leclerc - Shared the reason she voted against the 4.95% budget and information about LTWADM calculation/AOE Website Calculation
- Mrs. Farrell - Shared Night of Shine is a formal affair. Anyone can donate formal clothing to Amy's Armoire in Barre with notice that it is for that event.
- Mr. Reil - Shared SHS Girls Hockey is undefeated; the next game is on Saturday.
- Mr. Grant - Shared Full STEAM Ahead Program at Aldrich Library tomorrow night. Free afterschool program for 4th and 5th graders. STEAM = Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math. Every Thursday at 6:30 p.m., register on the Aldrich website.
- Mrs. Spaulding - Reminded that all budget information is on the website. Request absentee ballots and plan to vote—shared thoughts on phantom students and grants.
- Mr. Boutin - Shared information regarding the presentation the Secretary of Education shared. He highly recommends watching the recording and posting it on the BUUSD website.

## **11. Next Meeting Dates: February 12, 2025, Spaulding High School Library/via Google Meet**

**(vacation week) February 26, 2025, Spaulding High School Library/via Google Meet**

Ms. Canning proposed moving to February 27th if the Board wants to meet. The suggestion was to tentatively schedule and review the agenda to see if it was needed.

## **12. Executive Session (Taken out of order before #5)**

### **12.1 Personnel 1 VSA 313 (a)(3)**

**Mrs. Leclerc made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Whalen, to enter into executive session and invite the Superintendent at 8:58 p.m.; the motion passed unanimously.**

**Mrs. Farrell made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Leclerc, to exit executive session at 9:04 p.m.; motion passed unanimously.**

**13. Superintendent Search Update**

Mr. Grant updated the Board about Focus Group dates and the Community Survey, which will be posted on the website around January 27th. Information is coming out.

**14. Adjournment**

**On a motion by Mrs. Farrell, seconded by Mr. Grant, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 9:08 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,  
*Tina Gilbert*