

Addendum 2
BUUSD Board
Special Meeting
June 23, 2025



BUUSD

Barre Unified Union School District

**ACTION ITEM BRIEFING MEMO
BUUSD BOARD MEETING AGENDA ITEM
BUUSD BOARD MEETING AGENDA: June 23, 2025**

Consent Item No.: Discussion Item No. Action Item No. 4.1

AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION(How the item shall appear on the agenda):

Open Meeting Law Violation

SUBJECT(Explain what the item is):

Discuss violation and provide a response

SUBMITTING STAFF PERSON or COMMITTEE MEMBER:

Michael Boutin

RESOURCES NEEDED INCLUDING STAFF TIME:

Time to create a meeting

STAFF RECCOMENDATION:

DESIRED OUTCOME(What is the purpose of this item):

Satisfy the requirements of OML

BACKGROUND/SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION(If there is an background/history regarding it please advise):

Nancy Leclerc has made a OML complaint(see email).

LINK(S):

ATTACHMENTS:

Emails regarding the violations.

INTERESTED/AFFECTED PARTIES:

BUUSD Board

RECOMMENDED ACTION/MOTION:

Motion to acknowledge the receipt of the complaint and inform the complainant that there was no violation and no cure is needed.



Michael Boutin <mboutin@buusd.org>

Open Meeting Law Concerns

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To: jcannbsu@buusd.org, mboutin@buusd.org

Mon, Jun 16, 2025 at 4:37 PM

Dear BUUSD Board Members,

I am formally expressing a concern regarding the denial of public comment during the June 2 board meeting. It appeared that certain community members were ignored or prevented from speaking, while others were selectively allowed to comment, applying inconsistent and unclear standards. This raises serious concerns about fairness, transparency, and potential violations of Vermont's Open Meeting Law (OML).

Under 1 V.S.A. § 312(a), all meetings of a public body must be open to the public, and members of the public must be given a reasonable opportunity to express their views. The Vermont Secretary of State's Guide to Open Meetings reinforces this obligation.

"The public must be afforded a reasonable opportunity to express its opinion on matters considered by a public body during the meeting, as long as order is maintained."

For any board member who may be unfamiliar with or uncertain about the requirements of Vermont's Open Meeting Law, I strongly encourage a thorough review of the guidance provided by both the Secretary of State and the Attorney General. No public body NOR any individual board member, has the authority to silence or selectively restrict public participation without risking a violation of the law.

Please take immediate steps to address this issue and ensure that future meetings are conducted in full compliance with Vermont law.

Respectfully,

Nancy Leclerc

Note: Full disclosure, this email has been sent via BCC to all board members to avoid any potential violation of Vermont's Open Meeting Law that could occur if replies were sent to the full board.



BRIEFING MEMO
BUUSD BOARD AGENDA ITEM
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Consent - Item No: _____ **Discussion** - Item No: _____ **Action** - Item No: 4.2 _____

AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION: Changes to Title II Allocations

SUBMITTING PERSON: Amanda Riggleman / JoAn Canning

RECOMMENDATION:

BACKGROUND/SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:

Every year, we receive the Consolidated Federal Grant, which funds services for students in poverty and allows us to provide high-quality professional development for all staff. The AOE has asked school districts to only budget for our carryover funds in Title II, NOT our estimated allocations.

ATTACHMENTS and or LINK(S): Document in the Addendum

RECOMMENDED ACTION/MOTION:

Allow the administration to use FY 25 money to pay for the professional development plan presented.