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## BARRE UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

Spaulding High School Library and via Video Conference – Google Meet  
June 23, 2025 - 6:00 p.m.

### MINUTES

#### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Michael Boutin (BC) – Chair  
Giuliano Cecchinelli II (BC) - Vice Chair  
Emily Wheeler Reynolds (BT) - Clerk  
Alice Farrell (BT)  
Catherine Whalen (BT)  
Garrett Grant (BC) (remote)  
Jackie Wheeler (At-Large)  
Ian Campbell (BT)  
Jeff Eddy (BC)

#### **BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

#### **ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:**

JoAn Canning, Superintendent  
Amanda Riggleman, Director of Curriculum  
Tina Gilbert, Executive Asst. to Superintendent

#### **GUESTS PRESENT:**

None

#### **1. Call to Order**

The Board Chair, Mr. Boutin, called the Monday, June 23, 2025, special meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Spaulding High School Library, Barre, and via video conference.

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

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

#### **3. Public Comment**

None

#### **4. Current Business**

##### **4.1. Open Meeting Law Violation**

**Mr. Cecchinelli made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Wheeler, to acknowledge the receipt of the complaint and inform the complainant that there was no violation and no cure is needed; the motion passed 6 to 2. Mrs. Farrell and Mrs. Whalen voted against the motion.**

##### **4.2. Changes to Title II Allocations**

Mrs. Canning and Mrs. Riggleman explained this item. The Agency of Education has asked that we only spend the Title II grant on our carryover funds, which are approximately \$150,000. The Professional Development Plan requires a total spending of approximately \$200,000. This grant has always been around \$230,000. The request is to use FY25 funds to move forward with the full plan.

**Mr. Cecchinelli made a motion, seconded by Ms. Wheeler Reynolds, to allow the administration to use the FY25 money to pay for the professional development plan as presented; the motion passed unanimously.**

#### **5. Executive Session**

##### **5.1. Personnel Matter 1 VSA 313 (a)(4)**

**Mr. Eddy made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cecchinelli, to enter into executive session to discuss 1 VSA 313 (a)(4); the motion passed unanimously.**

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**Mrs. Farrell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Campbell, to exit executive session at 6:26 p.m.; the motion passed unanimously.**

**Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cecchinelli, to authorize the superintendent to institute a five-day leave without pay for staff for disciplinary reasons; the motion passed unanimously.**

**6. Adjournment**

**On a motion by Mrs. Whalen, seconded by Mrs. Farrell, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 6:27 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,  
*Tina Gilbert*