

BARRE UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING
Spaulding High School Library and via Video Conference – Google Meet
July 14, 2025 - 5:00 p.m.

MINUTES

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Giuliano Cecchinelli, II – (BC)
Alice Farrell (Ad-Hoc) (BT) (online)
Andy McMichael (BC)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:

Jamie Evans, Facilities Director
Derek Cipriano, Athletic Director

GUESTS PRESENT:

Ed Rousse

1. Call to Order

The committee chair, Mr. Cecchinelli, called the Monday, July 14, 2025, BUUSD Facilities Committee meeting to order at 5:00 p.m., which was held in the Spaulding High School Library and via video conference.

2. Approval of Minutes

2.1 Minutes June 9, 2025

Mr. Rousse made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Farrell, to approve the minutes of June 9, 2025; motion passed, Mrs. Farrell abstained.

3. Additions and/or Deletions to the Agenda

Move 5.4 Summer Project update before 5.1

4. Public Comment.

None

5. Current Business

5.4 Summer Projects Update - Moved out of order

Mr. Evans provided a document titled “*FY26 SUMMER PROJECTS – June, July, August 2025.*”:

SHS: tile replacement, asphalt shingles on the concession stand.

BCEMS: replaced two main entry doors and concrete pads, heating system fitting replacement, replacing tiles in student restrooms with epoxy paint, storm water project, AC in library and maintenance office/break area, carpet to tiles in various classrooms, insulated rooftop penthouse.

BTMES: Stormwater project, PreK playground fencing.

SEA: drainage around the parking lot.

District: phone system replacement.

5.1 Elect Vice Chair

Mr. Rousse made a motion, seconded by Mr. McMichael, to nominate Mrs. Farrell as the Vice Chair; the motion passed unanimously.

5.2 Spaulding High School Foundation Projects/Fundraising

Mr. Rousse provided an overview of the foundation: Three main areas of focus: Academic Enhancements, Visual & Performing Arts, and Athletics. Fundraising for projects outside the scope of the schools. Next steps: Come up with ideas for projects and pathways to get there.

5.3 SHS Athletic Field Upgrade discussion

Mr. Evans provided an overview: Plan created in April 2012 gives a regulation-size baseball field and 2 regulation-size soccer fields or lacrosse fields, rubberized track, for discussion- artificial turf for the football field, gravel footpath around the perimeter of all ball fields. Some work has already been completed with storm stormwater project, which aided in this plan. Compare drawings to determine next steps. Consider river bank and reach out to engineers. Elevate a foot or 2 higher. Good faith professional estimate, no commitment. Mr. Cipriano's suggestion as priority: Turf field with rubberized track - revenue generator and keeps everything on campus, and multiple sports in one spot. Mr. Rouse will present the foundation to the board.

~~5.4 Summer Projects update~~

6. Next Meeting Date

The August meeting is canceled. The next meeting is September 8, 2025, at 5:00 p.m., at the Spaulding High School Library and via video conference.

7. Adjournment

On a motion by Mrs. Farrell, seconded by Mr. McMichael, the committee unanimously voted to adjourn at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tina Gilbert