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BARRE UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Spaulding High School Library and via Video Conference – Google Meet
December 1, 2025 - 5:00 p.m.

MINUTES

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Catherine Whalen (BT)
Ian Campbell (BT)
Emily Wheeler Reynolds (BT)
Cary Lafirira (online)
Belma Rooney

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:

JoAn Canning, Superintendent
Lisa Perreault, Business Manager (online)

PUBLIC MEMBERS PRESENT:

Paul Malone
Lindsey Wells
Mike Martin
Nancy Leclerc (online)
Denise Maurice (online)
Sonya Spaulding (online)

1. Call to Order

The Chair of the committee, Mrs. Whalen, called the Monday, December 3, 2025, BUUSD Finance Committee meeting to order at 5:01 p.m., which was held at the Spaulding High School Library and via video conference.

2. Additions and/or Deletions to the Agenda-Motion for approval by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mrs. Wheeler Reynolds.

3. Public Comment

4. Approval of Minutes

Online attendees should be added to the minutes. Motion by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mrs. Wheeler Reynolds to approve the minutes.

5. Current Business

5.1 Updates From the Business Office

The business office is in the final stages of their annual audit. The auditors have not identified any significant issues, and the district expects to get drafts within the next couple weeks, there will be a presentation in January, at which time the Board will have the opportunity to ask questions.

5.2 Finance Reports

5.2.1 FY26 Expense & Revenue

There is a Community FAQ where questions can be asked and answered. The district website budget page is also updated with information.

Ms. Canning shared that there is an internal FAQ for the board members to ask questions about the budget.

Mrs. Whalen asked the cost of moving grant-funded positions to the general budget. The cost would be \$875,000. There was a discussion about grant funded and general funded line items.

5.2.2 FY27 Proposed Budget Detail, Draft 1

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The current draft is level program funded, which is the district's current programming carried forward. It would require a 3.41% increase, which would be 1.9 million dollars.

5.3 Community Engagement / Value of Education (Videos)

The committee is working to put together a board listening session and survey to go out to parents to get an idea of where areas of greater engagement are needed in order to connect with them and understand their priorities.

5.4 Meeting Dates/Times

The committee agreed to add a special meeting on the following Monday, if more time is needed. The meetings may be fully remote and will still be open to the public.

6. Next Meeting Date

The next scheduled meeting will be on January 5, 2026, in Spaulding High School Library at 5pm.

7. Adjournment

On a motion by Mrs. Wheeler Reynolds, seconded by Mr. Campbell, the Committee unanimously agreed to adjourn at 5:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Potter