

**BARRE UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**SPECIAL BOARD BUDGET MEETING**  
Spaulding High School Library and Via Video Conference – Google Meet  
November 17, 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)  
Jackie Wheeler (At-Large)(online)  
Ian Campbell (BT)  
Jeff Eddy (BC)

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES**

None

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

**ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT**

JoAn Canning, Superintendent  
Lisa Perreault, Business Manager  
Shannon Miller, Principal BTMES  
Erica Pearson, Principal BTMES  
Melissa Greenwood, Asst Principal BCEMS  
Jen Bisson, Asst. Principal BCEMS  
Brenda Waterhouse, Principal BCEMS  
Denise Maurice, Principal SHS  
Mike Martin, Director of Technology  
Amanda Riggleman, Director of Curriculum

**GUESTS PRESENT:**

Andrew Evans, Christine Parker, David Delcore - Times Argus, Eirene Mavodones, Josh Howard, Jude Brister, Kirsten Evans, Martha Blaisdell, Mike Lamarre, Nancy Leclerc, Paul Malone, Rachel Greenfield, Rachel Van Vliet, Sarah Capron, Sarah Hill, Sherry Lewton, Sonya Spaulding, Steven Thompson.

**1. Call to Order**

The Board Chair, Mr. Boutin, called the meeting on Monday, November 17, 2025, 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.

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

None  
**Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Farrell, to approve the agenda as presented; the motion passed unanimously.**

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

The Chair reviewed how public comment works and proceeded with introductions.

**4.1. Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda**

None

**5. Board Presentation**

**5.1. FY27 Budget Presentation**

Slideshow presentations were provided, focusing on the following: “What are the goals of the school we’re working on now?”, background information on demographics, and ideas they may have for making improvements. Administrators from each school presented and answered questions. The Director of Curriculum presented a slideshow and responded to questions.

## **5.2. Level Program Budget**

The level-funded budget is \$57,842,257, representing an increase of \$ 1.8 million, or 3.38%, over the current year. Cost drivers are employee benefits, contractual obligations, inflationary pressures, transportation, technology, and insurance. Direct instruction represents 63% of the budget presented, 28% is allocated to support services, and 9% is allocated to building and maintenance. Employee benefits and salaries are 73% of the overall costs, and the health insurance increase is 7.4%. State unfunded mandates: The Child Care Contribution is estimated to be \$150,000 over budget, and the VSTRS Health Assessment increases substantially each year, totaling \$300,000. Not included with a level-funded budget: Summer School, Grant-funded positions; if included, it would be a 5.26% increase in the overall budget

## **6. Next Meeting Date**

December 1, 2025, Regular Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Spaulding High School Library/via Google Meet.

December 15, 2025, Special Board Budget Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Spaulding High School Library/via Google Meet

## **7. Adjournment**

**On a motion by Mr. Grant, seconded by Mr. Campbell, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn.**

Respectfully submitted,

*Tina Gilbert*