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BARRE UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Spaulding High School Library and via Video Conference – Google Meet
February 2, 2026 - 5:00 p.m.

MINUTES

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ian Campbell, Emily Reynolds, Catherine Whalen,

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Cary Lafirira (Virtual), Belma Rooney (Virtual)

OTHER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:

JoAn Canning, Superintendent
Christina Kimball, Contracted Business Office Support
Denise Maurice, SHS Principal

PUBLIC MEMBERS PRESENT:

David Delcore (Virtual)

1. Call to Order

The Chair of the committee, Mrs. Whalen, called the Monday, February 2, 2026, BUUSD Finance Committee meeting to order at 5:03pm, which was held at the Spaulding High School Library and via video conference.

2. Additions and/or Deletions to the Agenda

There was unanimous consent to add Mrs. Wheeler Reynolds' feedback from the letter she sent to the Legislature (5.6).

3. Public Comment - None

4. Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Wheeler Reynolds made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Campbell. Minutes were approved unanimously.

5. Current Business

5.1 Updates From the Business Office (Verbal Report)

Ms. Canning reported that there still is not a completed audit, but it should be available at the end of February. No other business office updates.

5.2 Finance Reports

5.2.1 FY26 Expense & Revenue

Ms. Kimball provided an overview. Expenses included benefit related/HRA expenses, which always change year to year and typically result in variances. Supplied and contracted services are on track for the end of January. Special Education transportation is a bit over budget, but this is typical, because services are expensive.

Revenues - BUUSD has not received any of their transportation aid, so Ms. Kimball will follow up to find out when that payment should be expected. Schools receive a census block for Special Education that helps cover some of the expenses. Special Education extraordinary reimbursements, for when students get to \$66,000 (usually reached this time of year or a bit later), so expenses are seen as increasing, but the revenue will come later. Driver's Education reimbursement comes later in the year, typically around March. The fund balance is not applied until the year is closed. All revenues look to be on track.

5.3 Audit Update

Ms. Canning reported that there still is not a completed audit. It should be available at the end of February.

5.4 Community Engagement for the budget

Ms. Canning mentioned budget videos have been created and shared, with another video going out this week. The budget brochure has been created and will be going out to the public. Ms. Canning will be hosting Coffee & Conversations at the Aldrich Library at 10am on February 11. Ms. Canning suggested a Virtual Town Meeting where Board Members and Ms. Kimball can log on and be available for questions from the community. February 18 is an information meeting. Ms. Canning shared that more information will continue to go out on Front Porch Forum. There was a discussion about the Tax Calculator that was shared with the Board and whether it should be placed on the website.

The Committee unanimously agreed to approve putting the Virtual Town Meeting forward for the Board to consider.

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5.5 Meeting Dates/Times

This is the last meeting until reorganization.

5.6 Letter to Legislature

Mrs. Wheeler Reynolds reported that there were really good discussions during the legislative breakfast, and a lot of great ideas. Everyone seemed to be in agreement in looking for solutions to lift the tax burden on people.

6. Next Meeting Date

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

7. Adjournment

The Committee unanimously agreed to adjourn at 5:31pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Potter