

BARRE UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL BOARD BUDGET MEETING
Spaulding High School Library and Via Video Conference – Google Meet
December 15, 2025 - 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT

JoAn Canning, Superintendent
Jennifer Bisson, Asst. Principal BCEMS
Dr. Melody Frank, Director of Special Services
Jesse Schattin, SEA Administrator
Laurie Smith, Asst. Director of Special Services
Elizabeth Koons, Asst. Director of Special Services
Mike Martin, Director of Technology

GUESTS PRESENT:

David Delcore- Times Argus, Kirsten Evans, Lindsey Wells, Mariah Routhier, Nancy Leclerc, Paul Malone, Prudence Krasofski, Sarah Capron, Sonya Spaulding

1. Call to Order

The Board Vice Chair, Mr. Cecchinelli II, called the meeting to order on Monday, December 15, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at the Spaulding High School Library in 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

None

5. Board Presentation

5.1. FY27 Budget Presentations: Special Education/SEA

Dr. Frank, Director of Special Services, and her team shared their presentation and answered questions regarding Special Education. The presentation focused on Disability Categories by School, Staffing, Outside Placements, Child Count per Building, Future Programming, Professional Development, Continuum of Services, and Budgetary Considerations.

Mr. Schattin, SEA Administrator, shared his presentation and answered questions regarding Spaulding Educational Alternatives (SEA). Presentation focused on Mission/Vision, Supporting Student Success, and Cost Analysis.

5.2. FY27 Budget Development Highlights

Ms. Canning presented the updated FY27 Budget Development Highlights document, which included three options for review. The Board members provided their feedback on the options, made suggestions, and asked questions. Many fluctuated between Option A

and Option B, with a suggestion that they get to recommend things they value more highly from other options, as a proposal to replace things not of high value currently listed in Options A or B.

Ms. Canning reviewed the questions asked at the last meeting to provide answers to those she could and ask for clarification on those she couldn't.

6. Next Meeting Date

January 5, 2026, Regular Board Meeting - Board, 6:00 p.m., SHS Library/via Google Meet

January 12, 2026, Special Board Budget Meeting, 6:00 p.m., SHS Library/via Google Meet

7. Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Grant, seconded by Mr. Campbell, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 7:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Gilbert