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Superintendent of Schools

Spaulding High School
Spaulding Educational Alternatives (SEA)
Barre City Elementary and Middle School
Barre Town Middle and Elementary School

MEMORANDUM

TO: **Barre Unified Union School District Facilities Committee**
Giuliano Cecchinelli II (chair), Catherine Whalen, Jamie Evans, Director of Facilities,
Andy McMichael - Community Member, Michael Baribault - Community Member

DATE: June 9, 2026

RE: **BUUSD Facilities Committee Special Meeting**
June 15, 2026 @ 6:00 p.m.
In-Person: Spaulding High School Library, 155 Ayers St., Barre
Remote: Meeting ID: meet.google.com/muk-cgjw-ayf
Phone Number: (US)+1 929-277-5801 PIN: 820 386 677#

Please Note: If you attend the meeting remotely, you must state your name for the record to satisfy the Open Meeting Law.

Committee Charge: *The charge is to finalize a long-range master and operations plan and to determine how and when to bring projects to the full School Board for approval and or updates.*

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes
 - 2.1. [May 18, 2026](#)
3. Additions/Changes to the Agenda with Motion to Approve
4. Public Comment
5. Current Business
 - 5.1. [Summer Projects](#)
 - 5.2. SHS Foundation Update
 - 5.2.1. [Barre Rivers Collective - River Access Project](#)
 - 5.3. [CVCC Facilities Committee Meeting Request](#)
6. Next Meeting Date: August 17, 2026, 6:00 p.m., Spaulding High School Library and via Google Meet
7. Adjournment

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**BARRE UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
FACILITIES COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING**
Spaulding High School Library and via Video Conference – Google Meet
May 18, 2026 - 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Giuliano Cecchinelli, II (BC)
Andy McMichael (BC)
Michael Baribault (BT)
Catherine Whalen (BT)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:**OTHER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:****ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:**

Jamie Evans, Facilities Director

GUESTS PRESENT:

Eddie Rouse
Nancy Leclerc (online)
Josh Howard (online)
Denise Maurice (online)

1. Call to Order

Mr. Cecchinelli called the Monday, May 18, 2026, BUUSD Facilities Committee Meeting to order at 6:01 p.m., which was held in the Spaulding High School Library and via video conference.

2. Approval of Minutes**2.1 Minutes April 13, 2026**

Ms. Whalen made a motion to update the minutes to indicate Mr. McMichael's participation in-person. Mr. Baribault seconded the motion and minutes were approved under the stipulation that the participation would be updated.

3. Additions and/or Deletions to the Agenda

None.

4. Public Comment

(2) Public comments made by online attendees

5. Current Business

6.

5.1 Review Facilities Committee Responsibilities

Facilities Committee Charge read aloud by Mr. Cecchinelli

5.2 SHS Foundation Update

Update provided by Mr. Rouse

5.3 SHS Boiler Project

Update provided by Mr. Evans. Consensus regarding whether to bring the SHS Boiler Project to the board was tabled for later meetings pending further discussion.

5.4 2023 Agency of Education Facility Assessment Report for SHS**5.5 Tour of oil boiler room**

In-person attendees to tour the boiler room following the meeting adjournment.

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6. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is June 15, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., at a TBD location within Spaulding High School and via video conference.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Craig Farnham

BCEMS SUMMER PROJECTS

2026

1. Pave fire lane	Johnson Paving	\$24,184
2. Pump room #5 (labor)	Cooper Mechanical	\$35,000
3. Kitchen Ext. Door	Portland Glass	\$4,806
4. Gym Floor	Danaher Floors	\$3,200
5. 200 & 201 floors (labor)	Lackey	\$7,740
6. Bathroom GT-9	Lackey	\$4,626
		Total = \$79,556

Maintenance - Construction line item \$100,800 @ \$.80/sq ft

BTMES SUMMER PROJECTS

2026

1. Classroom floors	Lackey Flooring	\$30,217
2. Door #18 Replacement	Portland Glass	\$19,885
3. Wood Chip Boiler upgrade	Messersmith	\$ 20K estimate
4. Classroom Walls	Maint. Staff	\$5,000 estimate
5. Two rooftop AC units	Alpine AC	\$24,000

Total = \$99,102

Maintenance – Construction lime item \$124,800 @ \$.80/sq ft

SHS SUMMER PROJECTS

2026

1. Gym Floor	Danaher Floors	\$8,000
2. Oil Boiler Project	TBD	\$_____
3. Ext Door Replacement	Portland Glass	\$17,080
		Total = \$25,080

Maintenance – Construction line item \$168,000 @ \$.80/sq ft



Barre Rivers Collective

Our vision is a community rooted in care and inclusion, where people can feel welcome, safe, and connected to the rivers of our city.

Garrett Grant

Chair, Barre Unified Union School District

Dear Mr. Grant,

The Barre Rivers Collective is currently working in partnership with the City of Barre, Friends of Winooski, Vermont River Conservancy, and the National Park Service to advance priority projects identified in the Barre City River Access Master Plan. One of the projects we are hoping to move forward is a thoughtfully designed river access improvement at Spaulding High School. The proposal is outlined in the [Story Map](#) linked here, which summarizes the broader master plan and highlights the priority sites. This project has been ranked as one of the top 5 priority sites by both the Barre City Council and Barre community members.

As we consider next steps, we want to ensure that we proceed through the appropriate and transparent channels within the district. Given the complexity of flood risk, site management, and educational use, we believe this proposal would benefit from broader consideration that includes administrative, board-level, and educational perspectives.

In addition to improving managed river access and long-term site resilience, this project presents meaningful opportunities for place-based learning. Several community members have indicated that there may be faculty interested in integrating river dynamics, floodplain function, and watershed ecology into coursework. We see potential for a partnership that supports both educational outcomes and responsible river stewardship.

Because we do not have direct institutional ties to the school, we would greatly value your advice on the most appropriate path forward. Our goal is to collaborate constructively and align the project with district priorities, safety considerations, and long-term site management goals. Any guidance you can provide on navigating this effectively would be very much appreciated.

Cordially,
Danielle

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STUDY OF SPAULDING HIGH OUTDOOR CLASSROOM AND WEST PATTERSON PEDESTRIAN ROUTE

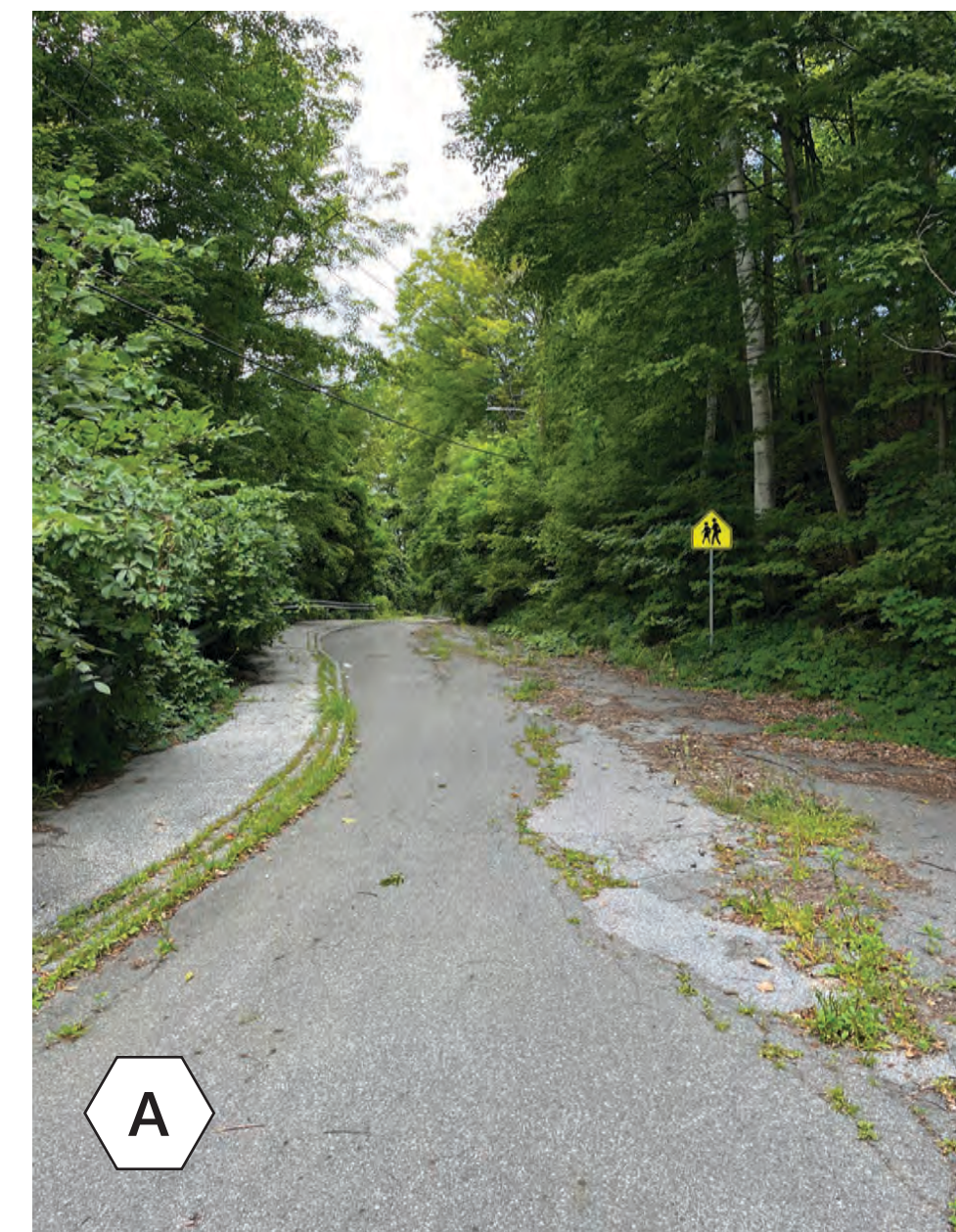
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SPAULDING HIGH SCHOOL OUTDOOR CLASSROOM

The Outdoor Classroom is tucked into a grove of ornamental and shade trees near the river. It provides an opportunity to bring students into a unique space for learning. In addition, it provides social space for after school activities, sports events, and for casual visitors to the riverside trail.

1. An ADA compliant walk of permeable pavement connects the outdoor classroom with the school and is the surfacing around the seat walls. Both entries are accessible from the trail.
2. Seat walls, approximately 16" high provide permanent seating. The circular layout directs student's attention to a central focal point.
3. Although not shown, the grading plan can be designed with sloping sides to tuck the classroom into the grade with the top of the outer wall can be flush with grade.
4. Steps lead from one level to the next.



Existing condition



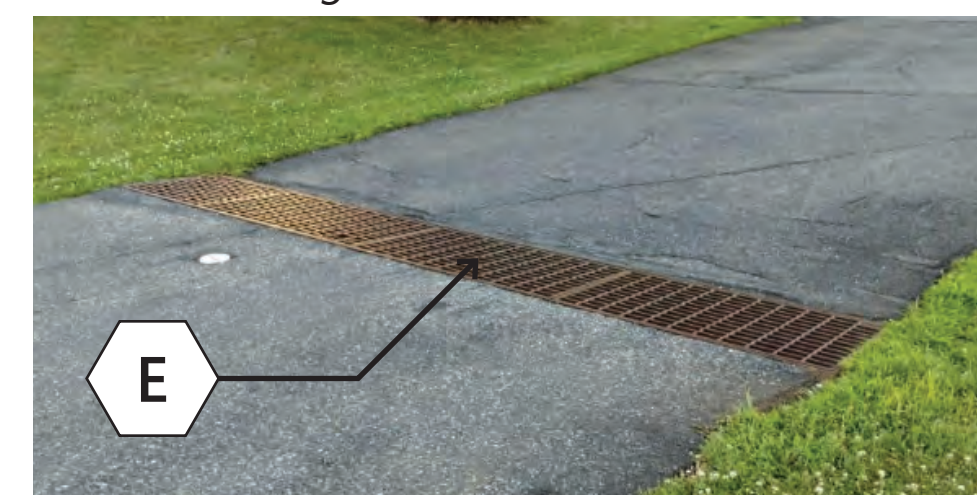
Segmental retaining wall



Wood retaining wall



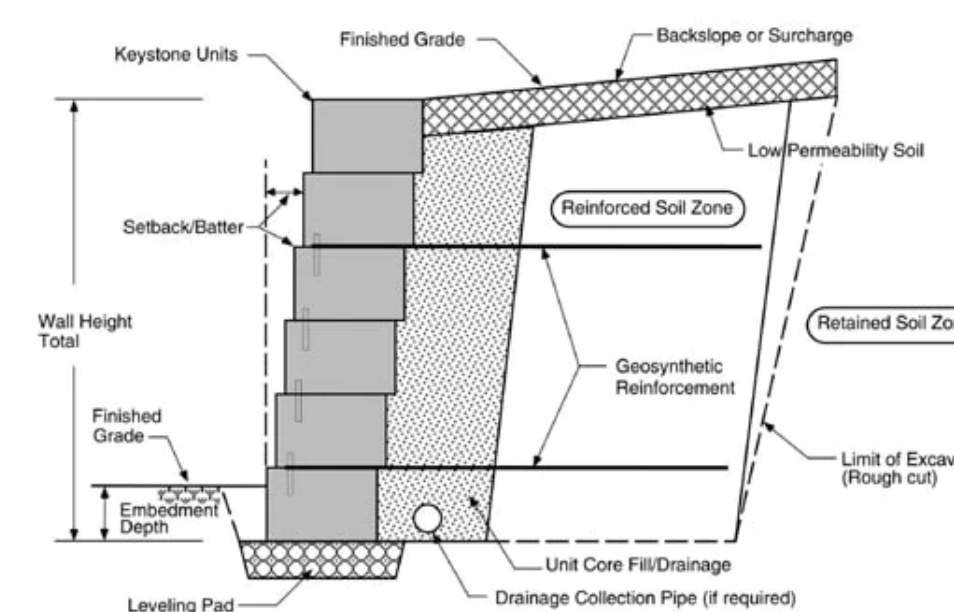
Stone retaining wall



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West Patterson Street is currently being used by students for a direct connection from the neighborhoods located NE of Spaulding High School to Ayers Street. The following improvements could provide a pleasant walk in addition to shoring up the hillsides with retaining walls designed to shore-up the hillside and to capture and redirect storm water away from the downslope side of West Patterson:

- A. Remove existing sidewalk and asphalt.
- B. Design a new walk that curves back and forth on the available surface. The goal would be to elongate the route to decrease the slope of the new walk. The longer the walk, the flatter the slope, so maximize the curves.
- C. On the uphill side, engineer a retaining wall to follow the curve of the new walk. This extends the slope into the existing roadway, flattening the slope above the wall.
- D. Curb the walkway on the downhill side to contain runoff. Provide a guardrail for safety.
- E. Provide trench drains across the walkway at regular intervals to capture and redirect runoff.
- F. Plant the slopes with native shrubs with erosion control properties.
- G. Create inviting entries at the top and bottom of W. Patterson with signage for wayfinding and slope information.



This detail shows gravel behind the retaining wall designed to let water filter to a perforated storm pipe



WEST PATTERSON PEDESTRIAN ROUTE



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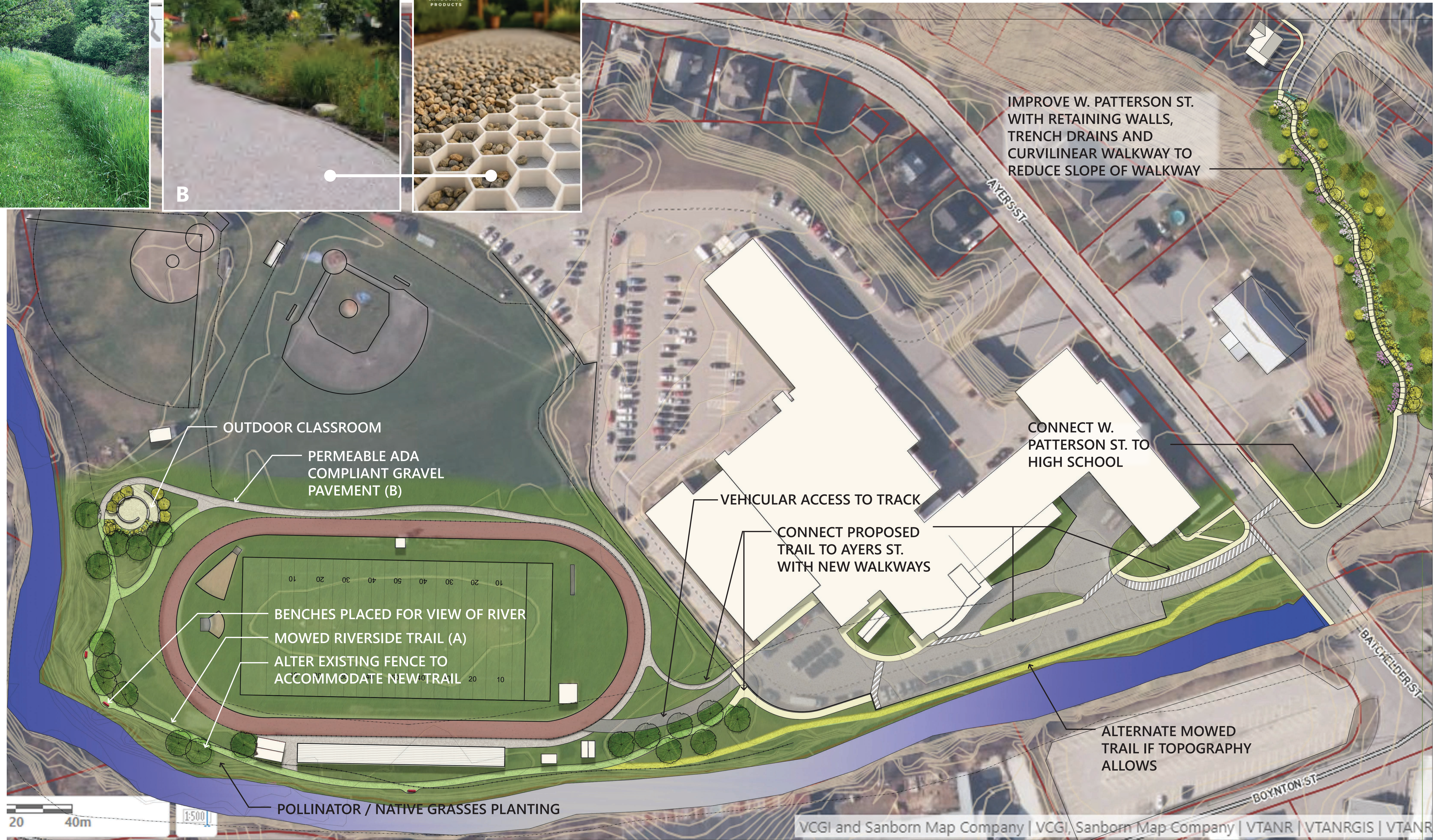
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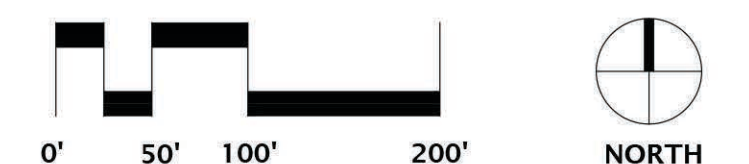
SPAULDING HIGH SCHOOL RIVER TRAIL WITH OUTDOOR CLASSROOM AND W. PATTERSON ST. PEDESTRIAN ROUTE

5/28/2026



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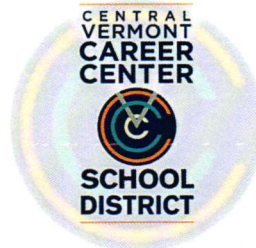
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April 14, 2026

JoAn Canning
BUUSD Supervisory Union
120 Ayers Street
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RE: Central Vermont Career Center Facility Needs

Dear Ms. Canning,

As you are likely aware, the Central Vermont Career Center has experienced increasing student demand in recent years. In response, we are working to thoughtfully evolve and grow in alignment with the Central Vermont Career Center School District Board's goals and vision.

To support this effort, we would like to explore establishing a coordinated process between the CVCCSD Facilities Committee and the BUUSD Facilities Committee. Our intention is to develop a clear, consistent, and collaborative approach for reviewing space utilization and considering any potential adjustments, as outlined in our facilities use agreement while ensuring that all students at both Central Vermont Career Center and Spaulding High School have the support and opportunities they need to succeed.

Based on our understanding, CVCC currently uses approximately 43,776 square feet of the facility's total 229,513 square feet (19.1%). Per the facilities use agreement, we pay 20% of the annual costs of the BUUSD Health Office, Library, Facility, and Electrical as well as 20% of the Facilities Director's salary and benefits, Electrician's salary and benefits. We pay for Tech Director Support - 2 hours/week, Active Directory support, SWANK, Adobe, and VOIP, as well as 20% of the SHS roof debt. A total of over \$500,000.00 annually.

We would greatly value the opportunity to collaborate and engage in a constructive dialogue about how best to plan for current and future needs. Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to your thoughts and the possibility of collaborating on this important matter.

Sincerely,

Jody L. Emerson,
CVCCSD Superintendent

Cc. Garrett Grant, BUUSD Chair
Todd Comen, CVCCSD Chair

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