

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

MINUTES

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Emily Wheeler Reynolds (BT)
Samn Stockwell (BC)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Jeff Eddy - V. Chair (BC)

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:

JoAn Canning, Superintendent

GUESTS PRESENT:

None

1. Call to Order

The Superintendent, Ms. Canning, called the May 18, 2026, BUUSD Policy Committee meeting to order at 6:02 p.m., which was held in the Spaulding High School Library and virtually via Google Meet.

2. Reorganize (elect Chair, V. Chair)

Ms. Canning requested nominations for Chair. Ms. Wheeler Reynolds was the only nominee. Everyone approved the nomination, and the rest of the meeting was led by Ms. Wheeler Reynolds.

Ms. Wheeler Reynolds nominated Ms. Stockwell as Vice Chair. Mr. Harlow seconded that. The nomination was approved.

3. Additions/Changes to the Agenda

Add 6.1.A Board Norms

Ms. Stockwell made a motion to approve the agenda with the amendment, seconded by Mr. Harlow; the motion passed unanimously.

4. Public Comment. None

5. Approval of Minutes:

5.1 February 11, 2026

The only member from the previous committee is not present. Ms. Wheeler Reynolds recommended postponing approval of these minutes until the next meeting (June).

Ms. Stockwell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harlow, to accept the recommendation; the motion passed unanimously.

6. Current Business

6.1 Review the Charge/Responsibilities

Ms. Wheeler Reynolds reviewed the document titled "Policy Committee Charge" provided in the packet. Committee members discussed additional questions.

6.1.A - Board Norms

Robert's Rules for committees were discussed as Board Procedure states Robert's Rules and consensus. Recommendations to ask the board to review the Board Procedure.

Ms. Canning recommended that future policies be reviewed, starting with A23, A24, A25, and A26. Reminder given that the VSBA has already vetted these policies legally.

6.2 Board Resolutions

Ms. Wheeler Reynolds explained that this is a way member boards participate in the VSBA's legislative priorities. The Chair reviewed the one resolution provided, titled "Resolution to Support More Equitable Funding for Public Schools in Vermont." The committee worked on edits to the resolution.

Ms. Stockwell made a motion to move the Resolution to Support More Equitable Funding for Public Schools in Vermont, as amended, forward to the Board, seconded by Mr. Harlow; the motion passed unanimously.

6.3 Recommended Policies - VSBA Report Part 2

The following policies will be reviewed for the next meeting: A23, A24, A25, and A26. The VSBA audit provided a list of all recommended and noted things to review.

7. Anticipated Future Policies to Review: listed in 6.3

8. Next Meeting Date

June 15, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at Spaulding High School and via Google Meet.

9. Adjournment

On a motion by Ms. Stockwell, seconded by Mr. Harlow, the committee unanimously voted to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,
Tina Gilbert