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BARRE UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL BOARD BUDGET MEETING

BUUSD Central Office and via Video Conference – Google Meet
August 14, 2026 - 12:00 p.m.

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Garrett Grant (BC) - Chair
Giuliano Cecchinelli II (BC) - Vice Chair
Emily Wheeler Reynolds (BT) - Clerk
Jackie Wheeler (At-Large) (virtual)
Catherine Whalen (BT)
Ian Campbell (BT) (virtual)
Lindsey Wells (BT)
Samn Stockwell (BC) (virtual)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Jeff Eddy (BC)

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:

Emilie Knisley, Superintendent
John Smith, Manager of Operations
Dan Lagerstedt, IT Specialist

GUESTS PRESENT:

Dave Delcore - Times Argus, Jeff Blow, Josh Howard, Paul Malone, Nancy Leclerc.

1. Call to Order

The Board Chair, Mr. Grant, called the August 14, 2026, meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. at the BUUSD Central Office in Barre and via video conference.

2. Additions or Deletions with Motion to Approve the Agenda

None

Mr. Cecchinelli II made a motion, seconded by Ms. Stockwell, to approve the agenda as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

3. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

Mr. Grant explained the public comment. None

4. Current Business

4.1. FY27 Corrected Budget Approval

Mr. Grant took responsibility for the board's role in the incorrect information at the August 12th meeting. Correction is \$300,000 less with a 2.11% increase.

Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cecchinelli II, to approve the \$57,129,257 for fiscal year 27; the motion passed 6 to 1. Mrs. Whalen voted against the motion.

Ms. Whalen made a motion to amend the motion, seconded by Mr. Cecchinelli II, to approve an additional \$300,000 less; the motion failed 5 to 2. Mr. Cecchinelli II, Ms. Wheeler Reynolds, Mrs. Wheeler, Ms. Stockwell, and Mr. Campbell voted against the motion.

4.2. FY27 Corrected Budget Warning Approval for September 15, 2026 Revote

Mr. Grant read the warning for the record.

Mr. Cecchinelli II made a motion, seconded by Ms. Wheeler Reynolds, to approve the FY27 corrected Warning for September 15th Revote; the motion passed 6 to 1. Mrs. Whalen voted against the motion.

5. Adjournment

On a motion by Ms. Wheeler Reynolds, seconded by Mr. Campbell, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 12:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tina Gilbert