



**REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**  
Barre City Elementary and Middle School –Library  
April 11, 2016 - 5:30 p.m.

**MINUTES**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Sonya Spaulding – Chair  
Jim Carrien – Vice Chair  
Tyler Smith - Clerk  
Giuliano Cecchinelli, II  
Anita Chadderton  
C. Sedillia Jenkins

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Vacant Position  
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**ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:**

John Pandolfo, Superintendent  
James Taffel, Principal – arrived at 5:35 p.m.  
Jackie Tolman, Principal  
Stacy Anderson, Director of Special Services

**GUESTS PRESENT:**

Video Vision Tech      Dave Delcore-Times Argus      Joe Blakely      Michael Deering

**1. Call to Order: Pledge of Allegiance**

The Chair, Mrs. Spaulding, called the Monday, April 11, 2016, Regular meeting to order at 5:32 p.m., which was held at the Barre City Elementary and Middle School Library. The flag salute followed. The Board held a moment of contemplation and silence to remember those individuals who are no longer with us.

**2. New Board Member Interviews**

Letters of interest from Joe Blakely and Michael Deering were distributed. The candidates were introduced and each provided an overview of their reasons for wishing to serve on the Board. **On a motion by Mr. Cecchinelli, seconded by Mr. Carrien, the Board unanimously voted to appoint Mr. Deering to fill a three year Board position. On a motion by Mr. Carrien, seconded by Mrs. Chadderton, the Board unanimously voted to appoint Mr. Blakely to fill a three year Board position.** It was noted that the appointments to the Board were valid until the next election, at which time, the appointees, if they wish to remain on the Board, would need to have their names added to the ballot. The candidates were advised to go to the Barre City Clerk to be sworn in, and to notify Debra Gibson of their contact information.

**3. Additions and/or Deletions to the Agenda**

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

**4. Visitors and Communications**

None.

**5. Approval of Minutes**

**5.1 Approval of Minutes – March 14, 2016 Regular Meeting**

**On a motion by Mrs. Chadderton, seconded by Mr. Smith, the Board unanimously voted to approve, as amended, the Minutes of the March 14, 2016 Regular Meeting.**

**6. Old Business**

**6.1 Act 46 Update and Committee Membership**

A copy of a letter to Mr. Smith, Board Clerk, was distributed. Mr. Pandolfo provided a brief overview regarding the request outlined in the letter and requested that the Board accept the recommendation from the Act 46 Study Committee, to rescind Mr. Tatro's

appointment, and seek to appoint another individual to the position. **On a motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Cecchinelli, the Board unanimously voted to accept the Act 46 Study Committee's recommendation to remove Mr. Tatro from the Committee, and seek a new candidate for appointment.** Mr. Pandolfo will notify the Spaulding Board, and post the available position in the Times Argus and Washington World. Additionally, Mr. Pandolfo will post the open BCEMS and SHS Board positions. Mr. Blakely advised that there is currently a candidate who is very interested in the SHS Board position, and advised that advertisement may not be necessary for that position. Mr. Blakely requested that the open position on the BCEMS Board be conveyed to the PTO, to parents, and be posted on the school bulletin board. Mr. Taffel will announce the open position in the school newsletter. Mr. Pandolfo provided an overview of the Committee's progress and future action items. The next meeting is scheduled for April 28, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. at Spaulding High School. The next Public Forum is slated for May 19, 2016. Mr. Pandolfo reiterated that Act 46 information is available on the SU web site.

### **6.2 Facilities Update: Heating System, Controls and Security Upgrades Including Financing**

A copy of the architect's floor plan was distributed. Mr. Pandolfo advised that once design details are available, the RFP will be sent out. A recommendation for a contractor may be available for the May 9, 2016 meeting. Additionally, Mr. Pandolfo advised that an RFP for the card swipe system will be sent out in the near future. A contract has been signed for the boiler's AFS (Advanced Fabrication System). It was noted that the grant requirements for this system, have been quite cumbersome. As some of the grant requirements will add expense to the project, the Board may wish to reconsider applying for the grant. This issue will be discussed further at the May meeting. An RFP for the controls will be sent out in the near future. Mr. Pandolfo hopes to have a recommendation to present at the June meeting. Mrs. Perreault will be contacting banks regarding loan information. Mr. Pandolfo advised that costs for the current boiler project (installation of overhead doors) are approximately \$15,000 over the approved amount of \$50,000. Mr. Pandolfo advised regarding the options for remedying the overage. **On a motion by Mr. Carrien, seconded by Mrs. Chadderton, the Board unanimously voted to approve using an additional \$15,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund, and that any additional costs will be taken from the General Fund.**

### **6.3 Second Reading School-Community Relations Policy (E30)**

A copy of the policy was distributed.

**On a motion by Mrs. Chadderton, seconded by Mr. Carrien, the Board unanimously voted to approve the Second Reading of the School-Community Relations Policy (E30).**

### **6.4 Second Reading BSU Fiscal Management and General Financial Accountability Policy (E1)**

A copy of the policy was distributed.

**On a motion by Mrs. Chadderton, seconded by Mr. Smith, the Board unanimously voted to ratify the BSU Fiscal Management and General Financial Accountability Policy (E1) and the BSU Budgeting Policy (E2).**

### **6.5 Second Reading BSU Budgeting Policy (E2)**

A copy of the policy was distributed. This policy was ratified under Agenda Item 6.4.

### **6.6 Rescind DA, DB**

Copies of policies DA and DB were distributed.

**On a motion by Mrs. Chadderton, seconded by Mr. Smith, the Board unanimously voted to rescind policies DA and DB.**

## **7. New Business**

### **7.1 Resign/Retire**

A letter of resignation from Barbara Brugger was distributed.

**On a motion by Mrs. Chadderton, seconded by Mr. Smith, the Board unanimously voted to accept, with regrets, best wishes, and appreciation for years of dedicated service, the resignation of Barbara Brugger.**

### **7.2 SHAC Committee**

Mr. Pandolfo requested the Board's support for more active committee membership and suggested the possibility of having a Board Member regularly attend SHAC Committee meetings. Mr. Blakely advised he is interested in attending the meetings. Mr. Taffel will provide SHAC Committee updates in the Principal's Report.

### **7.3 Student Exchange with Barre Town School District**

Mr. Pandolfo advised regarding some of the scenarios that generate these requests. Mr. Taffel advised that student exchanges have been approved in the past. The Board agreed to discuss this matter further. It was noted that Act 46 may have an impact on student exchanges.

### **7.4 Approval of Baseball Program**

Ms. Tolman provided an update on progress to-date, including the donation of a \$200 gift card (from Dick's Sporting Goods) to be used for purchase of baseball hats. It was noted that there are currently no anticipated expenses for umpires, as all scheduled games are 'away' games.

**On a motion by Mr. Carrien, seconded by Mrs. Chadderton, the Board unanimously voted to approve the reformation of the BCEMS Middle School Baseball program.**

### **7.5 Cool Schools**

Ms. Tolman advised that BCEMS was nominated as a “cool school” and was contacted by the local ABC News affiliate. BCEMS was filmed for 9 broadcast segments. Ms. Tolman played one of the video segments. Ms. Tolman publicly recognized the following individuals for their involvement in this endeavor: Linda Rodriguez, Morgan Matthews, Mike Mislak, Amanda Babcock, Jason Woodard, Brian Burgess, Abbey Smith, Heather Weiler, and Dawn Poitras. Ms. Tolman will send out a link to the video segments.

## **8. Board Reports**

### **8.1 Superintendent**

A copy of the Superintendent’s report dated April 4, 2016 was distributed. The report included information pertaining to; progress of the Act 46 Study Committee, negotiations with custodial/maintenance staff, the Facilities Director Position, the Tri-Board Retreat (tentatively scheduled for June 21, 2016), Board representation at negotiations, and the proposed BCEMS Board size Charter Amendment. Two additional documents were distributed: ‘2016 Spring Workshops’ and ‘Board Meeting Schedule’. Additionally, Mr. Pandolfo advised that 4 additional negotiation meeting dates have been scheduled between the end of April and Memorial Day, progress is being made regarding the hiring process for a new Facilities Director , a Board Member representative will be necessary for next year’s negotiations, Board Chairs and the Superintendent are required to participate in 8 hours of joint training, VSBA is offering Board Member training, Policy Committee meetings will be scheduled after Ms. Jenkins meets with Mrs. Walz, and the Tri-Board Retreat has been tentatively scheduled for June 21, 2016. Mrs. Chadderton advised that she has a conflict with June 21<sup>st</sup>. It was noted that the Barre Town Board recently reviewed invoices from the Times Argus, and feel they are spending a lot of the school budget on advertising. The BTMES Finance Committee will review the issue and make a recommendation. The BCEMS Board may also wish to research this matter.

### **8.2 Principals Report**

A copy of the Co-Principals’ report dated April 2016 was distributed. The report included information pertaining to; the impact of the recent loss of two students (Abigail Haigh and Drew Bernier) and teacher Kim Douse, SBAC testing, the regional music concert, class placement planning, NECAP Science Assessments, and the afterschool program grant (which regretfully, was not approved). Ms. Tolman expressed gratitude to Tech Support and the Curriculum Department for their efforts assisting with assuring that SBAC testing ran smoothly. Mr. Taffel provided a brief overview of SBAC testing. Mr. Taffel advised that this has been an emotionally difficult time for the community, students and staff, as they mourn the loss of two students (Drew Bernier and Abby Haigh), and one teacher (Kimberly Douse).

### **8.3 Committee Reports**

**Policy** – The Committee has not met recently.

**Curriculum** – The Committee met approximately two weeks ago. Discussion included an update from Julia Blatchford (Spanish teacher) regarding a new Spanish program.

**Facility/Security** – The next meeting will be on May 2, 2016.

**Finance** – The Committee met on February 4, 2016. The BCEMS Expense Budget Status Report dated 04/07/16, was distributed. It was noted that there is currently a \$14,000 deficit projected. Two meetings have been scheduled: May 3, 2016, and May 26, 2016.

### **8.4 Financial Report**

See Agenda Item 8.3 Committee Reports.

## **9. Round Table/Future Agenda Items**

Mrs. Anderson reported that she has applied for a grant to assist with costs associated with Wilson Reading Training. Additionally, Mrs. Anderson advised that the Unified Sports Bocce team has started practicing. The Bocce competition will be held in May. It was noted that an 8<sup>th</sup> grade student placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the State Spelling Bee competition.

Mrs. Chadderton requested that student presentations be reinstated at the beginning of Board Meetings. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade spelling bee team will present at the May meeting.

## **10. Executive Session**

### **10.1 Personnel**

### **10.2 Student**

Items proposed for discussion in Executive Session include a Personnel Issue and a Student Matter.

**On a motion by Mrs. Chadderton, seconded by Mr. Smith, the Board unanimously agreed to find that premature general public knowledge of the items proposed for discussion would clearly place Barre City Elementary and Middle School at a substantial disadvantage should the discussion be public.**

**On a motion by Mrs. Chadderton, seconded by Mr. Smith, the Board unanimously voted to enter into Executive Session at 7:20 p.m. under the provisions of 1 VSA section 313 to discuss the items proposed for discussion.**

Mr. Pandolfo, Mrs. Anderson, and Mr. Taffel were invited to join Executive Session.

The remaining information was provided by the Board Clerk.

**On a motion by Mrs. Chadderton, seconded by Mr. Carrien, the Board unanimously voted to exit Executive Session at 8:04 p.m.**

No action taken.

#### **11. Adjournment**

**On a motion by Mr. Cecchinelli, seconded by Mr. Carrien, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:05 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,  
*Andrea Poulin*