

BARRE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Barre City Elementary and Middle School –Library
November 14, 2016 - 5:30 p.m.

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sonya Spaulding – Chair
Tyler Smith – Clerk
Joe Blakely – arrived at 6:02 p.m.
Giuliano Cecchinelli, II
Michael Deering
C. Sedillia Jenkins – arrived at 5:35 p.m.
Andrew McMichael

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Jim Carrien – Vice Chair

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:

John Pandolfo, Superintendent
James Taffel, Principal
Stacy Anderson, Director of Special Services
Jaimie Evans, Facilities Director
Richard McCraw, M.Ed., Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment
Lisa Perreault, Business Manager

GUESTS PRESENT:

Video Vision Tech Dave Delcore-Times Argus

1. Call to Order: Pledge of Allegiance

The Chair, Mrs. Spaulding, called the Monday, November 14, 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.

2. New Board Member Interview

No action.

3. Additions and/or Deletions to the Agenda

Add 10.2 – Personnel under Executive Session

4. Visitors and Communications

None.

5. Approval of Minutes

5.1 Approval of Minutes – October 10, 2016 Regular Meeting

On a motion by Mr. Cecchinelli, seconded by Mr. Deering, the Board unanimously voted to approve the Minutes of the October 10, 2016 Regular Meeting.

6. Old Business

6.1 Resign/Retire

Letters of resignation from Dawn Fuller-Ball and Melissa Tappin were distributed. Mr. Pandolfo provided a brief overview regarding the reasons for the resignations.

On a motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Deering, the Board unanimously voted to accept the resignation of Dawn Fuller-Ball.

On a motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Cecchinelli, the Board unanimously voted to accept the resignation of Melissa Tappin.

6.2 SBAC (Rick McCraw)

A document titled 'The SBAC Assessment: An Overview of the Spring 2016 Results' was distributed. Mr. McCraw distributed an additional document containing reformatted data from slides 6 and 7. Mr. McCraw addressed the Board advising that a Power Point presentation would be presented to provide an overview of BCEMS SBAC scores. Mr. McCraw advised that all students in grades 3 – 8 (as well as grade 11) were tested. Though testing has occurred for 4 years, this is the first year that contains usable data and is the first year of being held accountable for the results. No trend data is available, as 3 years of 'usable' data is required for trending purposes. Mr. McCraw presented the Power Point presentation which included results of Spring 2016 testing, with and without disaggregated data based on gender, free/reduced lunch, and students with disabilities. An additional category, 'Children of Military Families' will be introduced next year. Additional data included comparisons between BCEMS and state averages. It was noted that English Language was lower overall, but that Math scores (with the exception of 5th grade) were on par with the State average. Fifth grade girls, tend to achieve higher than fifth grade boys. Students who qualify for free/reduced lunch, achieved higher than the state average. It was also noted that data on specific subgroups was not provided by the State, as there are too few students in those categories (English-language learners, Migrant works, and Races other than white). Mr. McCraw also provided an overview of 'observations' and 'next-steps'. Concern was voiced regarding transitioning to high school, students who are not proficient. Proficiency Based Learning, which includes Personalized Learning Plans, may assist students with achieving proficiency. There is concern regarding the additional costs associated with Personalized Learning Plans. Concern was also voiced regarding use of Common Core curriculum. It was noted that accountability under ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act) will not be known for 4 to 5 months.

7. New Business

7.1 FY '18 Budget Development

A document titled 'Barre City Elementary and Middle School FY18 Budget Considerations 11/9/16' was distributed. Mrs. Perreault provided a comprehensive overview of the majority of the items listed for budget consideration. It was noted that Administrators have spent a significant amount of time drafting the budget, including thoughtful consideration regarding meeting student needs. Mr. Taffel provided information pertaining to the possible addition of a second grade teacher, a pre-school para-educator, and the cost of field trips. Mr. Evans advised regarding the addition of a Maintenance Assistant position, which would reduce the cost associated with hiring substitute custodians. Additionally, Mr. Evans advised regarding security upgrades and roof repairs. Mrs. Anderson provided information relating to the increase for one full time licensed special educator, which would be off-set by a reduction in para-educator support.

7.2 Act 46 Update

Two documents were distributed; a document from the State Board of Education (dated October 18, 2016), titled 'AGENCY OF EDUCATION', and Minutes from the October 6, 2016 Act 46 – 706 Study Committee Meeting. Mr. Pandolfo advised that the Act 46 Committee met on November 10, 2016. The Committee felt strongly that a petition asking for a revote should be generated. Mr. Pandolfo provided detailed information regarding the requirements for reconsideration of Article I, including the deadline for submission of reconsideration petitions (December 8, 2016), the number of petition signatures required (between 5% and 20%), and that a revote must pass by 2/3 (333 or more votes) of the margin by which it failed. Mr. Pandolfo advised that if reconsideration is not requested, or does not pass, the vote will be certified and the current Act 46 706 Study Committee will be dissolved. If no additional action is taken, the vote will stand and any consolidation will occur under decisions made at the State level. If the district schools wish to rewrite any of the Articles, a new 706 Study Committee would need to be formed. It was noted that the \$150,000 implementation grant does not apply to those who consolidate after July 30, 2017. Districts that consolidate after July 30, 2018, will not receive the tax incentives.

8. Board Reports

8.1 Superintendent

A copy of the Superintendent's report dated November 8, 2016 was distributed. The report included information pertaining to; the Act 46 Study Committee, the VSBA/VSA Conferences (held 10/19 – 10/21), Negotiations (the health insurance proposal was presented to the three negotiation teams – Teachers, Para-Educators, and Custodial/Maintenance, on November 7, 2016), and Act 153, Transportation Consolidation (official/written approval has been received from the AOE). A copy of the letter from the Secretary of Education, confirming their approval of the Transportation Plan and recognizing that the BSU is in compliance with 16 V.S.A. §261a(a)(8)(E), was also distributed. Mr. Pandolfo, Mr. Taffel and the BCEMS Nurse met recently with representatives of the 'Dental Van' that's associated with the Plainfield Health Center. They are interested in starting a program to help serve the students of BCEMS. The dental van has 2 hygienists and can serve approximately 18 students per day. The existing Tooth Tutor will most likely act as liaison for the program.

8.2 Principals Report

A copy of the Co-Principals' report dated November 2016 was distributed. The report included information pertaining to; the UVM Teacher of the Year (Kindergarten teacher Allyson Healey was recognized at the award ceremony on October 18, 2016), First quarter report cards (sent home 11/09/16), Spelling Teams for grades 5/6 & 7/8 (the 5/6th grade team took first place in the Regional Spelling Competition), the celebration of Unity Day (10/19/16), and the Walk, Run, Fun event which was held on 09/29/16, and raised \$37,471.55. Mr. Taffel advised that NAEP (National Assessment of Educational Progress) testing (which occurs every 2 years) will occur on 02/22/17 for 4th graders, and on 02/23/16 for 8th graders. Proctoring of NAEP testing is performed by outside staff, not

BCEMS teachers. Mr. Taffel highlighted BCEMS's teacher of the year, Allyson Healey, and read the nomination form that was submitted on her behalf.

8.3 Committee Reports

Policy – The Committee has postponed meetings until after the November 8, 2016 Act 46 vote. Previous discussion centered on rescinding school policies and adoption of SU wide policies. The next meeting will be on November 16, 2016. The SU Policy Committee has been meeting to review required policies and identify other policies that should be written at the SU level.

Curriculum – The Committee recently met to discuss the topic of frequent absences. The next meeting is on Monday, November 28, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. Discussion will include a review of the 2016 Summer School Program, and discussion of programs for the 2017 Summer School Program.

Facility/Security – There was no meeting in November. The next meeting will be on December 6, 2016.

Finance – The Committee met recently to discuss FY 18 budget considerations. Minutes have been e-mailed to Board Members. The next meeting is scheduled for December 6, 2016.

8.4 Financial Report

The BCEMS Expense Budget Status Report was distributed.

9. Round Table/Future Agenda Items

Supervisory Union Policy Committee – Tuesday, November 15, 2016 at 7:30 a.m.

Policy Committee – Wednesday, November 16, 2016, at 5:00 p.m. in the BCEMS Conference Room

Curriculum Committee – Monday, November 28, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. in the BCEMS Conference Room

Finance Committee – Tuesday, December 6, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. in the BCEMS Conference Room

Facilities Committee – Tuesday, December 6, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. in the BCEMS Conference Room

10. Executive Session

10.1 Labor Relation Agreements

10.2 Personnel Issue

Items proposed for discussion in Executive Session include Labor Relations Agreements and a Personnel Issue.

On a motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Blakely, 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 Mr. Deering, seconded by Mr. Smith, the Board unanimously voted to enter into Executive Session, with Mr. Pandolfo and Mr. Taffel in attendance, at 7:46 p.m. under the provisions of 1 VSA section 313 to discuss the items proposed for discussion.

The remaining information was provided by the Board Clerk.

On a motion by Mr. Deering, seconded by Ms. Jenkins, the Board unanimously voted to exit Executive Session at 8:17p.m.

On a motion by Mr. Blakely, seconded by Mr. Deering, the Board unanimously voted to accept the Superintendent's recommendation regarding a personnel issue.

11. Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Deering, seconded by Mr. Cecchinelli, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Poulin