

# **BARRE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**  
Barre City Elementary and Middle School –Library  
April 10, 2017 - 5:30 p.m.

## **MINUTES**

### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Sonya Spaulding – Chair  
Giuliano Cecchinelli, II – Vice Chair  
Tyler Smith - Clerk  
Jennifer Chioldi  
Michael Deering  
Andrew McMichael  
Sarah Pregent

### **BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

### **ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:**

John Pandolfo, Superintendent  
James Taffel, Principal  
Jackie Tolman, Principal  
Stacy Anderson, Director of Special Services

### **GUESTS PRESENT:**

Video Vision Tech      Dave Delcore-Times Argus      Jacob Aldrich      Jennifer Aldrich      Shane Aldrich  
Zach Aldrich

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

The Chair, Mrs. Spaulding, called the Monday, April 10, 2017, 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. Additions and/or Deletions to the Agenda**

Delete 9.1 – No Executive Session is needed.

#### **3. Visitors and Communications**

There were no visitors for non-agenda items.

#### **4. Approval of Minutes**

##### **4.1 Approval of Minutes – March 13, 2017 Regular Meeting**

On a motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. McMichael, the Board unanimously voted to approve, as amended, the Minutes of the March 13, 2017 Regular Meeting.

##### **4.2 Approval of Minutes – March 23, 2017 Tri-Board Meeting**

On a motion by Mr. Deering, seconded by Mr. Smith, the Board unanimously voted to approve, as amended, the Minutes of the March 23, 2017 Tri-Board Meeting.

#### **5. New Business**

##### **5.1 Student Presentation – “The History of the Barre Granite Industry with an Emphasis on Trains”**

A document titled “The History of the Barre Granite Industry with an Emphasis on Trains” was distributed. Mr. Aldrich addressed the Board advising of the ‘to scale’, working model of the History of the Barre Granite Industry. Mr. Aldrich advised that the model was built by students in the Explore Block. This project involved 15 students working 40 minutes per day for 6 weeks. The Board moved to the Explore Block classroom at 5:42 p.m. to view the model and watch a presentation by students. It was noted that there were various ‘outside’ individuals that contributed to the success of this project. Contributors are listed in the informational pamphlet. Students presented the model to the Board and advised regarding the steps involved in creating the intricate model, including the various challenges as well as their feelings of accomplishment. Students answered questions from the Board and were lauded for their efforts in creating this model. The Board returned to the library at 6:08 p.m. to resume the Board Meeting.

## **5.2 Resignation**

A letter of resignation from Judith Watt was distributed. Mrs. Anderson advised that Ms. Watt has worked at BCEMS for 1 year, serving in the 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade.

**On a motion by Mrs. Pregent, seconded by Mr. McMichael, the Board unanimously voted to accept the resignation of Judith Watt.**

## **5.3 FY18 Budget Revote**

A draft version of a document titled 'THE BUDGET IS A FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF OUR VALUES AND BELIEFS' was distributed. Mrs. Spaulding provided an overview of the document and requested Board approval of the document so that it could be distributed. It was noted that the revote is scheduled for May 9, 2017. **On a motion by Mrs. Pregent, seconded by Mrs. Chioldi, the Board unanimously voted to approve the flier for distribution.** Mrs. Spaulding advised that she would be e-mailing a sign-up sheet for Board Members to sign up to work shifts at the polls. Mrs. Spaulding provided a brief overview of rules pertaining to distribution of materials at the polls.

## **5.4 Workers' Compensation Data**

A document titled 'VSBIT Multi-Line Intermunicipal School Program Loss Ratios by Member 07/01/2004 to 06/30/216' was distributed. Mr. Pandolfo provided an overview of the report and advised that the report includes one large claim relating to a football incident. It was noted that the report contains trend data covering many years (2004 – 2016). Mrs. Spaulding expressed concern regarding the number of student related claims and the number of slip/trip/fall incidents. It was noted that the number of students requiring adult support has increased, which may account for the higher number of student related claims. Mrs. Spaulding would like to identify ways to reduce the number of student related and slip/trip/fall claims and queried regarding any VSBIT recommendations. Mr. Deering queried regarding Workers' Compensation coverage for Washington County Mental Health Employees. Mr. Pandolfo will provide follow-up information, including data on the number of claims filed and more detailed information relating to claims.

## **5.5 Rescind Policies GCE, JFABDE, JFCF, JFCH-JFCI, JK, JO, JP, IFA, IGBFB, IIAD, IJOC, and EF**

Copies of the policies were distributed. Mr. Pandolfo provided a brief overview regarding why these policies are no longer necessary and advised regarding the replacement BSU Policies.

**On a motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. McMichael, the Board unanimously voted to rescind policies GCE, JFABDE, JFCF, JFCH-JFCI, JK, JO, JP, IFA, IGBFB, IIAD, IJOC, and EF.**

## **5.6 Swipe Cards**

It was noted that swipe cards are now in use by staff. Mr. Cecchinelli would like Board Members to have swipe cards to allow for entry into the building when they are locked out (doors not unlocked at meeting times). Mr. Cecchinelli advised that he believes the regular building entry procedures should be followed during school hours. Mr. Pandolfo advised that in the past, he has not been involved in the acquisition of swipe cards for Board Members. Mr. Pandolfo will obtain information regarding what the other BSU schools are doing, as well as procedures at other schools.

## **6. Old Business**

### **6.1 Second and Final Reading Acceptable Use of Electronic Resources & the Internet (G11)**

Copies of the policies referenced in Agenda Items 6.1 through 6.3 were distributed. Mrs. Spaulding provided a brief overview of the policies slated for approval and ratification.

**On a motion by Mr. Deering, seconded by Mr. McMichael, the Board unanimously voted to approve the Second and Final Readings of the policies referenced in Agenda Items 6.1 through 6.3, (G11, G15, and G20), and agreed to ratify said policies.**

### **6.2 Second and Final Reading Special Education (G15)**

Approved under Agenda Item 6.1

### **6.3 Second and Final Reading Proficiency-Based Learning (G20)**

Approved under Agenda Item 6.1

### **6.4 Labor Relations Agreements**

Mr. Pandolfo advised that information relating to negotiations is provided in the Superintendent's Report. Mr. Pandolfo provided a brief overview of the status of negotiations. It was announced that 'letters of intent', rather than contracts, have been distributed to staff. Letters of intent should be returned to the SU no later than 04/15/17, though there is an automatic 15 day extension that is granted.

## **7. Board Reports**

### **7.1 Superintendent**

A copy of the Superintendent's report dated April 3, 2017 was distributed. The report included information pertaining to; Negotiations, Health Care Insurance, SU Central Office Positions, and the Legislative Breakfast (held on April 3, 2017) at Spaulding High School. Mr. Pandolfo advised regarding (education related) legislative action, board meeting 'norms', the recent Barre City water main break, upcoming negotiations with custodial/maintenance staff, and informational meetings relating to changes in health insurance.

### **7.2 Principals Report**

A copy of the Co-Principals' report dated April 2017 was distributed. The report included information pertaining to; SBAC Assessments, Developmental Design 1 training, a presentation by No Strings Marionette, Girls on the Run, ongoing Trauma Informed Training, student placement for the 2017/2018 year, and the Middle School Chorus performance at Senator Bernie Sander's Town Hall Meeting for the Arts (on 03/25/17). The Co-Principals provided additional information pertaining to the writing contest (sponsored by a local family), SBAC testing, a link to the Bernie Sander's Town Hall Meeting video, and notification from Lyman Amsden that a civic group he belongs to wishes to make a donation to BCEMS to assist with funding cultural events.

### **7.3 Committee Reports**

**Policy** – The first meeting of the BSU Policy Committee will be on Monday, May 15, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. in the BSU Second Floor Conference Room.

Regular BSU Policy Committee Meetings will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. in the BSU Second Floor Conference Room.

**Curriculum** – The first meeting of the BSU Curriculum Committee will be on Monday, April 24, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. in the SHS Library. Truancy will be one of the topics presented for discussion.

Regular BSU Curriculum Committee Meetings will be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. in the SHS Library.

**Facility/Security** – The Committee normally meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month. The next meeting, which will be announced, will be held on either Monday, 04/24/17, or Tuesday, 04/25/17.

**Finance** – Minutes of the March 20, 2017 meeting were distributed. This committee normally meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 25, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

### **7.4 Financial Report**

The BCEMS and BSU Expense Budget Status Reports were distributed. Mrs. Perreault will be coming up with year-end projections and looking into what data should be included in reports to the various Boards. The Finance Committee will be reviewing year-end projections and holding discussion regarding year-round reporting requirements.

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

Mr. Pandolfo advised of upcoming agenda items, including; policy rescinds, resignations, truancy, coordination of pre-school centers, follow-up on discussed items, student presentations, and reporting from the BSU Curriculum and Policies Committees.

Mr. Taffel announced receipt of grant money that will be used to hire a social worker to assist with truancy issues. This grant money is available for this year only.

Mr. Smith is very pleased that students are exposed to technology at an early age.

Mrs. Anderson announced that Unified Sports is starting their bocce season. The competition will be held on May 25, 2017 in St. Albans.

Ms. Tolman announced that due to weather related issues, students were not able to attend the Boston Red Sox STEM event. Students were given a historical tour of Boston and visited a museum. Students will be able to attend the STEM event next year. The trip was funded by a grant secured by Maureen Burford.

On May 2, 2017 Pete Cudney will facilitate a Parent Night

The May Day event will be held on May 2, 2017. Scheduling of events is being finalized.

Explore Block students will be competing in the Bridge Building competition being held at Vermont Technical Center on Thursday, April 13, 2017.

Meetings:

Facilities Committee – To be announced.

Policy Committee – Monday, May 15, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. in the BSU Second Floor Conference Room.

Curriculum Committee – Monday, April 24, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. in the SHS Library.

Finance Committee – Tuesday, April 25, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the BCEMS Conference Room.

**9. Executive Session**

No items were proposed for discussion in Executive Session.

**10. Adjournment**

**On a motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Pregent, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 7:27 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

*Andrea Poulin*