

**Barnet School Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 14, 2015
Barnet School**

Members in Attendance: Louis Bushey, Robert Farlice-Rubio, Sue Roberts, James Schenck, David Warden; Principal Shawn Gonyaw; Superintendent Mat Forest.

- 6:05 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Chair Louis Bushey.
A motion was made by Robert Farlice-Rubio to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel matters and negotiations status. The motion was seconded by James Schenck and passed unanimously with no further discussion. **Approved**
- 6:25 p.m. A motion was made by Robert Farlice-Rubio to end Executive Session. The motion was seconded by James Schenck and passed unanimously with no further discussion. **Approved**
- 6:30 p.m. The public portion of the meeting began; Jennifer Quimby joined the meeting.
A motion was made by Robert Farlice-Rubio and seconded by David Warden to accept Carolyn Adam’s request for extended maternity leave. The motion passed unanimously with no further discussion. **Approved**
A motion was made by Robert Farlice-Rubio and seconded by David Warden to accept Christine Owens’ resignation at the end of the school year. The motion passed unanimously with no further discussion. **Approved**
A motion was made by Robert Farlice-Rubio and seconded by Jim Schenck to accept the staffing list presented by Principal Gonyaw. The motion passed unanimously with no further discussion. **Approved**

Approval of Minutes – March 10, 2015

The minutes of the March meeting were reviewed. The spelling of Schenck needs to be changed. A motion was made by James Schenck and seconded by Robert Farlice-Rubio to approve the March 10, 2015 minutes with that change. The motion passed unanimously with no further discussion. **Approved**

Public Input

- At 6:33, a motion was made by James Schenck and seconded by David Warden to enter Executive Session to discuss a student issue. The motion passed unanimously with no further discussion. **Approved**
- At 7:05, a motion was made by James Schenck and seconded by David Warden to end Executive Session. The motion passed unanimously with no further discussion. **Approved**

Administrative Reports

- Business Manager’s Report. James Schenck questioned the fund balance as presented. Superintendent Forest will check on that figure. The figure for net positions was discussed. Louis Bushey asked for an explanation from Pat Amsden.
- Principal’s Report. James Schenck asked for acronyms to be spelled out in the future. Principal Gonyaw pointed out the playground grant awarded to Barnet. This is a matching grant; perhaps the match could be taken out of the surplus or from the Esden Fund.
- Superintendent’s Report. Superintendent Forest discussed Special Education consolidation. This will have to be done by July 1. It will involve a shift of funds from each district to the central office and will show an increase in the central office budget. Sue Roberts asked about a timeline

for the Tech Director position. There was discussion of housing this position. Professional development should be part of this position.

-Curriculum Report. This report was not available for review.

-Special Services Report. There were no questions on this report.

New Business

-2015/2016 School Calendar. Changes were made to the calendar. There were some concerns from Danville; Walden and Peacham approved the calendar. The first day of school is August 24 and that is a full week. Transitioning to the Common Core this year will require teachers to be out of the classroom one day a month to work on curriculum. A motion was made by James Schenck and seconded by David Warden to accept the calendar as presented. The motion passed unanimously with no further discussion. **Approved**

Old Business

-Draft Financial Policies and Procedures Manual. The information presented had markups on it and there was a question whether a marked up copy should be approved. There was discussion on the minimum of three bids required. That is addressed on page 11. On page 10, the last line has a typo and should be corrected to read “Revenue and expenditure”. Also on page 10, minimum assigned fund balances, the second sentence needs numbers inserted. Board members requested a clean, corrected copy before approving this.

-Roof Update. There was going to be an independent person to come in and look at the roof. The process has stalled and Superintendent Forest will check in with Mike Bigelow and Vanessa Koch on this.

Other Business

-Update on Consolidation. Superintendent Forest updated the Board on discussions with Peacham regarding consolidation. The Peacham Board is open for discussions but the community is at a standstill regarding what should happen with the school. Public meetings have taken place. At the upcoming CCSU Board meeting, there may be some Peacham residents in attendance to possibly request the Board draft a resolution rejecting H361. Superintendent Forest has been approached by the St. Johnsbury superintendent about doing a merger study.

Future Agenda Items

-Roof Update

-Revised Financial Policies

-Tech Director Hiring Committee

Adjournment

A motion was made by James Schenk and seconded by Robert Farlice-Rubio to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Approved

Respectfully Submitted,

Ellen Hinman, Transcriber