

**Barnet School Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 12, 2015
Barnet School**

Members in Attendance: Louis Bushey, Robert Farlice-Rubio, Sue Roberts, David Warden; Principal Shawn Gonyaw; Superintendent Mat Forest, Business Manager Pat Amsden

- 6:16 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Chair Louis Bushey.
- 6:17 p.m. A motion was made by Robert Farlice-Rubio to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel matters and negotiations status. The motion was seconded by Sue Roberts and passed unanimously with no further discussion. **Approved**
- 6:32 p.m. A motion was made by Robert Farlice-Rubio to end Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Sue Roberts and passed unanimously with no further discussion. **Approved**
- 6:33 p.m. The public portion of the meeting began.
A motion was made by Robert Farlice-Rubio and seconded by Sue Roberts to accept Roland Perry’s resignation. The motion passed unanimously with no further discussion. **Approved**

Approval of Minutes – April 14, 2015

The minutes of the April meeting were reviewed. The name Jennifer Greene should be Jennifer Quimby. A motion was made by Robert Farlice-Rubio and seconded by Sue Roberts to approve the April 14, 2015 minutes with that change. The motion passed unanimously with no further discussion. **Approved**

Public Input

There was no public input.

Old Business (Part 1)

-Roof Update. Mark Palmieri from Palmieri Roofing and Mike Bigelow joined the meeting. Mr. Palmieri reported having issues with the roofing material and dealing with the manufacturer on these issues. The manufacturer has offered to have roofs with problems repainted. It is definitely a manufacturer problem and not due to installation. If the roof is repainted, it will be covered by the original 20-year warranty, which would make it warrantied for four more years but should last 10 years. There was discussion on areas of the roof with holes that have rotted under the roofing. The holes may have occurred during roof shoveling. Repainting the roof will not address any holes in the roofing. Pieces of the roofing were examined. The cost to the manufacturer of repainting is \$250,000; the cost of a new roof would be \$400,000+ and be warrantied 30-35 years. Perhaps the cost of repainting could be applied towards a new roof. Mr. Palmieri said he would ask the manufacturer that question.

Administrative Reports

- Business Manager Report. There were no questions on the report.
- Principal Report. There was discussion on SBAC testing.
- Superintendent Report. The staffing list was discussed. A motion was made by Robert Farlice-

Rubio to accept the staffing list as recommended by CCSU. The motion was seconded by David Warden and the motion passed unanimously with no further discussion. **Approved**

-Curriculum Coordinator Report. There were no questions on the report.

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

New Business

-Transportation Budget. Following the explanation from Pat Amsden on the reason to amend the transportation budget, a motion was made by David Warden and seconded by Robert Farlice-Rubio to move Barnet School’s special education transportation line items, totaling \$42,372, to line item 332 Transportation in the CCSU budget. The motion passed unanimously with no further discussion.

-CCSU Policies Discussion. Superintendent Forest explained the CCSU Board approved contracting out to the Vermont School Board Association to work on centralizing policies.

Old Business (Part 2)

-Financial Policies and Procedures Manual. Pat Amsden explained the need for the changes to the policies and procedures. A motion was made by David Warden and seconded by Robert Farlice-Rubio to approve the revisions to the fiscal management policies as presented. The motion passed unanimously with no further discussion.

-Tuition Waiver for Teacher’s Children. This has been discussed at the CCSU level. An impact study will be done showing possible impacts and costs involved.

Other Business

-Calendar Adjustments. Principal Gonyaw asked for adjustments to the calendar for parent/teacher conferences. He requested that 11/23 be an early dismissal day with parent/teacher conferences in the afternoon, 11/20 not an early dismissal day with parent/teacher conferences in the evening, 11/4 be a no school day, 3/15 parent/teacher conferences in the evening, 3/17 an early dismissal day with parent/teacher conferences in the afternoon. A motion was made by Robert Farlice-Rubio to approve the adjustments to the 2015/16 school calendar. The motion was seconded by Sue Roberts. Superintendent Forest mentioned Danville had adjusted the calendar as well, changing the October and January in-service days to fall after Columbus Day and Martin Luther King Day. There was discussion on these changes. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously. **Approved**

-Principal Gonyaw requested a change in the hours of the school day. There are up to 40 students who have breakfast at school and it takes time after they get to school to make it to class, therefore impacting instructional time. Many students are at school by 7:15 a.m. and there is not much supervision at that time. The proposal is to have an early drop off person at school at 7:15 a.m., to have buses arrive at 8:05 a.m., students will have breakfast, go to the library or have morning recess until 8:30, the official start of the day will be 8:30 a.m., staff meetings, IEP meetings, teacher professional development, etc. will be done from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m., and the end of the day will be 3:30 p.m. Discussion on the proposal followed. A motion was made by Robert Farlice-Rubio in support of Principal Gonyaw’s change in the daily schedule. The motion was seconded by David Warden and passed unanimously with no further discussion. **Approved**

-Principal Gonyaw suggested looking at the budget surplus and thinking about best ways to utilize it. His suggestion included \$20,000 for computers in middle school to accommodate moving six grade to the middle school; putting funds into the playground project, up to \$20,000; and replacing furniture in the school, up to \$15,000. There was discussion on how to do this. The Board would decide this. Louis suggested budgeting for these items next year, in light of the

possible roof replacement cost.

-Graduation Speaker. June 11 at 6:00 p.m. Robert volunteered to do the speaking.

-Transporting students to special school was discussed, in particular why some students do not put in a full day of school. The discussion also included use of RCT.

Future Agenda Items

-Principal Wish List (computers, playground, furniture)

-Busing

Adjournment

A motion was made by Robert Farlice-Rubio and seconded by David Warden to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Approved

Respectfully Submitted,

Ellen Hinman, Transcriber