

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

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**Members in Attendance:** Robert Farlice-Rubio, Sue Roberts, Jim Schenck, David Warden;  
Superintendent Mat Forest

- 6:05 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair David Warden.
- 6:06 p.m. A motion was made by Robert Farlice-Rubio and seconded by Sue Roberts to enter Executive Session. The motion passed unanimously. **Approved**
- 6:30 p.m. A motion was made by Robert Farlice-Rubio and seconded by Sue Roberts to exit Executive Session. The motion passed unanimously. **Approved**
- 6:34 p.m. The public portion of the meeting began. Ellen Hinman joined the meeting.

**Approval of Minutes**

**June 3, 2015** - The minutes of the June 3, 2015 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Jim Schenck and seconded by Robert Farlice-Rubio to approve the minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously with no further discussion. **Approved**

**June 9, 2015** - The minutes of the June 9, 2015 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Robert Farlice-Rubio and seconded by Sue Roberts to approve the minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously with no further discussion. **Approved**

**Public Input**

There were no members of the public in attendance and no public input.

**Administrative Reports**

-Superintendent Report. The Administrative Team retreat was held and SU goals discussed. Information from these discussions will be presented at the Barnet retreat. The other Administrative Reports will be presented at the retreat as well. Superintendent Forest asked for a change in the Barnet School Board meeting day and time. Beginning in September, Superintendent Forest requested the Barnet meeting be moved to the second Monday of each month, with Executive Session at 7:00 p.m. and the public portion beginning at 7:30 p.m. The Peacham Board meeting will be held before this meeting. Both Principal Gonyaw and Louis Bushey have been consulted and agree with the change. A motion was made by Robert Farlice-Rubio and seconded by Sue Roberts to follow the Superintendent's recommendation to change the Barnet School Board meetings to the second Monday of each month beginning in September and to change the start time to 7:00 p.m. for Executive Session and 7:30 p.m. for the public portion of the meeting. The motion passed unanimously with no further discussion. **Approved**

**New Business**

-Nominations for Employment. Principal Gonyaw provided information prior to the meeting regarding his nominations to fill two open positions – Tammy Hartsock for Special Education Teacher and Annie Sproston for Math Teacher. A motion was made by Jim Schenck and seconded by Robert Farlice-Rubio to accept the recommendation of the Administration to hire Tammy Hartsock as Special Education Teacher. The motion passed unanimously with no further discussion. **Approved**  
A motion was made by Sue Roberts and seconded by Jim Schenck to accept the recommendation of

the Administration to hire Annie Sproston as Math Teacher. The motion passed unanimously with no further discussion. **Approved**

-Retreat Planning. Superintendent Forest said discussion at the recent Administration Retreat were about student achievement. Details of these discussions will be presented. There are some school events, such as the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade trip to Boston, that take up a great deal of teachers’ time, take away from planning periods, and take away from academics. There are other events that take place throughout the year that take time away from student learning. Data shows gaps in academics and while these events could still take place, they should be looked at closely. Principal Gonyaw will need support from the Board on this issue. Goals that should be set for the school and for the SU should be looked at what do we want from students, what is the outcome, how do we get there. Teachers focus should be teaching students. Following this discussion, a motion was made by Jim Schenck and seconded by Robert Farlice-Rubio to schedule the retreat at Sue Roberts’ house on Tuesday, August 11, 2015 beginning at 5:00 p.m. with discussions on goals, planning and long term outlooks, and a business portion as needed. Robert Farlice-Rubio will coordinate food. The motion passed unanimously with no further discussion. **Approved**

### **Old Business**

-Roof Update. Superintendent Forest reported that Rodd Roofing had been out and that assessment will be forthcoming. A.C. Hawthorne still needs to come out and provide an assessment.

-Playground Update. David Warden and Sue Roberts both thought the old playground equipment had been taken down; Superintendent Forest had no update on this.

### **Other Business**

There was no other business to discuss.

### **Future Agenda Items**

-Busing Policy

-Playground Update

-Staff Updates

-Act 46 Discussion. Topics can be different each meeting. The next topic will be SD versus SU discussion.

-Walk through the school with Principal Gonyaw – September meeting.

### **Executive Session**

A motion was made by Robert Farlice-Rubio and seconded by Jim Schenck to enter Executive Session to discuss the roof project. The motion passed unanimously with no further discussion and Executive Session began at 7:15 p.m. **Approved**

A motion was made by Jim Schenck and seconded by Robert Farlice-Rubio to exit Executive Session at 7:22 p.m. The motion passed unanimously with no further discussion. **Approved**

### **Adjournment**

A motion was made by Robert Farlice-Rubio and seconded by Jim Schenck to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously with no discussion and the meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Farlice-Rubio, Board Clerk

Ellen Hinman, Recorder