

**Barnet School Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 9, 2015
Barnet School**

Members in Attendance: Louis Bushey, Sue Roberts, Jim Schenck, David Warden; Principal Shawn Gonyaw, Superintendent Mathew Forest

Executive Session

There was no need for the Executive Session time.

7:32 p.m. The public portion of the meeting was called to order by Chair Louis Bushey. Superintendent Forest and Ellen Hinman joined the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

October 12, 2015 - The minutes of the October 12, 2015 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Jim Schenck and seconded by David Warden to approve the minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously with no discussion. **Approved**

Public Input

There was no public input.

Administrative Reports

-Principal’s Report. Principal Gonyaw went through the MTSS report and explained the remediation and extension groups and numbers to the Board. Each staff member currently has a remediation group to work with; some have more than one. STAR assessment was discussed and a second screening will be done in January, then compared to the first screening to see if growth has occurred.

-Business Manager’s Report. There was a question on the savings for telephones; this likely is because the service was changed when internet was changed and the new amount for that not adjusted in the budget. There was discussion on the tuition costs for high schoolers.

-Superintendent Report. There was discussion on the funding for the Special Services Director and Curriculum Coordinator. The Curriculum Coordinator is funded with Title 1 funds and some of the services provided are not Title 1 services. Special Services Director is funded through the IDEA grant. There could be a better way to handle the funding, perhaps general funds could be used for half of Andrea Wasson’s position, and some of the special services funding could be used for another teaching position or a behavior interventionist. The Education Quality Standards were discussed. The AOE will be using these standards to grade schools. There will be an annual survey and an audit every three years.

-Curriculum Coordinator’s Report. There were no questions on this report.

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

New Business

-Policies. The CCSU Board voted to adopt the state required policies at their October meeting. The policies were reviewed with members of VSBA. In places where a designated person was required to be filled in, the Superintendent, Administrator, or designee was inserted.

Board Operations

- A.1 Board Member Conflict of Interest
- A.2 Board Meetings, Agenda Preparation, and Distribution
- A.3 Public Participation at Board Meetings
- A.4 Notice of Non-Discrimination
- A.5 Role and Adoption of School Board Policies

- A.6 Board Member Education
- A.7 Board Relations with School Personnel

A motion was made by Jim Schenck to adopt the policies A.1 through A.7 under Board Operations as policies of the Barnet School Board as recommended by CCSU. The motion was seconded by Sue Roberts and passed with no discussion. **Approved**

Personnel

- B.1 Substitute Teachers.
- B.2 Volunteers and Work Study Students.
- B.3 Alcohol and Drug Free Workplace
- B.4 Drug and Alcohol Testing: Transportation Employees
- B.5 Prevention of Employee Harassment
- B.6 HIPAA Compliance
- B.8 Staff/Student Conduct and Boundaries
- B.15 Standards of Behavior

A motion was made by Jim Schenck to adopt the policies B.1 through B.6, B.8, and B.15 under Personnel as policies of the Barnet School Board as recommended by CCSU. The motion was seconded by Sue Roberts and passed with no discussion. **Approved**

Students

- C.1 Education Records
- C.2 Student Alcohol and Drugs
- C.3 Transportation
- C.4 Limited English Proficiency Students
- C.5 Firearms
- C.6 Participation of Home Study Students
- C.7 Student Attendance
- C.8 Pupil Privacy Right
- C.9 Federal Child Nutrition Act Wellness Policy
- C.10 Prevention of Harassment, Hazing and Bullying

A motion was made by Jim Schenck to adopt the policies C.1 through C.10 under Students as policies of the Barnet School Board as recommended by CCSU. The motion was seconded by Sue Roberts and passed with no discussion. **Approved**

Instruction

- D.1 Grade Advancement: Retention, Promotion and Acceleration
- D.2 Responsible Computer, Network and Internet Use
- D.3 Title 1 Comparability Policy
- D.4 Animal Dissection
- D.5 Class Size

A motion was made by Jim Schenck to adopt the policies D.1 through D.5 under Instruction as policies of the Barnet School Board as recommended by CCSU. The motion was seconded by Sue Roberts and passed with no discussion. **Approved**

School-Community Relations

- F.1 Title 1 Parental Involvement
- F.5 Visits by Parents, Community Members, or the Media

Policy F.5 is not a required one but Superintendent Forest asked that it be adopted at this time. A motion was made by Jim Schenck to adopt the required policies F.1 and F.5 under School-Community Relations as policies of the Barnet School Board as recommended by CCSU. The motion was seconded by Sue Roberts and passed with no discussion. **Approved**

Old Business

-Roof Update. Superintendent Forest met with Mark Palmieri and negotiated a lower cost estimate for the roof. The estimated cost for the work is now \$437,737. There is about \$350,000 available to put towards that amount. The 10-year warranty for water proofing is \$46,800 extra. The contractor would like something in writing pending Town approval for the project. He also asked if some work could be done during April break. After some discussion regarding that, Principal Gonyaw suggested that would not be a good idea in case there are chemicals used that might adversely affect students when they returned to school. A motion was made by Jim Schenck authorizing Superintendent Forest to send a letter to Palmieri Roofing expressing Barnet’s interest in doing the roof project pending approval at Town Meeting in March. The motion was seconded by David Warden and passed unanimously with no further discussion.

Approved

Other Business

-Act 46 Discussion. Superintendent Forest updated the Board on Act 46 progress. Danville and Cabot have decided to apply for the \$5,000 study group grant to see what that side of the RED might look like. At their November meeting, the Danville Board voted to keep the high school open and not offer choice. It is time for Barnet and Walden to start discussions and also to engage Waterford in more discussion. The Waterford Board has a meeting scheduled for December 3rd (at the Agency of Natural Resources office in St. Johnsbury) to discuss the larger school district option presented by ECSU earlier. There is also discussion at the ECSU of having a RED with pre-K to 8 on one side and the non-operational towns on the other side. Jim Schenck suggested St. Johnsbury might be a good partner to merge with. Superintendent Forest suggested Waterford and Concord would be good partners as well.

-Solar Exploration. Principal Gonyaw asked if it might be beneficial to explore solar and have someone come to the Board to explain what costs and benefits might be of putting solar panels on the school roof. Louis and Jim both suggested putting panels on the ground might be a better idea than putting them on the new roof. The school could work with Green Mountain Power on leasing the space to lower costs of the panels. Principal Gonyaw will ask Mike Bigelow to gather information on both options.

Future Agenda Items

- Budget Discussions
- Busing Policy
- Staff Updates
- Act 46 Discussion
- Discussions with Peacham

Adjournment

A motion was made by Jim Schenck and seconded by Sue Roberts to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously with no discussion and the meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ellen Hinman, Meeting Recorder