

**Barnet School Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 8, 2016
Barnet School**

Members in Attendance: Louis Bushey, Robert Farlice-Rubio, Sue Roberts, Jim Schenck, David Warden; Principal Shawn Gonyaw, Business Manager Pat Amsden
Members of the public: The Smiths

There was no Executive Session for this meeting.

7:32 pm The public portion of the meeting was called to order by Chair Louis Bushey.

Approval of Minutes

January 4, 2016—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 discussion. **Approved**

January 7, 2016—Approval of the minutes from the January 7, 2016 facilities committee meeting was tabled because the minutes were not available for review.

January 11, 2016—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 discussion. **Approved**

Public Input

Charles Smith expressed interest in participating on any Act 46 committees. He has concern about “dumbing down” Barnet School. He also has concerns about the cost per pupil.

Administrative Reports

-Business Manager’s Report. The Business Office received two bills that were not expected; one from White Mountain School for a Barnet student that has been attending school there all year and one from Lyndon Institute for a Barnet student who has been there for the second semester. There were no other additions to the report and no questions.

-Principal’s Report. Principal Gonyaw mentioned that since the Barnet School became a PBiS school in 2010, the number of referrals has dropped from 2000 the first year to 390 in 2014/15. There will be a school “report card” included in the Town Report this year that is more significant than the letter usually included. There is hope that this will get the community to ask more questions this year.

-Superintendent Report. There were no questions on this report.

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

New Business

-Town Meeting presentation discussion. Items needed for Town Meeting were discussed. The number of people in the school should be known; Principal Gonyaw said that would be in the Town Report. The cost of the penalty should be known. The budget that was presented was incorrect so Pat Amsden will have corrected numbers for the Board. The final calculation should show the tax rate is up \$0.02 per \$100 from last year. Information regarding the roof should be available. The Board did reach an agreement with Palmieri so that can move forward. It was agreed that no work would begin until school is out. Principal Gonyaw will send out the presentation from last year as a starting point. Pat Amsden will assist with updating that. Jim

Schenck will work on a simplified three-year comparison. Robert Farlice-Rubio will handle any last minute tweaks of the presentation if Principal Gonyaw pulls it together. Information on the roof can be included in the presentation. Sue Roberts suggested keeping the presentation as short as possible; last year people were losing interest before the presentation was complete.

Items to be included:

- food service program
- centralization
- roof repair
- budget, tax rate, information on the penalty
- Act 46

Other Business

- Pat Amsden reported that Peacham School Board is interested in holding a joint meeting with Barnet, to tour each building and discuss options. There was discussion of doing this in March. Each Board could hold their reorganization meeting first, then do the tours of the buildings. David Warden suggested also having administrative reports for this meeting.
- There is another meeting with Waterford in the works. The meeting date will be sent out; Board members are encouraged to attend this meeting.

Future Meetings

- February 15, 7:00 p.m. – budget presentation and prep for pre-Town Meeting, Barnet School
- February 23, 7:00 p.m. – pre-Town Meeting, Barnet School
- March 1, 10:00 a.m. – Town Meeting, Barnet School. Child care will be available for Town Meeting.
- March 14, 5:30 p.m. – joint meeting with Peacham, Peacham School. Board reorganization and tour of Peacham and Barnet schools

Adjournment

A motion was made by Sue Roberts and seconded by Robert Farlice-Rubio to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously with no discussion and the meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ellen Hinman, Meeting Recorder