

**Barnet School Board Meeting Minutes  
Monday, June 13, 2016  
Barnet School**

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

- 7:02 pm The meeting was called to order by Chair Louis Bushey.
- 7:03 pm A motion was made by David Warden and seconded by Sue Roberts to enter Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue and a student issue. **Approved**
- 7:20 pm A motion was made by Jim Schenck and seconded by David Warden to exit Executive Session; no action was taken. **Approved**
- 7:30 pm The public portion of the meeting was called to order by Chair Louis Bushey. Ellen Hinman joined the meeting.

**Approval of Minutes**

May 2, 2016 Joint Meeting – A motion was made by Jim Schenck and seconded by David Warden to approve the minutes from the May 2, 2016 joint Act 46 meeting as written. The motion passed unanimously with no discussion. **Approved**

May 9, 2016 – A motion was made by Sue Roberts and seconded by David Warden to approve the minutes from the May 9, 2016 Barnet School Board meeting as written. The motion passed unanimously with no discussion. **Approved**

May 9, 2016 Joint Meeting – A motion was made by Jim Schenck and seconded by David Warden to approve the minutes from the May 9, 2016 joint Act 46 meeting as written. The motion passed unanimously with no discussion. **Approved**

May 16, 2016 Joint Meeting – A motion was made by Jim Schenck and seconded by David Warden to approve the minutes from the May 16, 2016 joint Act 46 meeting as written. The motion passed unanimously with no discussion. **Approved**

May 31, 2016 Joint Meeting – A motion was made by Jim Schenck and seconded by David Warden to approve the minutes from the May 31, 2016 joint Act 46 meeting as written. The motion passed unanimously with no discussion. **Approved**

**Public Input**

There were no members of the public present.

**Administrative Reports**

Superintendent’s Report. There was discussion regarding goal setting at the SU level. Superintendent Forest would like to begin the discussions in August and develop a two to three year plan. There was discussion regarding facilities maintenance and how Mike Bigelow’s time is billed for assistance to Peacham. Superintendent Forest said the supervision of Peacham’s maintenance position is to be provided and not billed. Any actual maintenance calls should be billed. The CCSU Board needs to have a discussion on how to handle this in the future. Mike Bigelow and Marvin Withers (in Danville) are tracking their time spent out of their buildings. Principal Gonyaw suggested that Mike’s time spent researching a project for Peacham should also be tracked. Maintenance priorities should be set and maintenance staff’s time spent in the most efficient manner possible. Louis Bushey suggested having

an August 1<sup>st</sup> check-in with maintenance staff and administrators to see how things are going. There was discussion regarding a clerk of the works for the roof project. Mike Bigelow is looking for someone for that position.

Principal’s Report. There are two candidates for the Spanish position. There was discussion on testing that took place this year. The way SBACs are done next year may be changed and not done all at once; that was a lot for students to handle. The administrative team may look at the assessments to see how to fit them all in.

Special Services Coordinator’s Report. There were no questions on the report.

Business Manager’s Report. A motion was made by Jim Schenck and seconded by Sue Roberts requesting the Principal to make a request on behalf of the Barnet School Board to use \$45,259.12 from the Esden Fund for the playground. The motion passed unanimously with no discussion.

**Approved**

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

### **New Business**

a. 706b Committee Discussion.

A motion was made by David Warden and seconded by Sue Roberts to join the 706b committee representing Waterford, Walden and Barnet School Districts to form a new Caledonia County School District. There was discussion regarding the representatives on the committee. Walden has voted to join the committee but did not select representatives. Barnet gets five representatives; how should those representatives be chosen? How many should be School Board members and how many from the community? Consultant Peter Clarke is planning to have something to present to the communities by December. Following this discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

**Approved**

The make-up of the committee was discussed and how the selection process should be handled. Louis Bushey volunteered to draft a list of questions that should be asked of anyone interested in being on the committee. There was discussion on which School Board members should be on the committee. Louis Bushey volunteered to be one of the representatives on the committee. The Articles of Agreement were discussed and Superintendent Forest was asked to check on whether any examples of Articles of Agreement are available for review.

b. Personnel.

A motion was made by Jim Schenck and seconded by David Warden authorizing the Principal to hire Sean Clarke as the 5/6 grade math teacher. The motion passed unanimously with no discussion.

**Approved**

A motion was made by Jim Schenck and seconded by Sue Roberts accepting the resignation of Annie Sproston and thanking her for her service to Barnet School. The motion passed unanimously with no discussion.

**Approved**

A motion was made by Jim Schenck and seconded by Sue Roberts accepting the resignation of Ashley Gray and offering a sincere and warm thank you for her five years of valuable service and for a very remarkable Spanish program at Barnet School. The motion passed unanimously with no discussion.

**Approved**

There was discussion regarding support staff negotiations, which will be coming up again soon. Superintendent Forest suggested having an attorney present at the negotiations this year and suggested using Pietro Lynn for this. There was discussion regarding negotiating a regional contract and

including Waterford. There was discussion about negotiating in public session; both sides would have to agree to do this. There was discussion whether support staff needed to have a contract or if a letter of agreement would do.

**Old Business**

a. Student Residency Issue.

Superintendent Forest suggested having an attorney present for this case. A motion was made by Jim Schenck and seconded by David Warden authorizing the Superintendent to hire Pietro Lynn to represent the Barnet School Board at the hearing. The motion passed unanimously with no discussion.

**Approved**

b. Roof Update.

Work should begin on Tuesday; Principal Gonyaw will work with Mike Bigelow and Superintendent Forest on securing a clerk of the works for this project.

**Future Agenda Items**

- a. 706b Committee and committee make-up
- b. SU Goals, Mission Statement, and Vision
- c. Representative for contract negotiations
- d. Principal contract negotiation

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Sue Roberts and seconded by Jim Schenck to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

**Approved**

Respectfully Submitted,

Ellen Hinman  
Meeting Recorder