

“UNAPPROVED”

Barnet School Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 12, 2016
Barnet School

Members in Attendance: Louis Bushey, Sue Roberts, Dave Warden, Shawn Gonyaw, Superintendent Mathew Forest, Matt Seaver & Taylor West from Lyndon State College

No members of the public present

There was no Executive Session

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

Approval of Minutes

August 8, 2016 motion was made by Sue Roberts and seconded by Dave Warden to approve the minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously with no discussion.

Administrative Reports

Superintendent’s Report - It was discussed that at the CCSU All Board Retreat it was voted on to approve the SU Goal of 90% of all students being proficient in reading by the end of third grade with a plan to discuss a communication strategy for the public. The Superintendent will provide the National Averages in a bulleted report next meeting. The board discussed the importance of doing a few community forums/Superintendent round table discussions to educate the public on the goal. Possibly do a small presentation at the Barnet School Open House. This goal is the main benchmark goal. There will be further discussions in the future on what tools will be used to measure and assess the students. Bullying Policy that was adopted at the SU Retreat will be presented at the next board meeting.

Principal’s Report - No discussion

Business Manager Report - No Discussion

Curriculum Report - It was just noted that Jody Elliott’s report was very informative and nicely laid out.

Special Ed Report - No discussion

It was noted that Andrea Wasson & Jody Elliott will be taking turns attending meetings moving forward.

Food Director Report - It was discussed that the centralization of the food service has proven to be working well so far. It was noted that Barnet had some excess of certain foods/supplies and Ken was able to allocate these resources to other schools that were in need of these items and credit Barnet.

ELO Report - No Discussion

New Business

- **Tech Services received by town** - The board discussed if there is a way to measure if centralized/in-house tech services are beneficial financially to Barnet. What was noted by Superintendent Forest is that the current tech services the schools are receiving is more efficient with a quicker turn around then what they experienced in the past. The schools have more resources available to them at less cost.
- **Esden Fund Request** - there was a request by the Trustees of Public Funds for Barnet School District to pay the school's portion of the playground project in the amount of \$54,259.12. There was a motion made by Dave Warden and seconded by Sue Roberts to appropriate these funds to be used as the school's portion of the project. All approved

Old Business

- **Act 46** - Board is still hoping for more public involvement. Discussed putting information out on the Front Porch Forum
- **706 Committee** - Dates for committee meetings have been set. Lou, Sue and Dave along with Ethan Goss and Sonya Jollife will make up the Barnet committee.
- **SU Goals** - no further discussion
- **Year End Report** - no discussion

- **Student Handbook** – Would like to find a way to express to parents how disruptive to teachers and the students it can be when students are removed from school to go on family vacations during normal school time. At this point there are really no consequences for families that do this.
- **Scheduling the district's Attorney for negotiations** – A motion was needed to approve the scheduling of the district's attorney to be present at negotiation meetings. A motion was made by Dave Warden and seconded by Sue Roberts to approve this request. All approved

Other Business –

- Discussed that Superintendent Forest will have a lot of upcoming meetings and might not always be available for all board meetings.
- It was asked how Peacham School District is coming along with their merger strategy. It was noted that they are still waiting for the Exploratory Grant so nothing has really moved along at this point.

Future Agenda items

- **Negotiations** – Dave Warden will represent Barnet School District
- **Warrant Signer** – A motion was made by Dave Warden with a second by Lou Bushey to authorize Sue Roberts as the signer. All approved
- **Budgeting** – It was noted that we are once again in budgeting season

Adjournment –

A motion was made by Sue Roberts and seconded by Dave Warden to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously with no discussion and the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nichole Cloutier, Meeting Recorder

