

“UNAPPROVED”

Barnet School Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 10, 2016 7:00 PM

Barnet School

Members in Attendance: Jim Schenck, Sue Roberts, Robert Farlice-Rubio, David Warden, Pat Amsden, Jodie Elliott, Principal Shawn Gonyaw, Superintendent Mathew Forest, Members of the Public

Executive Session

7:30 pm The public portion of the meeting was called to order by Dave Warden

Approval of Minutes

September 12, 2016 not everyone had reviewed the minutes, they will be addressed next meeting.

Public Input

It was noted that there was some concern with the wording from the September 12th minutes in the Student Handbook section of the meeting. The concern was the use of the word “consequences” for students that have unexcused absences due to missing school for family vacations etc. There was lengthy discussion of the current policy and what is currently in place for students with excessive unexcused absences. Sue Roberts shared her research on what other districts state in their policies and they are very close if not exact to what Barnet currently has in theirs.

Administrative Reports

- **Superintendent Report** - It was noted that the board still needs to do the Superintendent’s evaluation. Superintendent Forest pointed out that the monthly reports will now feature a Teacher from our district each month.
- **Business Manager Report** - There was discussion on the current fund balance and what that means to the district moving forward. Also discussed how the fund balance has been reported in the past and how that figure is determined.
- **Curriculum Coordinator Report** - The board stated that they enjoy the format that Jodie is presenting her reports in. Jodie also let the board know that if there is anything that they would like to see on the reports to just let her know.

- **Special Ed Report** - No Discussion
- **Food Report** - It was noted that all districts currently use Nutrikids except Danville. They are hopeful to be onboard next year. It was also noted that there is a current internet provider that will be offering reduced fees for families that qualify for free/reduced lunch. It was discussed that maybe it would be good to get that information out to families just in case they qualify for the savings. It was noted that Barnet had an inspection and passed with a 97%!! Great job by the food service team! The dishwasher has been acting up and is on Ken's list of things to take care of. It is still operating, but needs a lot of help.
- **ELO Report** - No discussion

New Business

- **ACT 148** - Special Education Consolidation for the upcoming year. Next year all Special Ed employees will be centralized. Currently teachers are in the SU but next year all staff will be brought in. This also means that all State Spec Ed funding will be centralized as well. There was discussion on what this means for the districts and how their portion of the Special Ed costs will be figured. Still in the very beginning stages of that discussion. Some options are breaking it down per hours or by figuring out a percentage assessment for each district.
- **FY18 Budget** - It was asked if the board would like to see and any changes to what is reported and or the format of the reports. It was agreed that the reports last year were easy to read and the format worked nicely. There was also brief discussion on reserve funds and what happens to those when the merger takes place. It was noted that specific reserves would be protected due to how they were written (specific use).
- **Review CCSU Bullying Policy** - This needed to be warned 30 days out. This item will be discussed and voted on next meeting.
- **Expense of additional bus stop on Joe's Brook Road** - JPI was informed of a student that needed picked up that was not on the original route plan. JPI starting picking up the child but is trying to charge the district an additional fee that was never discussed. It was asked by the board if JPI gives Barnet a refund when routes have to be dropped in the winter. The answer to that is "no". The board feels it is not appropriate for JPI to charge for an additional pick up since we don't ask for a refund when routes are dropped. It was brought up to JPI that

Barnet did not expect to be charged for the addition on the route and that the district would not pay. JPI stopped picking up the child. A motion was made by Jim Schenck and seconded by Bobby Farlice-Rubio that Barnet will not be paying JPI any additional money. All approved. It was also noted that Barnet/SU will be calling JPI to instruct them to pick up the child.

Old Business

- **Act 46** – It was noted and discussed that the 706(b) meetings are going well. It has been a good opportunity for the boards to get to know each other and the communities that they represent.

Other Business –

Future Agenda items

- **Superintendent Evaluation**
- **8th Grade Class Trip**
- **CCSU Bullying Policy**
- **Invitation to Peacham Board**

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 9:12 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nichole Cloutier, Meeting Recorder