

Barnet School Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 9, 2017
Barnet School

Members in Attendance: Chair Louis Bushey, Robert Farlice-Rubio, Sue Roberts, David Warden, Jim Schenck; Principal Shawn Gonyaw, CCSU Business Manager – Patricia Amsden, Superintendent Mathew Forest at 9PM.

There were no members of the public in attendance.

There was no executive session.

7:40 PM The meeting was called to order by Chair Louis Bushey.

Approval of Minutes

12/12/2016 - Sue Roberts made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Second by David Warden.

Approved

Public Input

There were no members of the public in attendance.

Principal's Report

Principal Shawn Gonyaw expanded on his written report by reporting on the Primary Observation Assessment (Fountas and Pinnell). These are administered for students in grades K, 1 and 2. He presented the six types of tests administered with an idea of the levels of proficiency expected at each grade level. Tests are administered and graded by a person who is not the student's direct teacher.

Business Manager Report

Business Manager – Patricia Amsden discussed the State required Financial Management Questionnaire. The board understood the content and instructed chair Louis Bushey to sign the document on behalf of the board.

The board reviewed the budget summary and the revenue summary. The board reviewed the "Potential Barnet Budget Cuts" proposal. There was also discussion of staffing a "Global Citizenship" teacher position.

Food Service Director's Report

The report was discussed including the ability for the Barnet school cooking staff to be able to customize the menus to meet the tastes of the individual schools. It was agreed that the program has run well under Ken Cyr's leadership.

Information Technology Report

The report was reviewed and discussed. The tech. support "ticket" system was reported to be working successfully. The computers and network at the Barnet school are working properly.

Annual Meeting Warning

There was discussion of the end of the terms for two board members. One board member expressed willingness to run again while the other was not. All school board members were encouraged to reach out to community members about running for the school board.

Jim Schenck made a motion to approve proposed budget of \$4,745,753 to fund the operations of the Barnet School for Fiscal Year 2018. Seconded by Bobby Farlice-Rubio. **Approved**
Bobby Farlice-Rubio made a motion to approve the draft warning notice for the Barnet Town Meeting. A copy is included with these minutes. Seconded by David Warden. **Approved**

Reciprocity Agreement

This document was found to still need revisions, so it was not moved for a vote.

Act 46 Updates

Sue Roberts reported on progress on the Act 46 committee. She reported that much progress has been made on configuring the proposed district. A name has been proposed and the makeup of membership and voting rules has been defined. More work is still required on financial matters including discussions around the towns turning property and assets over to the new district. The merger committee is hoping to have a proposal ready for submission to the State by the end of January 2018. If the State approves the plan, there could be a vote by the affected towns as early as mid-April 2018.

Next Act 46 Meetings

Jan. 16, 2018 – 6PM – Barnet School

Jan. 30, 2018 – 6PM – Walden School

Other Business

The school board was informed that Bill Graves who was hired as Clerk of the Works for the school roof replacement has refused to accept payment for that work.

Recognizing the generosity and recognizing the care and professionalism displayed by Bill Graves, the school board wishes to extend its gratitude and admiration. Thank you, Bill.

Superintendents Report

The Superintendent circulated a report about the Act 46 consolidation efforts of Danville, Cabot and Twinfield. These three schools are the other side of the Rural Education District of which Barnet, Walden, Waterford (and possibly Peacham) would be one side.

Future Agenda Items

Superintendent Evaluation
706 b Committee Updates
Reciprocity Vote

Budget
Act 46 Updates

Adjournment

9:52 PM Having no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Sue Roberts and seconded by Bobby Farlice-Rubio to adjourn. **Approved**

Next Meeting

Feb. 13, 2017 Executive Session 7:00PM – Public Meeting 7:30PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Schenck, Board Clerk

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**WARNING FOR THE ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
OF THE TOWN OF BARNET
TO BE HELD ON MARCH 07, 2017**

The legal voters of the town of Barnet are hereby warned to meet at the Barnet School in Barnet on Tuesday, March 07, 2017 at 1:00 P.M. to transact the following business:

ARTICLE 1 To elect a Moderator.

ARTICLE 2 To elect a School Director for a term of 2 years.
To elect a School Director for a term of 3 years.

ARTICLE 3 Shall the voters of the Barnet School District authorize the Barnet School Directors to approve the school board to expend \$4,745,753.00, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$16,347 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 8.2% higher than spending for the current year.

Note: Due to increased equalized pupils and higher a CLA (Common Level of Appraisal), the estimated homestead tax rate increase on this budget is \$.01 per \$100, or \$20.00 on a \$200,000 property value.

ARTICLE 4 Shall the School District authorize the Barnet School Directors to borrow money to pay its lawful debts and expenses for the fiscal year which ends June 30, 2017 in an amount not to exceed 90% of the anticipated collection of taxes and receipts of other funds to be used for those purposes?

ARTICLE 5 Shall the voters of the Barnet School District authorize the Barnet School Directors to transact any other non-binding business that may legally come before the meeting.

Dated at Barnet this ____ day of January, 2017.

Barnet School Directors:

Louis Bushey, Chair

David Warden, Vice Chair

Jim Schenck, Clerk

Robert Farlice-Rubio

Susan Roberts

Attest: Benjamin Heisholt, Town Clerk