

BARNET SCHOOL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, January 12, 2010 – 6:00 PM
at Barnet School

Board Members & Administration in Attendance: Lori Werdenschlag, Shannon Larocque, Jim Schenck, Princ. Kerry Keenan, Supt. Martha Tucker.

1. Meeting called to order by Vice Chair Lori Werdenschlag at 6:08PM.

6:10PM A motion was made by Shannon Larocque to go into executive session to discuss negotiations, a student issue and a personnel issue. Seconded by Jim Schenck. **Approved**

6:35PM Louis Bushey joined meeting for student issue and personnel issue.

6:42PM Shannon Larocque made a motion to come out of executive session. Seconded by Louis Bushey. **Approved**

Public In Attendance: Sue Jensen, Nancy Bailey, Rob Billings, Dave Warden, Caroline Adams, Katie Larney-Young, Sally Cook (Caledonia Record), Eric Bogey, Sue Persson, Sandra Mings-Lamar, Elizabeth McFaul

6:55PM Public meeting called to order by Vice Chair Lori Werdenschlag. Announced change in order to the agenda.

2. **Approval of Minutes – 12/8/09:** After reviewing the minutes, several corrections were identified.

Minutes were left “Unapproved”

Approval of Minutes – 12/22/09: After review of the minutes, the following changes were noted: Section 2 replace tat with that, Section 3 Revised first line to add “compared to 2010 budget.” Revised Reduction of 1 position to “Reduction of 1 teaching position” Revise Small schools...of \$6.41 to “\$12,485” Revise Change SJA....decreased 4% to “3.4%”. Strike “which is 3 to 12”. Revise Next Regular Meeting from January 5, 2010 to “January 12, 2010”. Shannon Larocque made a motion to accept the minutes as revised. Seconded by Louis Bushey. **Approved**

3. **Administrative Reports:**

A. Principal’s Report:

- **Radon Test Kits:** K. Keenan reported that the school has been offered radon test kits for use in the school. Approval of this activity was moved to “Other Business”
- **Teachers Goals:** K. Keenan distributed a summary copy of the teacher’s goals.
- **Budget Proposals:** K. Keenan distributed a copy of a proposal for further budget cuts. These cuts had been incorporated into the budget distributed later in the evening..
- **Retirement:** Princ. Keenan announced his retirement at the end of the school year. He distributed a letter informing the board, staff and community of the decision. The board expressed its acceptance with regret and expressed its thanks for 6-1/2 years of exemplary service to the Barnet School Community.

B. Superintendent’s Report:

- **E-Learning:** Supt. Tucker reported that Kerry Keenan, Sue Persson, Cindy Mosedale, Becky Boardman, Melissa Bushey, Martha Tucker and Phil Hyjek will be attending an e-learning program shortly.
- **Technology Supports:** Supt. Tucker reported that some future technology supports will continue to be funded by ARRA funds.
- **Legislative Update Meeting:** Supt. Tucker will be attending a legislative update meeting.

4. **Public Input:** Supt. Tucker described a proposal to modify the Creep schedule if necessary to reduce some possible overcrowding next year. It may be necessary to reduce the attendance by 3 year-olds to 2 days/week based on enrollment.

5. **Budget – FY11:** Rob Billings described the status of the budget which includes the proposed reductions noted above.

- The current budget is \$ 19,870 less than 2010.
- Even at that, the revenue side has limits which cause the tax rate to increase \$0.10/ \$1000 from 2010.
- Could use the un-encumbered reserve fund.
- Could use the tuition stabilization fund (with voter approval).
- Would apply any remaining balance.
- If all items were done, tax rate would increase \$0.05/ \$1000 rather than \$0.10/ \$1000.
- This would deplete all discretionary funds.
- Long Term Maintenance Fund has not been replenished.

There was discussion about funding the match for the generator. There was wide ranging discussion about a variety of suggested cuts. The amount of the tuition fund was identified as \$70,000 and the carry forward general fund at \$34,000. It was suggested that the budget cuts identified by Princ. Keenan were too severe and that approximately \$9,870 be replaced in the budget. This would create a budget \$10,000 less than 2010.

Louis Bushey made a motion that the School Board propose a budget of \$ 4,235,325 for the 2011 Budget Year. Seconded by Shannon Larocque. **Approved**

Louis Bushey made a motion to approve the following wording for the Town Warning:

1. To elect a Moderator.
2. To elect a School Director for a term of 3 years.
To elect a School Director for a term of 2 years.
3. Shall the voters of the Barnet School District authorize the Barnet School Board to transfer \$70,000 from the fund balance reserved for tuition to the FY2011 Budget?
4. Shall the school district vote to adopt an expenditure budget as presented for the school year ending June 30, 2011 including an appropriation of a sum of money for the support of schools with provisions for current expenses, capital improvements, a deficit if any, and for other lawful purposes?
5. Shall the voters approve a sum of money not to exceed \$35,000, in addition to the school budget requested, for the purpose of matching a 50% grant to purchase and install an emergency generator and transfer switch?
6. To see if the school district will authorize its Board of Directors to borrow money to pay its lawful debts and expenses for the fiscal year which ends June 30, 2011 in an amount not to exceed 90% of the anticipated collection of taxes and receipts of other funds to be used for those purposes?
7. To transact any other non-binding business that may legally come before the meeting.

Seconded by Shannon Larocque

Approved

6. **Other Business:** The announced tuition was provided by Rob Billings. Those amounts are:

K-6	-	\$ 12,759
7-8	-	\$ 12,252

Louis Bushey mad a motion to approve the tuition rates as presented. Seconded by Shannon Larocque.

Approved

Shannon Larocque made a motion to accept the Radon Test Kits from the Fairbanks Museum based on the information that participation is free. Seconded by Louis Bushey.

Approved

There was discussion about the methods to begin the search for Princ. Keenan's replacement. Supt. Tucker will approach an individual as a potential coordinator for the activity. Louis Bushey offered to participate in the search committee.

The board was informed that the Solar Energy Grants have acquired new conditions that cause our previous application to be cancelled. (Net metering is not sufficient as a justification)

7. **Future Agenda:**

- a. Approve minutes from 12/8/09
- b. Approve minutes from 1/12/10
- c. Presentation by Teachers from Grade 1-2
- d. Report on Strategic Plan by Princ. Keenan
- e. Budget Presentation for town meeting
- f. Discuss search for principal

8. **Next School Board Meeting:** February 9, 2010 at 6:00PM at Barnet School

Louis Bushey made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Shannon Larocque

Approved

8:30PM Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

James Schenck