

**BARNET SCHOOL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, February 9, 2010 – 6:00 PM
at Barnet School**

Board Members & Administration in Attendance: Shellie Samuels, Louis Bushey, Shannon Larocque, Jim Schenck, Princ. Kerry Keenan, Supt. Martha Tucker, Rob Billings, Minute Recorder Kathy Zita. Absent: Lori Werdenschlag.

Public In Attendance: Dave Warden, Katie Young, and Caroline Freidrich.

1. Meeting called to order by Chair Shellie Samuels at 6:03 p.m. and went immediately into Executive Session to discuss negotiations, on a motion of Shannon Larocque, seconded by Jim Schenck.

6:45 p.m. On a motion of Shannon Larocque, seconded by Jim Schenck the Board came out of Executive Session.

No action was taken.

6:50 p.m. Meeting resumes.

2. **Approval of Minutes – 12/8/09:** On a motion of Louis Bushey, seconded by Shannon Larocque the minutes of 12/8/09 were approved as amended. **Minutes of 1/12/10:** On a motion of Shannon Larocque, seconded by Louis Bushey the minutes of 1/12/10 were approved as written.

3. **Public Input:** 1) Dave Warden questioned whether students should play Barnet School basketball if they are under 6th grade and don't attend Barnet School. Principal Keenan stated that we've offered basketball to neighboring towns that don't have a basketball team.

4. **Administrative Reports:**

Principal's Report:

- Spanish teacher Caroline Freidrich gave a presentation for the program she offers to grades 3, 4, 7, and 8th. She demonstrated how each of the grades are taught and learn the Spanish language. She mentioned she will be adding grades 5 & 6 next year. D. Warden suggested having this presentation played at Town Meeting as well as during the 20th birthday for the school.
- Industrial Tech equipment in storage. Discussed the best way to disperse this equipment and have the funds come back to the community or to the school. This will be discussed further later in the meeting.
- Facilities/Maintenance – radon tests were conducted and results should be available for the next School Board meeting.
- Staff Development – 1) staff has been busy learning more about technology and how to integrate it into our curriculum. 2) Members of the staff attended eleven weeks of training in Life Space Crisis Intervention; a therapeutic, verbal strategy for intervention with students in crisis.

Superintendent's Report:

- NECAP results have been reported. At the March meeting we will provide a summary of results and analysis.
- CREEP Program – due to the size of enrollment, 3 year olds will need to be offered a 2 day a week program and 4 year olds will attend 4 days a week in order to accommodate the size enrollment and still offer a quality experience.

5. **Financial:** Prepare for Town Meeting.

- Discussed which Board member will handle the various categories at Town meeting.
- Business Mgr., Rob Billings will be in attendance at Town Meeting to help answer any questions.
- Each Board member will have a detailed copy of the budget to answer any questions that may arise.
- Discussed Pre-town meeting which will be Feb. 23rd, time to be determined.
- Noted that the budget is lower but the tax rate is higher.

6. **New Business:**

- Strategic Plan Overview – Principal reviewed the annual goals as well as which goals have been implemented to date. Most of the goals have been met; there are a few that will begin in the spring.

- Industrial Tech Equipment – after further discussion, it was decided to have an auction and have the proceeds go towards the playground or other school equipment.

Principal Keenan left the meeting.

- Principal Search Process: Supt. presented an outline of the organization process and calendar for the Principal search. She reviewed the roles and responsibilities of the Supt., School Board, Search Coordinator (Bill Marshall) and the Interview Committee. She reviewed the calendar for the search beginning the week of January 18, 2010 through the Week of April 5, 2010 when the School Board should be ready to finalize a contract.

7. Future Agenda Items:

- Non-Barnet Student Basketball players
- NECAP Results
- Ind. Tech Equipment proceeds – where it should go.

8. Next School Board Meeting:

Re-organizational Meeting, Tuesday, March 9, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. at Barnet School.

Kathy Zita and public in attendance left the meeting.

(Notes per J. Schenck)

8:48 p.m. General Meeting ends.

8:50 p.m. On a motion of Louis Bushey, seconded by Shannon Larocque the Board went into Executive Session to discuss principal compensation and personnel issues.

9:10 p.m. On a motion of Shannon Larocque, seconded by Louis Bushey the Board came out of Executive Session.

No Action Taken.

Superintendent Martha Tucker left the meeting.

9:11 p.m. On a motion of Louis Bushey, seconded by Shannon Larocque the Board went back into Executive Session to discuss the performance evaluation of the CCSU Superintendent.

9:30 p.m. On a motion of Shannon Larocque, seconded by Louis Bushey the Board came out of Executive Session.

Action Taken: Evaluation was forwarded to CCSU Board.

9:31 p.m. Meeting adjourns on a motion of Shannon Larocque, seconded by Louis Bushey.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Zita

Barnet School Board Minute Recorder