

BARNET SCHOOL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, May 11, 2010 – 6:00 PM
at Barnet School

Board Members & Administration in Attendance: Shellie Samuels, Louis Bushey, Shannon Larocque, Jim Schenck, Lori Werdenschlag, Princ.to be Shawn Gonyaw, Supt. Martha Tucker, Minute Recorder Kathy Zita.

Public In Attendance: Nancy Bailey, James Lamar, Katie Young and Sally Cook – Caledonian Record.

Meeting called to order by Chair Shellie Samuels at 6:05 p.m.

Approval of Minutes – 3/25/10: On a motion of Lori Werdenschlag, seconded by Jim Schenck, the minutes of 3/25/10 were approved as written. Approval of Minutes 4/13/10: Strike “the policy” from School Board Code of Conduct on page 2: Change “they’re” to “their” on page 1. On a motion of Louis Bushey, seconded by Lori Werdenschlag, the minutes of 4/13/10 were approved as amended.

Public Input: None.

Presentation by 3rd & 4th Teachers:

Administrative Reports:

Principal’s Report: The Board reviewed the report submitted by K. Keenan previously.

- **3rd and 4th grade Presentation:** Presented by Nancy Bailey and James Lamar. Nancy Bailey described the use of “Everyday Math” in the 3rd /4th grade classrooms. James Lamar described their reading and writing programs. She indicated that there are serious time constraints in the two programs. There was also some concern about numbers of assemblies or special events.
- **Facilities/Maintenance:** The Playground Committee met on April 8 and May 4. After brainstorming a list of improvements to offer more equipment and activities for younger children. The committee surveyed families from pre-school to 2nd grade to find out what they would like. Once results are in, the committee will start researching costs and considering its next step.
- **Staff Development / Curriculum & Instruction:** Barnet School Report is underway; it will include NECAP scores presented in the format at the last presentation.

Superintendent’s Report:

- Contracts are due around the 18th. She stated that everything is moving forward and so far there haven't been any surprises.

New Business:

VSBA Code of Conduct - :The code of conduct was reviewed, briefly discussed and then signed by each of the members of the School Board. The Technology goals were reviewed and discussed. The Supt. Prepared a statement to hand out to the staff regarding the goals surrounding technology and how it is getting taught in the school. Princ.-to-be Shawn Gonyaw commented on his thoughts and ideas for what he has in mind which also coincides with the goals and ideas presented. There was further discussion regarding the Strategic Plan Goals and the first year goals. Shawn Gonyaw stated that he will be using this as a template for having teachers generate other goals throughout the year. The Board would like to see this move forward and have it set up for July, August and September. On a motion of Jim Schenck, seconded by Louis Bushey the statement prepared by Supt. For the Technology Goals was approved.

Old Business:

- **Trail Update:** Louis Bushey reported that Kingdom Trails will be visiting w/Louis and Abel to see what the trail layouts will be. They've been getting other community members to help and offer their input. Louis stated that the insurance concerns were a non-issue. He mentioned that Kingdom Trails have offered their time and equipment so have some other community members, in order to get the project up and running.
- **Board Policies:** The Supt. wanted to discuss the revisions of the policies. She noted that Barnet has more policies than what is required. She will look into all the required policies to make sure they match the State requirements. She mentioned that some of the policies could be used as procedures instead. She

also noted that if any of the Board members wanted to check out the State required policies they could go to the VSBA website.

Financial: 2010 Update.

- The Board reviewed the most recent report. The Supt. Stated that there is a General Fund deficit of \$15,297 because there was more regular education tuition than anticipated. There is also a deficit of \$13,404 for the Hot Lunch Program bringing the total deficit to \$28,700. The Supt. Mentioned that Rob Billings would be back in June to go over the report in more detail and to answer any questions.

Other Business:

- **8th Grade Graduation request:** to see if 8th grade graduation could be held on June 8th instead of the 9th as originally planned. Students realize that they will still have to attend school on the 9th. It would be helpful since most plans have already been made with the June 8th date. On a motion of Jim Schenck, seconded by Shannon Larocque the request for the 8th grade graduation date to be on June 8th has been approve.
- **Farewell Party for Kerry Keenan:** This will be held on Thursday, May 20th. Angel will email the specifics.

Future Agenda Items:

- Financial Updates.
- School Board Policies – Required List.
- Trail Proposal

Next School Board Meeting:

Wednesday, June 16, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. at Barnet School.

8:15 p.m. Meeting went into executive session for negotiations on a motion of Jim Schenck, seconded by Louis Bushey.

8:45 p.m. Out of Executive Session

8:46 p.m. Adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen C. Zita

Barnet School Board Minute Recorder