

BARNET SCHOOL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, June 16, 2010 – 6:00 PM
at Barnet School

Board Members & Administration in Attendance: Shellie Samuels, Louis Bushey, Shannon Larocque, Princ. Kerry Keenan, Incoming Princ. Shawn Gonyaw, Rob Billings, Lori Wordenschlag (7:30)

1. Meeting called to order by Chair Shellie Samuels at 6:00 p.m.
2. **Into Executive session** to discuss a student issue at 6:05
3. Shannon made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 6:45. Seconded by Shellie Sameuls. All approved.
4. Shannon made a motion to approve the parental request to allow a student to enter kindergarten early. Second by Lou Bushey -- All approved.

5. **Approval of Minutes – 5/11/10:** After reviewing the minutes, a motion was made by Shannon Larocque, seconded by Lou Bushey to approve the minutes as amended. Motion then PASSES.
6. **Approval of Minutes – 5/17/10:** After reviewing the minutes, a motion was made by Shannon Larocque, seconded by Lou Bushey to approve the minutes as submitted. Motion then PASSES.

7. **Administrative Reports:**
 - A. **Principal's Report:** (see distributed report)
 - School Report out to town
 - Best Conference – Shawn will be participating
 - The Supervisory Union Technology Institute is underway.
 - Generator funding has been approved
 - Generator has been ordered and deposit has been paid
 - Board needs to write a letter committing the funds for the generator to the selectboard
 - Building painting is underway
 - Playground committee met following an insurance audit. Decisions are on hold pending the report from the insurance company. Rob at the SU office has a copy of the report but he has not reviewed it thoroughly yet. Two items of concern were the ground cover in the playground and the wooden structures.
 - Kingdom Trails Association and Barnet volunteers were able to construct the first section of bike trails on the 5th of June
 - Robin Nason has resigning from her position with the Barnet School.
 - Shannon made the motion to accept her resignation and seconded by Lou – All approved
 - Kerry recommended hiring Tina Morrison to fill the vacant position in the kitchen provided she gives up her call back rights as a paraeducator.
 - Discussion regarding options for staffing the kitchen followed. Rob suggested this could be discussed at a future meeting.
 - Kerry thanked the board for the open house to celebrate his retirement and their support.
 - Rob discussed a some of the issues/ options for the 2012 budget.

 - B. **Superintendent's Report:** Presented by Rob Billings
 - Technology Institute discussed.
 - SU meeting planned for tomorrow (6/17/10) to discuss issues relating to Challenges for Change
 - Walden and Danville contract negotiations are complete.

- Currently there are three units underway in the SU. Planning to get SU audit done then moving to Barnet and Peacham.
- SU central office is now on summer hours.
- Policy Reivew for sections A-D
 - Board members should get comments to Martha ASAP regarding these school policies.

5. Budget – FY11: Presented by Rob Billings

- Rob suggested that a line of credit should be pursued instead of borrowing like in years past. Three bids were received from area banks (Passumpsic, Union, and Community National). Based on the terms of the line of credit Rob suggested we work with Passumpsic Savings Bank.
- Shannon made the motion to authorize the line of credit with the Passumpsic Savings Banks as proposed by Rob. Seconded by Lou -- All approve.
- There is a projected deficit of \$45,377 but it is not likely to be that high because of adjustments to the regular education tuition costs.
- Shellie asked about additional ARRA funds to cover the cost of additional netbooks for the 5th and 6th grade. Rob said 2011 funds may be available for additional tech supplies.
- Additional bandwidth may be needed to support the increase in the number of computers and netbooks in the school.

6. Other Business:

- Generator discussion
 - Rob indicated that our 2009 budget authorized \$35K to purchase the generator
 - ½ of the State funds will be received prior to July 1 and the balance will be after July 1 for the transfer switch.
 - Barnet received approximately \$22k from FEMA for the generator project.
 - With grant funds received, the total cost to the school if \$3-4K for the generator and the transfer switch
 - The town has \$3-4K for the transfer switch in their budget
 - Shannon made the motion to authorize the SU office/ Martha to write a letter to the selectboard committing school funds allocated in 2009 to the generator project.
 - Seconded by Lori – All approved
- Shannon made the motion to offer the vacant position in the kitchen to Tina Morrison. Seconded by Lori – All approved

7. Next School Board Meeting(s):

- July Meeting
 - Retreat is scheduled for the 28th of July at Lori house from 9:30 – 1:00
 - There will be no regular meeting
 - Next meeting is the 10th of August.

8:08 Shannon made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Lou – All approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Lou Bushey
Board member