

**BARNET SCHOOL BOARD  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
November 30, 2010**

**Members in Attendance:** Supt. Martha Tucker, Business Mgr. Rob Billings, Shellie Samuels, Lori Werdenschlag, Shannon Larocque, Louis Bushey, Jim Schenck.

6:04pm Meeting called to order by Chair Shellie Samuels. Shellie described that this was a session specifically to allow the school board to hear comments from the public and to share with the public what the school board and administration know about the budgeting at this time. It was not a session intended to delve into fine detail about specific budget items but to review the overall budget plans.

- Martha Tucker presented information on Act 146 "Challenges for Change".
- Rob Billings presented the status of the budget. He explained that to meet the Act 146 Goals, Barnet School would have to reduce budget expenditures by \$190,000.
- Community Input
  - Better communication with citizens not in the "school" group.
  - Is there any consideration of reductions in the Arts? (Not in current budget plan)
  - Visits to Fairbanks Museum (Still in budget)
  - Is there a budget for after school programs? (None other than some sports)
  - Questions about school lunch program. Budgets and planning.
  - Comment by community member to "not meet challenges target."
  - Comment by community member "don't reduce budget"
  - Question of tuition negotiations with private schools. Maybe by Dept of Ed.
  - Possible food service consolidation amongst four schools?
  - Recommendation to use what we have already, not pursue what we want.
  - Comment on Tech Support budget increase. Was offset by E-Rate reimbursement.
  - Question – "Are grant writers paid?" Not outside regular salary. For competitive and non-competitive grants, generally staff members write grant proposals. Some of these have been prepared on staff members own time.
  - Suggestion to avoid insurance, banking and other corporate costs.
- The general impression is for the school board to not meet the state goals but not to increase spending.

7:20p On a motion of Shannon Larocque, seconded by Lori Werdenschlag the meeting was adjourned.

The meeting continued with interested parties on the possibility of pursuing a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Grant for after school programs. This meeting was not part of the Special School Board meeting.

**Next School Board Meeting(s):**

Regular School Board Meeting: December 15, 2010 at 6:00pm at Barnet School

Respectfully submitted,  
Jim Schenck