

**BARNET SCHOOL BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
February 8, 2011**

**Members in Attendance:** Shellie Samuels, Lori Werdenschlag, Shannon Larocque, Louis Bushey, Jim Schenck, Principal Shawn Gonyaw, Supt. Martha Tucker @7:30 pm.

6:14 pm Meeting called to order by Chair Shellie Samuels. A motion was made by Louis Bushey, seconded by Lori Werdenschlag to go into executive session to discuss personnel issues.  
6:38 pm Out of Executive Session; on a motion of Louis Bushey, seconded by Lori Werdenschlag. Meeting recessed until 6:45pm.

**No action was taken**

6:39 pm Recess

Public in Attendance: Dave Warden, Jim Ingerson, Paula Ingerson, Joanne Watkins.

6:49 pm Meeting resumes and called to order by Chair Shellie Samuels

**Approval of Minutes – 1/11/10:** Louis Bushey, seconded by Lori Werdenschlag made a motion to approve the minutes as amended (add “in the past” on pg 2). **Approved**

**Public Input:** None.

**Principal’s Report:**

- **Leveled Literacy Intervention:** Mr. Gonyaw reported on training and efforts to improve the reading of primary students. He described the results of having used this program in another local school as having eliminated any students from performing below standards.
- **Hot Lunch Audit:** The audit is not yet complete.
- **Nutritional Goals:** Principal Gonyaw described some of the nutritional goals being pursued by the hot lunch program.
- **Primary Teacher Need:** Principal Gonyaw explained that there may be a need for a fourth primary grade teacher next year. With projected enrollments the class size with three teachers would be 17. With four teachers, the class size would be 13. It was expressed that small class size in early primary grades is important for student outcome.
- **Professional Development:**
  - Leveled Literacy Intervention as described above.
  - Southern New Hampshire University classes for some teachers.
  - 1 to 1 Netbook Initiative training for some teachers.
  - PBIS Data collection, usage and review by the PBIS team.

- **Remodeling:** Principal Gonyaw expressed a need to have the former FHS room remodeled. Its layout is not conducive to its current use. (Spanish) The costs are estimated at \$4,000. The expenses would be covered by maintenance budget and principal's budget.
- **NECAP Results:** The NECAP results have been distributed to superintendents and principals. Initial brief review did not show any major concerns. Mr. Gonyaw will review and make a presentation during the March board meeting.
- **Principal Evaluation Rubrics:** Methods of evaluating a principal will be made available during the March board meeting.

**Old Business:**

- **Class Size Policy 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading.** After some comments, It was determined that the policy will be warned for 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading and adoption during the March School Board Meeting.
- **Hot Water Upgrade.** The hot water system upgrade is nearly complete. It will be completed on Saturday, February 12, 2011.

**Financial:**

- **Town Meeting Preparations:** The board expressed a need to prepare for Town Meeting at which the school board will be first at 10:00AM. A meeting was scheduled for February 17, 2011 at 6:00PM at the school. Board members were advised to do their homework to allow this meeting to be short. Robin Hunt at the Supervisory Union will be informed so she can properly warn the meeting.

**New Business:**

- **Bus Driver Background Checks:** Jim Ingerson of JPI Transportation, Barnet's bus contractor, described the status of background checks for bus drivers. Currently this task is sent to the CCSU office for completion. This procedure was set in place many years ago because there was difficulty getting Vermont to perform the test unless requested by a supervisory union. Superintendent Martha Tucker is pursuing these questions with both the State and with Jim Ingerson. A report will be made during the March board meeting of any changes to the background check procedures.

**Superintendent's Report:**

- **21 Century Grant:** The grant application will be submitted Thursday Feb. 10, 2011.

**Future Agenda Items:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Board Reorganization          | <input type="checkbox"/> Student Presentation?                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adoption of Class Size Policy | <input type="checkbox"/> Barnet School graduate Presentation? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Policy Review           | <input type="checkbox"/> Principal Salary Review              |

8:30 pm A motion was made by Shannon Larocque, seconded by Louis Bushey to go into executive session to discuss contract negotiations.

8:42 pm Out of Executive Session; on a motion of Lori Werdenschlag, seconded by Louis Bushey.

**No action was taken**

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

Special School Board Meeting: Thursday, February 17, 2011 at 6:00pm at Barnet School.

Regular School Board Meeting: Tuesday, March 8, 2011 at 6:00pm at Barnet School.

8:43pm On a motion of Louis Bushey, seconded by Lori Werdenschlag the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Schenck