

**Barnet School Board
Meeting Minutes
April 12, 2011**

Members in Attendance: Louis Bushey, Shellie Samuels, Jim Schenck, Lori Werdenschlag, Principal Shawn Gonyaw, Superintendent Martha Tucker, Bus. Director Rob Billings.

6:11 p.m. Meeting called to order by chair Shellie Samuels.

6:12 p.m. Lori Werdenschlag made a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel issues. Seconded by Louis Bushey. **Approved**

6:24 p.m. Lori Werdenschlag made a motion to come out of Executive Session Seconded by Louis Bushey. **Approved**

6:25 p.m. Meeting recessed.

6:34 p.m. The public portion of the meeting began at 6:34 p.m. and was attended by Ron Sicard, Meg Clayton, Cindy Mosedale, Dave Warden, Dick Roosa, Katie Young and students Daelan Roosa, Domanique Salisbury, Abel Bushey, Robert Warden and Lori Warden.

Approval of Minutes - March 8, 2011 Meeting

On page 2, Person to sign Warrants is to be changed to Shellie Samuals. Louis Bushey then made a motion to accept the minutes as amended; Seconded by Lori Werdenschlag **Approved**

Public Input

None.

Principal's Report

Principal Gonyaw introduced students who attended the meeting to give a presentation about School Climate, Student Engagement, Technology use in the Classroom and Connection to Community. Daelan Roosa, Domanique Salisbury, Abel Bushey, Robert Warden presented the results of surveys that were conducted by their classes including creation of many pie charts to help illuminate the results. Many questions were asked and answered by the students.

Three teachers attended a "Brain Gym" class over a recent weekend. Two others attended a "Discipline with Dignity" seminar. Observations from these sessions will be shared with the rest of the staff.

The Hot Lunch committee will be rejuvenated shortly. Princ. Gonyaw will be one of the participants. Some statistics about numbers of meals prepared by the Barnet Lunch program and the average costs were shared.

Superintendent's Report

- Danville, Peacham and Walden have reached tentative teachers contracts.
- Support staff has not settled yet.
- Two new staff members have been hired for schools in the CCSU.
- There is a 10 day summer tech. conference planned.
- Intense planning and training is planned around;
 - o Curriculum Development
 - o Early Literacy
 - o Supervision Evaluation

Financial Report

Rob Billings reported on the current fiscal year. Revenues have reduced somewhat, but so have expenses. Current expectation is that we will either be OK, or if we run a deficit, the fund balances will be adequate to cover the shortfall.

Auditors Report – The audit has been completed and accounting practices in Barnet were found to be conducted in conformance to generally accepted accounting practices. Any concerns by the auditors were of minor issues which will be resolved.

Jobs Bill money will arrive sometime soon. Rob advises that this money be reserved for use in the 2013 budget.

New Business

Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) was met by Barnet School in Math. It was not met in Reading. The reading results stayed the same, but needed to rise to “make AYP”.

The Literacy Program will be revised across the supervisory union. An early literacy intervention program has been started.

NECAP data showed good of students moving from Level 1 to Level 2. Level 4 stayed constant, but work still needs to occur to move students from Level 2 to Level 3 and Level 3 to Level 4. One class showed some slippage.

The CCSU is re-focusing on literacy, especially in grades K-3. The results of these efforts may take 2-3 years to show.

The staff appears to be very committed to whatever changes may be required to achieve AYP.

School Calendar

The school calendar for 2011-2012 school year was distributed. This calendar has been coordinated across all four schools. This calendar also has fewer half days. It also accommodates some district wide training in October. Lori Werdenschlag moved that we adopt this calendar. Seconded by Louis Bushey.

Approved

Staffing Needs

Princ. Shawn Gonyaw suggested that we add one primary teacher because the class sizes are projected to be 17 students in the kindergarten, first grade, and combined K-1 class. By adding a teacher, the class sizes would drop to 12 or 13 students. After discussion, Louis Bushey made a motion to hire an additional primary teacher. Seconded by Lori Werdenschlag. **Approved**

Policy Review

Policy Review was tabled for this meeting.

Old Business

None

Other Business - Account Signatories for Petty Cash and Barnet School Activity Account.

It is hereby identified in the Barnet School Minutes that Principal Shawn Gonyaw and Town Treasurer Ben Heisholt are authorized as signatories on the Barnet School Petty Cash and Barnet School Activity Accounts.

Future Agenda Items

Attendance Policy

Harassment Policy

Student Presentations by recent Graduates of Barnet School

Staff evaluation rubrics

8:10 p.m. Lori Werdenschlag made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss a contract issue; Seconded by Louis Bushey. **Approved**

8:19 p.m. Louis Bushey made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Lori Werdenschlag. **Approved**

8:20 p.m. Louis Bushey made a motion to grant the request by the CREEP teacher to work permanent part-time. Seconded by Lori Werdenschlag. **Approved**

8:26 p.m. Lori Werdenschlag made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by Louis Bushey. **Approved**

8:26 p.m. Meeting adjourns

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Schenck