

**Barnet School Board
Meeting Minutes
December 13, 2011**

Members in Attendance: Louis Bushey, Shannon Larocque, Shellie Samuels, Jim Schenck, Lori Werdenschlag, Principal Shawn Gonyaw, Business Manager Jan Ouellette, Superintendent Martha Tucker.

6:10 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Chair Shellie Samuels.

6:11 p.m. Louis Bushey made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss negotiations; seconded by Lori Werdenschlag. **Approved**

6:30 p.m. Motion was made by Shannon Larocque and seconded by Lori Werdenschlag to adjourn the Executive Session. **Approved**

6:34 p.m. The public portion of the meeting began.
Members of the public present: David Warden

Louis Bushey made a motion to approve a settlement as discussed in executive session to resolve a grievance. The motion was seconded by Lori Werdenschlag.

Approved

Approval of November 8, 2011 Minutes

Changes to the minutes were discussed and noted. Louis Bushey made a motion to accept the minutes as amended; seconded by Lori Werdenschlag.

Approved

Public Input

There was no public input.

Principal's Report

- Primary Observation Assessment (POA)
 - K-2 team is nearly finished with December assessments
 - This assessment has several components: letter identification, word test, writing vocabulary, hearing and recording sounds, and text level (fluency and accuracy).
 - Next steps are to analyze the data to determine next steps for instruction
- Elementary Concert
 - Wednesday afternoon at 1:00 pm
 - Many acts from students in K-4, plus guest appearances from 5-8 students!
- Winter Wellness
 - Permission slips have gone home
 - We will offer skiing, skating, swimming, snowshoeing and sliding this year
 - So far we have many more children scheduled to go off campus than we did last year
 - Eric Bogie and the wellness team wrote a grant that was funded by the Vermont Principal's Association
- Vermont Rural Partnership
 - 1st grade team wrote a grant to study community with their students by visiting the workplaces of their families and writing mini-books to be shared at our library and local community areas.
- BEST Institute – This June a team of Barnet staff will be attending the PBiS institute for a 4 day training in strategies to use for TIER II and III students. So far attending are James Lamar, Jennifer Dodge, Ashley Gray, Jean Denson, Shawn Gonyaw and possibly two others.

- LSC Junior Interns
 - Starting in January Barnet will begin to host LSC Juniors.
 - These students will be at Barnet for 4 mornings a week until the end of May.
 - Interns will be in grades 2, 4, and 5.

Superintendent's Report

- Budget creation across all four schools is primary activity for administrative team.

Financial Report

Business Manager Jan Ouellette presented the proposed FY 2013 budget based on the proposed staffing model.

Old Business

None.

New Business

None.

Other Business

- Transportation Coordination meetings have occurred. Consolidation across the CCSU is probably not going to happen since the needs of the various schools are not similar. A waiver by a state official will likely be required, but details of this waiver are not defined yet.
- The bussing contract is due for bidding. A committee including Lou Bushey and Lori Werdenschlag will be formed to manage and review the bidding of transportation.
- Census Estimates were conducted by Shawn Gonyaw and Jim Schenck. Shawn presented a report of the projected enrollments which show some short term increases for 2-3 years to a maximum of ~ 200 students followed by a slow reduction.

Future Special Meeting (Budget Discussion Only)

Thursday Jan 5, 2012 Time to be Confirmed – Proposed 4-6PM

Regular School Board Meeting

Tuesday Jan 10, 2012 6PM

Future Agenda Items

- Ben Heisholt has expressed interest in having access to report writing from the School Accounting Software. Jan Ouellette will inquire with the auditors for their opinion.
- School Board needs to address Bus Incident and Discipline policies.
- Advisability and format of Exit Interviews for parents of students leaving Barnet School.

7:50 p.m. Louis Bushey made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel; seconded by Lori Werdenschlag. **Approved**

7:57 p.m. Motion was made by Shannon Larocque and seconded by Lori Werdenschlag to adjourn the Executive Session. **Approved, No action Taken**

Adjournment

At 7:58 p.m., Louis Bushey made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Lori Werdenschlag seconded the motion. **Approved**

Respectfully Submitted,
Jim Schenck