

**Barnet School Board  
Meeting Minutes  
January 10, 2012**

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

- 6:09 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Chair Shellie Samuels.
- 6:10 p.m. Louis Bushey made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel issues; seconded by Lori Werdenschlag. **Approved**
- 6:45 p.m. Louis Bushey made a motion to come out of Executive Session; seconded by Lori Werdenschlag. **Approved**
- 6:45 p.m. The public portion of the meeting began.  
Members of the public present: Cathy Browne, Meg Clayton, Caroline Adams, Ben Heisholt, Claudia Heisholt, Rebecca Boardman, and Dave Warden.

**Approval of Minutes – 12/13/2011 and 1/5/2012**

12/13/2011 – The motion made at 6:37 should read “made a motion to approve a settlement as discussed in Executive Session to resolve a grievance”. Jim Schenck made a motion to approve the minutes as amended; Shannon Larocque seconded the motion. **Approved**

1/5/2012 – The acronym LTM will be clarified. 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**

- \* The Winter Wellness Program started today; 31 students stayed at school and others went off site for skiing, skating, snowboarding, and swimming.
- \* Two student teachers started for first grade.

**Superintendent’s Report**

- \* Superintendent Tucker shared information regarding upcoming legislative session topics which was received from VSA Executive Director Jeff Francis.
- \* Superintendent Tucker will be attending a two-day conference next week with a state-wide team of four people which is being presented by Microsoft.

**Financial Report**

Superintendent Tucker updated the audience on where the Board was in budget discussions. She explained that the proposed instructional program is very good for the school. The budget proposed at the last meeting did fall into the 2-vote category. Jan Ouellette handed out a revised budget which was pulled together based on discussions from the last meeting. There were some

changes discovered while doing this version that makes the budget less good than it was before. Revenue figures did not change from the last version.

A discussion was held regarding the current proposed expenditures. These figures reflect the trim list put together by the Administrators. Even with those reductions, the budget still falls into the 2-vote category; the amount necessary to fall into the 1-vote category is \$4,154,238. Equalized student numbers dropped and will make a difference in the final rate. Shellie Samuels asked for numbers of actual pupils, by high school, K-8, and CREEP, for the next meeting.

Principal Gonyaw discussed impacts of cutting staff; the trim list includes cutting two paraprofessional positions. He also discussed impacts of losing the planning room, another item on the trim list. Members of the public also expressed concern over cutting staff and losing the planning room. There were questions on funding the curriculum coordinator and the change to CREEP funding which were answered by Superintendent Tucker.

Principal Gonyaw reported the Long Term Maintenance Committee had met the night before. The Committee recommended adding \$60,000 to the budget to cover new boilers (one is gone and the others are in poor condition) and reducing the amount put in the budget for long term maintenance from \$45,000 to \$10,000. Jan Ouellette suggested borrowing the \$60,000 for the boilers rather than putting that amount in the budget.

Items needed for next meeting (scheduled for Thursday January 12, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.)

- Put personnel costs from the trim list back in the budget.
- Put \$14,000 in the budget to cover principal and interest cost of a loan to replace the boilers and warn as a separate article.
- Change the amount for Repair and Maintenance to \$10,000.

**Other Business**

There was no other business to be discussed.

**Future Agenda Items**

Transportation Policy (for February meeting)

**Adjournment**

At 8:20 p.m., Jim Schenck made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Lori Werdenschlag seconded the motion.

**Approved**

Respectfully Submitted,

Ellen Hinman  
Jim Schenck