

**Barnet School Board
Meeting Minutes
February 14, 2012**

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

6:07 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Chair Shellie Samuels.

6:08 p.m. Louis Bushey made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel issues; seconded by Shannon Larocque. **Approved**

6:32p.m. Louis Bushey made a motion to come out of Executive Session; seconded by Shannon Larocque. **Approved**

6:32 p.m. The public portion of the meeting began.

Business Manager Jan Ouellette, recorder Ellen Hinman, food service manager Annette Burrington, and Dave Warden joined the meeting.

Jim Schenck made a motion to authorize the Principal to allow a family to pay for tuition for the 2012/2013 school year in order for the student to attend Barnet School passed the school break; seconded by Louis Bushey. **Approved**

Approval of Minutes – 1/10/2012 and 1/12/2012

1/10/2012 – Items on page 2 under “Items needed for next meeting” were clarified. Louis Bushey made a motion to approve the minutes as amended; Lori Werdenschlag seconded the motion. **Approved**

1/12/2012 – Louis Bushey made a motion to approve the minutes as written; seconded by Lori Werdenschlag. **Approved**

Public Input

There was no public input.

Food Service Report

Annette Burrington provided information on meal plans and guidelines, milk choices, Food Authority Consolidation, and meal prices. A review of the food service program was done this year and it went well.

Principal’s Report

- * Principal Gonyaw recently met with parents and community members. He explained the three-tier approach and had great questions. He plans to set up similar meetings monthly.
- * A surprise PBIS audit was recently done by the State of Vermont. Based on results of the audit, an in-service was held for all staff. Referrals are entered into SWIS (school wide information system) and reviewed by a committee on a weekly basis.
- * NECAP information for Barnet is not complete; Principal Gonyaw will email the results out as soon as he has them.

Superintendent’s Report

The curriculum coordinator job description is complete and will be sent to administrators soon. The hiring process is being reviewed, one administrator will be overseeing the process, and a

small committee will be formed to do interviews. Information on possible candidates will be brought before the School Board.

Drug & Alcohol Testing: Transportation Employees Policy

First reading of the policy was done in Danville and Walden and resulted in questions; therefore, Superintendent Tucker will bring the policy back to the Board for a 1st reading in March.

Other Business

Boiler Replacement - Information was gathered on wood chip boilers and pellet boilers; a site visit was done to a business with wood chip boilers. The cost is high for wood chip boilers, and an oil back-up boiler would still be needed. The pellet boilers are costly as well and require a building to house the boiler. The payback period on either system would be long. The best idea would be to install two oil boilers and do a setup for a pellet boiler in the future. David Warden suggested working with the town; a new boiler is being planned for the library and perhaps the Town Clerk's office.

Financial/Budget Presentation

There was discussion on the budget presentation for Town Meeting, the possibility of getting a newsletter out before Town Meeting, and the need for a pre-Town Meeting meeting. Jim Schenck and Shannon Larocque worked on a piece explaining how the budget got to where it is. Louis Bushey was to work on a piece explaining the 10% of the budget that there is actually control over. It was decided that the information that should be communicated included (a) the two-vote procedure, (b) the historical context of the budget from 2008 to present, (c) the instructional program including the 3-tier explanation, and (d) the fixed costs within the budget. Lori Werdenschlag suggested presenting a chart of the tax rates over the last few years; Principal Gonyaw suggested presenting information on the hot lunch program.

*Superintendent Tucker will pull information together this week Friday and send it around for review. Send any information already together to Superintendent Tucker.

*Superintendent Tucker will work on the budget explanation piece that Jim and Shannon put together.

*Board members need to get their pieces together by 2/23/2012 and information needs to be to Principal Gonyaw by 2/24/2012.

*Pre-Town Meeting meeting scheduled for 2/28/2012.

Future Agenda Items

Staffing plan and contracts

Board reorganization

Drug and Alcohol Testing, Transportation Employees Policy 1st Reading

Transportation Committee (to look at requirements of Act 153 around consolidating transportation services within the supervisory union)

Adjournment

At 8:31 p.m., Louis Bushey made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Shannon Larocque seconded the motion.

Approved

Respectfully Submitted,

Ellen Hinman

Jim Schenck