

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

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**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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