

**Barnet School Board
Meeting Minutes
March 13, 2012
Barnet School**

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

- 6:13 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Supt. Martha Tucker.
Martha Tucker asked for nominations for chair. Jim Schenck nominated Shellie Samuels. Seconded by Lori Werdenschlag. No other nominations were offered.
Approved
- 6:20 p.m. Jim Schenck made a motion to go into executive session to discuss a personnel issue. Seconded by Louis Bushey.
Approved
Lori Werdenschlag left the meeting.
- 6:34 p.m. Jim Schenck made a motion to come out of executive session. Seconded by Louis Bushey.
Approved
- 6:37 p.m. The public portion of the meeting began.
Lori Werdenschlag, Recorder Ellen Hinman, David Warden, Sue Pearson, Cindy Mosedale, Katrina LaBounty and her daughter Madison LaBounty joined the meeting.
Louis Bushey made a motion to authorize the Superintendent to take a teacher’s leave request to the Teachers Association for consideration and approval; seconded by Lori Werdenschlag.
Approved
Lori Werdenschlag made a motion to approve a parent’s request to have their children continue to attend Barnet School while the parents undergo temporary reorganization; seconded by Jim Schenck.
Approved
Shellie Samuels nominated Lori Werdenschlag as vice-chair of the Board; seconded by Louis Bushey.
Approved
Shellie Samuels nominated Jim Schenck as clerk of the Board; seconded by Louis Bushey.
Approved
Lori Werdenschlag volunteered to attend the quarterly CCSU Board meetings. Louis Bushey also volunteered to attend the quarterly meetings; however, he has a conflict that will mean he misses meetings this spring.
Discussion was held regarding Barnet School Board meeting time, dates, and warnings. No changes were made.
Louis Bushey made a motion to authorize Shellie Samuels to sign contracts; seconded by Lori Werdenschlag.
Approved
Louis Bushey volunteered to sign warrants. Shellie Samuels nominated Louis Bushey to sign warrants; seconded by Lori Werdenschlag.
Approved

Approval of Minutes – 2/14/2012

A typo was found and will be corrected. Louis Bushey made a motion to approve the minutes as amended; seconded by Lori Werdenschlag.

Approved

Public Input

There was no public input.

Principal’s Report

- The missing box of NECAP results arrived Wednesday. The results will be updated and brought to the April meeting.
- The hiring committee will be established to hire two teachers this year – three parents, three staff members, a Board representative (Lori) and Principal Gonyaw. Both positions have been advertised. The schedule is set, with review of resumes and interviews in March, recommendations to the Superintendent in April, and to the Board after that.

Superintendent’s Report

- Written confirmation of Mr. Sicard’s intent to retire at the end of the year has been received. Superintendent Tucker will send a letter from the Board to acknowledge the retirement.
- The hiring process for the curriculum coordinator has been reviewed. The position posting will close on Monday. The committee will consist of four parents/teachers and four administrators. The recommendation will be brought to the CCSU Board in April.
- Superintendent Tucker suggested Board members read the letter sent out regarding legislative issues and follow up with legislators if there are any questions.

New Business

Principal Gonyaw reviewed the staffing plan for the upcoming year. There will be 11 classroom teachers. There will be three special educators; one at the K-3 level, one at the 4-6 level, and one at the 7-8 level. There will be three Tier 2 teachers for K-8. The para-educators will not be assigned until later in the year. Essential Arts will remain the same as this year.

Old Business

Boiler Replacement – Principal Gonyaw had information regarding next steps for the boiler replacement which was submitted by Mr. Huntoon. Dave Warden approached the Selectboard about working together and they were not interested. Louis Bushey will check back with Jeremy and have him contact Mr. Huntoon.

Other Business

There was no other business to discuss.

Future Agenda Items

- NECAP Results (this will be presented under the Principal’s Report)
- 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)
- Busing contract (April)

7:03 p.m. Louis Bushey made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel contracts and negotiations; seconded by Lori Werdenschlag. Members of the public and the meeting recorder were asked to wait outside. **Approved**

7:17 p.m. Louis Bushey made a motion to come out of Executive Session; seconded by Lori Werdenschlag. **Approved**

Members of the public and the meeting recorder were brought back into the meeting; Business Manager Janice Ouellette also joined the meeting at this time.

Financial

- Budget Debriefing. The Board discussed the budget process and issues that came up at Town Meeting. Having the list of line items pulled out was helpful. Jim Schenck suggested pulling some of the questions that were asked together and putting them in the newsletter. Next year having a tuition grid would be helpful. Having numbers of home-schooled students going into high school would be helpful. Next year perhaps information regarding home-schoolers and tuition information could be put in the newsletter before Town Meeting. Jim Schenck suggested the School Board have a letter included in the Town Report. Superintendent Tucker suggested next year discussions should begin in November or December regarding what a letter would include to avoid duplication.
- FY2012 Budget Updates. Janice Ouellette handed out an updated FY2012 Projection Report and explained the changes in both revenue and expenditures from the last report. The budget looks good but expenditures should be watched until the end of the year. At the April meeting, another update will be presented and discussions regarding food service should take place.
- The busing contract should be discussed at the April meeting. Information on bus routes and number of miles covered should be available for this discussion.

7:40 p.m. Jim Schenck made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss negotiations; seconded by Lori Werdenschlag. **Approved**

Louis Bushey left the meeting.

8:12 p.m. Lori Werdenschlag made a motion to come out of executive session. Seconded by Jim Schenck. **Approved**

8:13 p.m. Lori Werdenschlag made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Jim Schenck. **Approved**

Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,

Ellen Hinman
Jim Schenck