

Barnet School Board Meeting Minutes
May 8, 2012
Barnet School

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

6:15 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Chair Shellie Samuels.

6:16 p.m. Louis Bushey made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel and student issues; seconded by Lori Werdenschlag. **Approved**

6:40p.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.
David Warden and recorder Ellen Hinman joined the meeting.

Louis Bushey made a motion to deny the residency request and allow the individual student to complete the school year at Barnet School; seconded by Jim Schenck. **Approved**

Louis Bushey made a motion to authorize Superintendent Martha Tucker to offer a three-year contract with the suggested terms to the Principal; seconded by Jim Schenck. **Approved**

Approval of Minutes – 4/10/2012 and 4/16/2012

4/10//2012 – Louis Bushey made a motion to approve the minutes from the 4/10/2012 meeting as written; Lori Werdenschlag seconded the motion. **Approved**

4/16/2012 – Lori Werdenschlag made a motion to approve the minutes from the 4/16/2012 meeting as written; Jim Schenck seconded the motion. **Approved**

Public Input

There was no public input.

Principal's Report

- * 8th Grade Retreat – Principal Gonyaw asked this be rescheduled to the June meeting.
- * Strategic Plan – The priority areas - Learning opportunities will reflect the diversified teaching methods that meet the learning style of each student; The Barnet School will continually improve the academic and social program for all students; and Extended learning opportunities are available for all students – and the goals and strategies were reviewed. Future action plan items were also discussed.
- * Hiring Committee – All candidates have been interviewed for the 5th & 6th Grade Humanities position. One candidate has been asked to come to Barnet and teach a lesson. Principal Gonyaw plans to re-advertise the position in case this one candidate does not work out.

- * Graduation – A member of the School Board is needed for Speaker. Anyone interested should let Principal Gonyaw know. Graduation is scheduled for June 7th. Diplomas need to be signed.

Superintendent's Report

- * Transportation Update – Jan Ouellette has been working with Jim Ingerson regarding the bus contract. Mr. Ingerson bid within the 2.1% increase so the contract will not need to be put out to bid. A question was raised about bus routes that change depending on road conditions; some roads are not travelled in the winter depending on snow. Mr. Ingerson is the person who makes the call to travel a road or not. Superintendent Tucker suggested the contract be put out to bid if the Board is concerned with roads not being travelled. The current contract with Mr. Ingerson is for one year. Principal Gonyaw was asked to check on the number of students riding the buses and on the routes that Mr. Ingerson uses. Jim Schenck made a motion to approve the proposed bus contract for one year; Lori Werdenschlag seconded the motion. **Approved**

New Business

- * First reading of the Drug and Alcohol Testing for Transportation Employees Policy – This policy came from the VSBA website and is specific to transportation employees. When the policy was read at the Danville Board meeting, item E on page one was amended to not allow for return to duty after a violation. Shellie Samuels asked Superintendent Tucker to go have a conversation with Mr. Ingerson so he is aware of the policy. The policy will be brought back for the second reading.

Old Business

- * Boiler Replacement – The bid request letter has been redone based on new knowledge of how a bid letter should be written. The ads need to go in the newspaper. A date for the walk through needs to be set. The date for the bid opening needs to be set. Louis Bushey asked if two bids would be going out – one for clerk of the works and one for the project itself. Jan Ouellette had suggested doing the clerk of the works bid first, then doing the walk through with that contractor. David Warden expressed concern that potential bidders needed more time to schedule the project; however, the project cannot start until July 1 anyway. It was decided to advertise for clerk of the works and the replacement project together. Bids for the clerk of the works will be opened on May 25th. The walk through will be scheduled for May 30th. Bids for the replacement project will be opened on June 6th.

Financial

There was no financial update.

Other Business

- * Warrants – Jim Schenck made a motion to allow Shellie Samuels be the alternate warrant signer; Louis Bushey seconded the motion. **Approved**
- * Newsletter – A fourth newsletter will be published. Items for this version will be professional development during the summer (Principal Gonyaw will get information and Lori Werdenschlag will write this section), Strategic Plan Update (Principal Gonyaw will

get information and Louis Bushey will write this section), boiler replacement (Jim Schenck), new teachers (Shellie Samuels). The newsletter will go out the end of the school year; information should be to Jim Schenck by June 1.

- * Budget Committee – Discussion was held regarding the budget committee and whether the School Board should have their own committee or piggy-back with the Select Board. School Board members agreed to share a committee with the Select Board but would like to have input into the makeup of the committee. Shellie Samuels will convey this information to the Select Board,

Future Agenda Items

- * Drug and Alcohol Testing, Transportation Employees Policy – 2nd Reading
- * Fundraising Discussion
- * Bid Award (special meeting)
- * 8th Grade Retreat
- * Board Retreat
- * July Meeting

The meeting to open bids is scheduled for June 7th at 5:00 p.m.

Adjournment

7:40 p.m. Louis Bushey made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Jim Schenck seconded the motion.

Approved

Respectfully Submitted,

Ellen Hinman
Jim Schenck