Barnet School Board Meeting Minutes
September 11, 2012
Barnet School

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

6:06 pm The meeting was called to order by Chair Shellie Samuels.

6:07 pm Shannon Larocque made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue and negotiations; seconded by Lori Werdenschlag.
Approved

6:30 pm Shannon Larocque made a motion to come out of Executive Session; seconded by Lori Werdenschlag.
Approved

6:40 pm The public portion of the meeting began.
David Warden and Business Manager Jan Ouelette joined the meeting.

Shannon Larocque made a motion to request that the superintendent respond for the board to a retirement request; seconded by Lori Werdenschlag.
Approved

Approval of Minutes – 7/26/2012 and 8/15/2012
7/26/2012 – Shannon Larocque made a motion to approve the minutes from the 7/26/2012 meeting as submitted; seconded by Lori Werdenschlag. **Approved**
8/15/2012 – Lori Werdenschlag made a motion to approve the minutes from the 8/15/2012 meeting as submitted; seconded by Shellie Samuels. **Approved**

Public Input
There was no public input.

Superintendent Report
* Caledonia Central Supervisory Union meeting scheduled on 9/20/12 will be open to all school board members. Dinner is at 5:30pm with the meeting at 6pm. Harry Frank from the Vermont School Boards Association will be presenting information on the roles of school board members. Attendance is strongly encouraged.
* Two interns will be working in the CCSU office. They will be shared with Danville school. One focus will be on developing the CCSU website.
* A discussion write-up on Adequate Yearly Progress was distributed.

School Tour
* A thorough tour of the school was conducted by principal Shawn Gonyaw.

Financial Report
* For fiscal year 2012 both Food Service and the General Fund ended in deficit.
* Specific functions were identified as having exceeded their budget and reasons were suggested.
* The food service accounting activity will be reviewed by principal Shawn Gonyaw, superintendent Martha Tucker, and business mgr. Jan Oulette.

New Business

* Student attendance and truancy is being reviewed by schools statewide. Vermont Statute requires that a Truancy Officer must be assigned by each district. Typically an entity with law enforcement powers is assigned. Shannon Larocque made a motion to assign the Caledonia County Sheriff as the Barnet School Truancy Officer; seconded by Lori Werdenschlag. **Approved**

Old Business

* The CCSU needs to adopt a mission statement. Some inquiries were made about consolidating the mission statements of all four member schools. After discussion, the four schools were given the option of adopting the CCSU mission statement, or keeping the one they have been using. The CCSU mission statement reads:

  > It is the mission of the Caledonia Central Supervisory Union and its four member schools to create a learning community in which each individual strives toward the highest standards of excellence in intellectual growth and citizenship.

* Policy Review. The "Acceptable use of Electronic Resources & the Internet" policy was distributed. It was requested that each board member carefully review the policy before the next meeting.
* Budget Planning. The October school board meeting is the beginning of the budget planning process. At this meeting the overall school goals are discussed and evaluated. Each board member was asked to think carefully about the direction of the school and be prepared to consider the big picture goals for the school.

Other Business

* One of the board members described their upcoming time commitments and difficulty being able to attend meetings. There was discussion of the possibility of appointing a replacement. The appointment would only be valid until the next town meeting. The board chair and the board member will work to consider community members who might be willing to accept this appointment.

* The Barnet School Board wishes to congratulate Tammy Carpenter for having been honored as the "Support Staff of the Year" by the Caledonia Central Supervisory Union. Thanks Tammy!

* Jim Schenck and Principal Gonyaw still want to meet with the Waterford principal.

Future Agenda Items

* Minutes approval for 6/12/12 and 9/11/12. Sorry we missed 6/12/12 somehow.

Adjournment

8:55 pm Shannon Larocque made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Lori Werdenschlag seconded the motion. **Approved**

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Schenck