

Barnet School Board Special Meeting Minutes
November 27, 2012
Barnet School

Members in Attendance: Louis Bushey, Shellie Samuels, Jim Schenck, Lori Werdenschlag, David Warden; Principal Shawn Gonyaw, Business Manager Jan Ouellette, Superintendent Martha Tucker

6:30 pm The meeting was called to order by Chair Shellie Samuels.

Public Input

There was no public input.

New Business

* Substitute Pay. Currently Barnet, Danville, and Peacham pay \$65 per day for substitute teachers and Walden pays \$60 per day for teachers and paras. Other schools in the area range from \$80 to \$85 per day for teachers. Superintendent Tucker and Jan Ouellette proposed going to an hourly rate of \$12 for teachers and support staff. There was some discussion regarding the proposal. A motion was made by Louis Bushey and seconded by Jim Schenck to increase the substitute pay for teachers and support staff to \$12 per hour.

Approved

* First Reading, Bullying Policy. Superintendent Tucker explained main points of the policy. Bullying can be something which occurs during the school day, on school grounds. It can also be something which occurs outside of school but impacts a student at school. Incidents of bullying should be reported to Principal Gonyaw. This is a required policy. There was discussion regarding the harassment policy and a disciplinary policy. Barnet's harassment policy needs to be updated. There is a policy on conduct and discipline that could be used for a disciplinary policy. The Board agreed to move the bullying policy forward for a second reading.

Old Business

* David Warden mentioned there had been some issues with the boiler involving a release valve and the pressure tank. A new pressure tank was ordered as the old one was not compatible with the new system.

Financial

* FY2014 Budget Development Discussion. Jan Ouellette went through budgets for Technology, Facilities, and Food Service. The Technology budget includes \$28,000 for Wild Branch services, \$37,000 for equipment leasing, and \$12,500 for equipment. The amount for equipment is for repair of various equipment Barnet School owns. Leases are for three years and works better than actually owning the equipment. The Facilities budget includes amounts for salaries and benefits. Salary figures are estimates based on FY2012 figures with a 3% increase for FY2013 and a 3% increase for FY2014. Benefits reflect the recommended amount for health benefits which increased 14% from last year. There is \$10,000 included for long term maintenance which can be pulled out of

Facilities and put into a separate article. Internet and telephone service amounts reflect an increase of 3% over FY2013 estimates. Electricity reflects an increase of 3% for FY2013 and 3% for FY2014. The Food Service budget amount for salaries reflects some changes to hours worked. The amount for supplies covers food and paper goods. The amount for food was increased for FY2014.

Other Business

- * There was discussion of the need for two meetings in December. Revenue information will not be available for review in December. There are two meetings scheduled for January – 1/8/2013 and 1/22/2013. Louis Bushey mentioned he will not be available for those meetings but will review materials and make comments.

Future Agenda Items

- * Adoption of the Acceptable Use of Electronic Resources and the Internet policy (Dec 11)
- * Bullying Policy – 2nd reading (Dec 11)
- * FY2014 Full Expenditure Budget

Executive Session

7:10 pm A motion was made by Louis Bushey and seconded by Lori Werdenschlag to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel and a student issue.

Approved

Ellen Hinman left the meeting.

7:38 pm Louis Bushey made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Lori Werdenschlag.

Approved

- * There was discussion about creating a Facebook presence. Shawn was authorized to pursue setting up an account.

7:41 pm Dave Warden made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Louis Bushey.

Approved

Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,

Ellen Hinman, Recorder
Jim Schenck, Board Clerk