

Barnet School Board Meeting Minutes
December 11, 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.

Approval of Minutes- 11/13/2012 & 11/27/2012

11/13/2012 – A motion was made by Jim Schenck and seconded by David Warden to approve the minutes from the 11/13/2012 meeting as written. **Approved**

11/27/2012 – Under Old Business, the second sentence was changed to read “A new pressure tank has been ordered...” A motion was made by Jim Schenck and seconded by David Warden to approve the minutes from the 11/27/2012 meeting as amended. **Approved**

Public Input

There was no public input.

Principal’s Report

- * A group of Barnet teachers, along with Principal Gonyaw, are taking a math course to help implement the Common Core standards in math. This is a great course and is more about students thinking and less about textbooks.
- * The Winter Wellness program is up and running, thanks to the efforts of Eric Bogie and Sue Persson.
- * Barnet staff is working with Peacham staff on proficiency in writing. They are working on an approach that will be used district wide on how students learn best regarding writing. The staff has worked very hard to come up with a document that will tie into state standards.
- * Assessments in literacy have been done for K-2 and will be done in January for grades 3-8. Sometime late January or early February, Board members will have the opportunity to review the data wall showing results.
- * There are 40 students currently in the Principal’s 100 Club. These students, a mix of all grades, meet with Principal Gonyaw and play games.
- * A review of the SWIS data shows so far this month there have been 8 referrals; last year at this time there were 17. Part of the reason for this change is thought to be the move to Stage 1 and Stage 2 time-outs.
- * A group of educators from all four schools meet regularly at Barnet School to work on literacy. Last month’s discussion centered on the big ideas for literacy education. It was a good discussion about what the schools want for their students.

Superintendent’s Report

- * Superintendent Tucker recently attended a national conference in Boston sponsored by Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD). The focus this year was on inquiry.
- * Superintendent Tucker is involved with a new state commission working on education

quality standards. Twenty-five people meet for a full day once a month to work on the standards. The work will take 18 to 24 months to complete. Any recommendations made will need to go through rulemaking and be adopted by the Legislature.

- * CCSU has scheduled an in-service day for January 21, 2013. The first part of the day will be used to continue the literacy council's work on literacy and the second part of the day will be used for smaller group work, including the Science group.

New Business

There was no new business to discuss.

Old Business

Adoption of the Bullying Prevention policy and Acceptable Use of Electronic Resources and the Internet policy was tabled. Copies of the policies were not available for Board members to review.

Financial

Superintendent Tucker and Jan Ouellette presented the full expenditure budget for FY2014. The major changes in the budget were explained by function. The budget is up by about \$130,000. Discussion took place regarding the proposals. During discussion of the Technology budget, it was decided an Executive Session was in order.

A motion was made by Louis Bushey and seconded by David Warden to enter into Executive Session to discuss negotiations. Executive Session began at 7:00 pm and ended at 7:03 pm with no action resulting.

Food Service funding was discussed; Board members asked about money they remember setting aside to fund Food Service that was not showing on the budget sheet. Jan will check into that prior to the next meeting. Superintendent Tucker asked the Board for direction on the budget and whether they were ready to accept the proposal and move forward with the revenue budget at the January 8, 2013 meeting. After further discussion, the Board requested the administrators present a level-funded expenditure budget for review at the January 8th meeting. Showing what would need to be cut from the proposed budget to keep it level funded would be helpful in explaining any increase to townspeople. There was also discussion on ways to encourage public attendance at the January meeting. It was suggested something could be put into the principal's newsletter to increase public participation.

Other Business

- * Shellie Samuels asked about the school's Facebook Page; Principal Gonyaw is still in development stages of this page.
- * There was discussion regarding future meetings. There will be no special meeting in December and will be two meetings in January – January 8th and January 22nd. Superintendent Tucker asked Shellie Samuels to notify the Town that budget information would not be available until after the January 22nd meeting.

Future Agenda Items

- * Adoption of the Acceptable Use of Electronic Resources and the Internet policy
- * Bullying Policy – 2nd reading
- * FY2014 Budget - Full Expenditure and Revenue Budgets

Executive Session

8:07 pm A motion was made by Louis Bushey and seconded by Jim Schenck to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel.

Approved

8:15 pm A motion was made by Louis Bushey and seconded by Jim Schenck to come out of Executive Session.

Approved

No action was taken.

8:16 pm A motion to adjourn was made by Louis Bushey and seconded by Dave Warden.

Approved

Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted,

Ellen Hinman, Recorder
Jim Schenck, Board Clerk