

Barnet School Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 22, 2013
Barnet School

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

6:08 pm The meeting was called to order by Chair Shellie Samuels.

The School Board reviewed and discussed a draft version of the letter for the Town Report. The letter will be revised, circulated and be sent to the Town Clerk.

6:13 pm The meeting was recessed until 6:30 pm.

6:30 pm The public portion of the meeting began. Sue Jensen, Meg Clayton, Mark Vaal, Joyce Evans, Brooksie Stanton, Cathy Browne, Katy Young, Bobbie Farlice-Rubio, and Sandra Miggs-Lamar joined the meeting.

New Business

The agenda item to approved the Collective Bargaining Agreement was tabled because the Agreements have not been received from the Association.

Old Business

None.

Financial Report

- Business Manager Jan Ouellette presented Version 3 of the Fiscal Year 2014 Budget.
- This version included significant cuts requested by the School Board.
- Jan started with the Tax Rate Calculation sheet which showed an approximate tax rate increase of 11.59¢ per \$100.
- Even with level spending, the tax rate would become \$1.418 from \$1.342. (7.6¢ increase)
- This showed that actual budget effects were 4.59¢.
- Jan reviewed all sections of the budget and fielded questions about what items were included or excluded.
- Principal Shawn Gonyaw spoke to the effects of this budget proposal on the students.
 - The 0.5 FTE reduction in the Tier II position would mean about 15 students would not get the services they needed.
 - The loss of the field trip budget item would affect the students negatively. Sometimes a field trip is the highlight of a student's year.
 - The continuing restriction on the supplies allocations is troubling. Some of these items are "high impact" particularly for some of the Tier II instruction. Some of the current materials are "pretty tattered".
 - The loss of the three day of summer staff planning would impact the instructional program and efforts towards the common core.

- The loss of the .25 FTE Facilities position would definitely affect the high standards to which the school is currently kept.
- Everything is valuable and each has a direct impact on the children.
- The Power School software can be deferred for this year. It will still be needed in the future.

Public Input

- Concern was expressed about diminished Tier II services and field trips.
- Fairbanks Museum was supported with descriptions of the value versus the fairly minor cost. It was described that the museum staff is willing to help with curriculum development.
- It was noted that K-2 is not included in the field trip budget.
- There was discussion of other funding mechanisms such as “bringing supplies from home”.
- There was discussion about the mood and tolerance of the voters.
- There was discussion of students needs both remedial and advanced.
- There was discussion of the two-vote process.

Financial

There was discussion by the Board of each members opinions regarding the budget and the two-vote process. The discussion resolved to return most of the “Trim List” items to the budget except for the Power School software and the Principal’s Office Wage & Benefit Adjustment.

Louis Bushey made a motion to approve a FY2014 budget of \$ 4,633,115. The motion was seconded by Lori Werdenschlag.

Approved

Future Agenda Items

- Trustees of Public Funds wants to attend the next regular meeting to discuss Esden Fund.
- Ratification of the Collective Bargaining Agreement
- Approval of Minutes

7:48 pm A motion was made by Louis Bushey to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues. Seconded by Lori Werdenschlag. **Approved**

Superintendent Martha Tucker, and Business Manager Jan Ouellette left the meeting.

7:51 pm Louis Bushey made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Dave Warden. **Approved**

Adjournment

7:52 pm A motion was made by Louis Bushey to adjourn. Seconded by Lori Werdenschlag. **Approved**

Respectfully Submitted,
Jim Schenck, Board Clerk