

**Barnet School Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 9, 2013
Barnet School**

Members in Attendance: Louis Bushey, Shellie Samuels, Mary Skovsted, Lori Werdenschlag, David Warden; Principal Shawn Gonyaw, Superintendent Martha Tucker

- 6:00 pm The meeting was called to order by Chair Shellie Samuels.
- 6:05 pm A motion was made by Louis Bushey and seconded by Lori Werdenschlag to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel and a student issue.
- 6:10 pm A motion was made by Louis Bushey and seconded by Lori Werdenschlag to exit Executive Session.
- 6:32 pm The public portion of the meeting began. Ellen Hinman joined the meeting.
- * A motion was made by Louis Bushey to accept the resignation of Andrew Fisher. Lori Werdenschlag seconded the motion. **Approved**
- * A motion was made by Louis Bushey to approve the parental request to pay tuition for a student for the coming school year. The motion was seconded by David Warden. **Approved**
- * A motion was made by Louis Bushey to approve the contracts for teachers and support staff as recommended by the Superintendent. Mary Skovsted seconded the motion. **Approved**
- * A motion was made by Louis Bushey to approve the teacher request for a half-time contract contingent on finding a half-time replacement. The motion was seconded by Lori Werdenschlag. **Approved**

Approval of 3/12/2013 Minutes

A correction was made on page 2, the third bullet under Principal’s Report, to correct spelling of a name. A motion was made by Louis Bushey and seconded by Lori Werdenschlag to accept the minutes of the 3/12/2013 meeting with that correction. **Approved**

Public Input

There was no public input.

Principal’s Report

- * On Monday a team from Barnet School attended an intensive level wrap around workshop, required by Best Institute, on how to deal with the students that are struggling. This workshop gave the team some direction on work that will be done at Best Institute this summer.
- * Principal Gonyaw has been working with Jodie Elliott on summer work around what quality Tier I instruction looks like and how that fits with the Tier II model.
- * Next year’s schedule is being developed. Staff did a survey on what went well and what needs work.
- * Flex time for 5th through 8th grade teachers is being worked out. This will allow teachers to give students who are struggling more support. Fifth and sixth grades seem to work well but seventh and eighth grades do not. A structure will be put in place that everyone can follow,

- * Improvements will be made to health class next year and the school nurse will co-teach with the classroom teacher.
- * All staff recently completed a Google training with Mrs. Bushey. Four afternoon workshops were held to bring staff all up to the same point and to show them what is possible with Google.
- * Three positions will be filled. The 7th and 8th grade Humanities position has been posted. Principal Gonyaw will be reviewing resumes on April 25 and interviews will be set up for April 30. The process will be wrapped up by the May Board meeting and a candidate will be brought before the Board at that meeting. The school nurse position has been posted. Resumes will be reviewed on April 22, interviews held on April 29, candidates will be presented to Superintendent Tucker on May 9 or 10 and a candidate will be brought before the Board in May. The half-time position for Brooksie will be posted as well and should be brought before the Board in May.

Superintendent’s Report

- * Andrea Wasson was offered and has accepted the position of Special Services Coordinator at CCSU. Ms. Wasson asked for a two-year contract but the CCSU Board was only presented with a one-year contract so that needs to be adjusted. Ms. Wasson has a great deal of experience and energy.
- * The 21st Century Learning Grant has been approved, with conditions, and it looks like it will be funded this year. This is a five-year grant which is fully funded by the grant for the first two years then phased in the last three years with local funding. Hank Ruppertsberger helped Superintendent Tucker with putting the grant together.

New Business

- * NECAP Reporting. Jodie Elliott, CCSU Curriculum Coordinator, joined the meeting at 7:00 to discuss Barnet’s NECAP scores. Information on the NECAPs has been sent to Board members and Jodie encouraged everyone to send questions or comments to Principal Gonyaw and he would share them with her. Jodie also gave an overview of the new SBAC assessment (Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium), which will be implemented for the 2014/2015 school year. Barnet participated in a pilot program of the assessment and Principal Gonyaw shared that experience. Barnet students are going to write letters to the company with suggestions on the assessment. The SBAC assessment utilizes computer adaptive training, hands on components, and digital media and is based on Common Core standards. Jodie suggested Board members go to the SBAC website and look at the assessment.
- * 2013/2014 Calendar. Superintendent Tucker presented a calendar, based on the CCSU-approved calendar, with Barnet’s early release dates. School starts August 26 and ends June 5 and provides 175 school days. There is an extra day in January for in-service. A motion was made by Louis Bushey and seconded by Lori Werdenschlag to approve the calendar as presented. **Approved**
- * Board Orientation and Training. Superintendent Tucker shared three pieces of information with the Board. One was a Code of Ethics for School Board Members which everyone read and signed. One was Board Goals and Work Plans and Superintendent Tucker mentioned the summer retreat, held in July, is when Board members develop work plans, discuss the school’s accomplishments, and review teachers’ action plans. The strategic plan will need work this fall. The last piece of information, on Regular Board Meetings, addressed what should happen at Board meetings and the importance of the agenda. Superintendent Tucker and Shellie

Samuels set the agenda the week prior to the meeting. Shellie mentioned the start time of the public portion of the meeting was left off this month’s agenda, and was not included on the notice that went to the newspaper. That will be added back on the agenda for May.

- * Ratification of the Collective Bargaining Agreement for Teachers and Support Staff. A motion was made by David Warden and seconded by Louis Bushey to enter Executive Session to discuss details of the collective bargaining agreement. The motion passed and the Board entered Executive Session at 8:00 pm. At 8:14 pm, a motion was made by David Warden and seconded by Mary Skovsted to end Executive Session. The motion passed. A motion was made by David Warden and seconded by Lori Werdenschlag to ratify the collective bargaining agreement for teachers and support staff. **Approved**

Old Business

- * Esden Fund. Protocols need to be set on how the funds are dispersed. It was decided that Board members send ideas to Louis Bushey for compilation. Louis will send the comments to Principal Gonyaw who will post them for Board review.

Financial

There was no financial report.

Other Business

- * Superintendent Tucker reported that Robin Hunt, CCSU’s HR administrator, has accepted a new job. Robin’s last day is April 19. CCSU is looking to increase Business Office staff and will look at integrating some of the HR duties in that process. The position will be posted by the end of the week.

Future Agenda Items

- * Request from Three Rivers Baseball League to put advertising signs on the ball field
- * Protocols for Esden Fund
- * Teacher Interviews
- * School Board Training
- * Review Administrator Contract

Adjournment

Having no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Lori Werdenschlag and seconded by Louis Bushey to adjourn; the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm. **Approved**

Respectfully Submitted,

Ellen Hinman, Recorder
Mary Skovsted, Board Clerk