

**Barnet School Board Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, May 14, 2013  
Barnet School**

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

- 6:05 pm      The meeting was called to order by Chair Shellie Samuels.
- 6:08 pm      Lori Werdenschlag moved we go into executive session for contracts and hiring; Louis Bushey seconded the motion.
- 6:35 pm      Lori Werdenschlag moved to come out of executive session; the motion was seconded by Louis Bushey.
- 6:36 pm      The public portion of the meeting began. Kate Young and Chris Roy joined the meeting.

A motion was made by Louis Bushey and seconded by David Warden to hire Steve Smith for the .6 FTE 1<sup>st</sup> grade position; Christine Pace for the 7/8 Humanities position, and Ruth Vaal as school nurse. **Approved**

A motion was made by Louis Bushey and seconded by David Warden to change the contract for Becky Boardman to a .6 FTE art position. **Approved**

A motion was made by Louis Bushey and seconded by David Warden to enter into a 3-year contract with a 3.5% increase for Principal Shawn Gonyaw. **Approved**

**Approval of 4/9/2013 Minutes**

A motion was made by Louis Bushey and seconded by Lori Werdenschlag to approve minutes from the 4/9/2013 meeting as amended. **Approved**

**Public Input**

There was no public input.

**Principal's Report**

- \* Principal Gonyaw is working with Angel to resolve issues of residency. From this point forward we will require some documentation to prove residency.
- \* Principal Gonyaw shared information about essential arts. Children requested a change to the essential art class. The idea is to offer electives so students have more choices during 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Students are only required to take two music courses, but they can take up to eight. Options will also be offered for foreign language, physical education, arts, and counseling.
- \* The school is working on the Ballad of Barnet with Sue Persson and James Lamar. Songs are written by staff members and students. A big turnout is expected on May 30<sup>th</sup>.
- \* Students improvement is noted on the student data wall.

**Superintendent’s Report**

- \* Superintendent Tucker discussed details of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning grant and interviewing for HR positions. Everything is progressing quickly and moving in the right direction

**New Business**

- \* Ball Field Signage. Chris Roy addressed the Board regarding fundraising for t-ball. Chris is organizing for donations and fundraising for a batting cage, signs, fuel and field improvements. He is requesting to put up advertising signs around the field. A motion was made by David Warden and seconded by Louis Bushey to approve the proposed signs.

**Approved**

- \* Budget Committee Membership. Shellie Samuels discussed the need to decide whether or not to continue with the budget committee the Selectboard chose. A motion was made by Louis Bushey and seconded by Lori Werdenschlag to utilize the same budget committee that the Selectboard chose in the past.

**Approved**

**Old Business**

- \* Esden Fund. Louis Bushey proposed a list of rules to be designated with the Esden Fund. A broad discussion followed regarding details of structuring the fund. Louis Bushey will revise notes and bring final draft to next meeting.

**Other Business**

- \* Principal Gonyaw requested clarity of who comes before the Board to discuss their agenda. Superintendent Tucker clarified that individuals should come before the Board when they feel that an administrative decision has been mishandled or wrongly decided. The Board does not make management decisions- the Administration does.
- \* Superintendent Tucker discussed expectations of leadership responsibilities and policies for Board members.

**Future Agenda Items**

- \* Esden Fund
- \* Board Leadership Responsibilities

**Adjournment**

Having no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Superintendent Tucker and seconded by Shellie Samuels to adjourn; the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

**Approved**

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Skovsted, Board Clerk  
Ellen Hinman, Recording Secretary