

**Barnet School Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 10, 2013
Barnet School**

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

Members of the public: Ellen Hinman, Jim Schenck, Shane Stevenson, and a news crew from News 7 (Jeremy and Nick)

6:36 pm The meeting was called to order by Chair Shellie Samuels.

Approval of Minutes

6/11/2013

The executive session section of the meeting was completed by adding names of the Board members making motions to enter and exit executive session. A motion was made by David Warden and seconded by Lori Werdenschlag to approve the minutes from the 6/11/2013 meeting with those additions. **Approved**

8/13/2013

Minutes from the 8/13/2013 meeting were unavailable and will be reviewed at the October meeting.

Principal Gonyaw made a request that minutes be made available as soon as possible to post on the website.

Shellie Samuels requested News7 be added to the distribution list for warnings.

Public Input

There was no public input.

Principal's Report

- * The generator transfer switch was recently hit by lightning. A new switch has been purchased and will be installed on October 14. The cost of the switch was \$7770 and was partially covered by insurance.
- * Lori Werdenschlag asked about the school calendar; it was mailed to parents and is posted on the Barnet School web page and Facebook page.
- * Principal Gonyaw reported the school year began very smoothly.
- * Board members and members of the public were taken on a tour of the building, from the pre-school classroom to the 8th grade classrooms. Throughout the classrooms there are similar teaching strategies, such as the BARK expectations, learning targets, the links system, the PAT (preferred activities time) list, and hall passes. There is a room now for K-6 special education. Two behavior interventionists are present during school hours and they work with students to prevent behaviors rather than waiting for something to happen. Principal Gonyaw mentioned the lockers, presently located in the upper hallway, and the plan to replace and possibly move lockers to create more room in that hallway.

Superintendent's Report

- * CCSU Central Office has one new employee in each of its four sections.
- * Members of the Central Office attended training for the Affordable Care Act. This will be in place for Fiscal Year 2015. Anyone interested in negotiations or budget development should check into opportunities around the Affordable Care Act. The regional VSBA meeting scheduled for Thursday will be on the Affordable Care Act.
- * Many of the CCSU meetings have been postponed recently. Executive Committee will be meeting in

October and the full CCSU Board will be meeting in October and November.

New Business

The Open House is scheduled for Thursday, September 17 from 6:00 to 7:30. Board members will be cooking hamburgers and hotdogs and greeting people. People attending will get a “passport” to be stamped and will be asked to visit six different places within the school. Montshire will be there as well. The barbeque will be set up in front of the school and people will be served beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Old Business

Four people have been recruited from the community to be on the committee. Louis Bushey will be the Board Member on this committee. The community forum is scheduled for Saturday, October 26 from 1:00 to 4:00. Superintendent Tucker suggested each Board member recruit one more person and would like to see one more teacher or school staff member on the committee. Additional names should be sent to Louis Bushey. Superintendent Tucker and Louis Bushey will meet prior to the October meeting and work on details of the committee.

Financial

The timeline for budget development was discussed.

October – input from Board on areas of the program there are questions about, and what additional information may be needed on program areas

November – first draft of expenditure budget available; additional information requested by the Board available

December – second draft of expenditure budget and initial revenue budget available

Superintendent Tucker suggested getting a notice out to the community that work on the budget is beginning now and publish the dates of budget discussions. Lori Werdenschlag suggested having some of that information available at the Open House. Jim Schenck suggested posting something at the recycling center.

Other Business

*There is an Australian ballot issue being discussed in town; Louis Bushey said he received a call regarding that. This would need to be on the ballot for Town Meeting.

*Someone needs to be available to be involved with negotiations. David Warden and Shellie Samuels are both interested. Discussions will begin in November.

*The 21st Century Learning Grant program will begin September 30.

Future Agenda Items

*Budget

*Strategic Planning

Executive Session

David Warden made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel; Louis Bushey seconded the motion. Executive Session began at 8:05 p.m. A motion was made by Louis Bushey and seconded by David Warden to end the Executive Session at 8:17 p.m.

Adjournment

Having no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Louis Bushey and seconded by David Warden to adjourn the meeting; the meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ellen Hinman, Recorder
Louis Bushey, Acting Board Clerk