

**Barnet School Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 8, 2013
Barnet School**

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

- 6:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Chair Shellie Samuels.
- 6:07 p.m. A motion was made by David Warden and seconded by Lori Werdenschlag to enter Executive Session to discuss negotiations. Louis Bushey recused himself. **Approved**
- 6:17 p.m. Louis Bushey joined the Executive Session to discuss personnel.
- 6:27 p.m. A motion was made by Lori Werdenschlag and seconded by David Warden to exit Executive Session. **Approved**
- 6:30 p.m. The public portion of the meeting began.

Members of the public: Cathy Browne (teacher), Joyce Evans (substitute teacher), Ellen Hinman (recorder) and Business Manager Janice Ouellette joined the meeting.

**Approval of Minutes
9/10/2013**

A motion was made by David Warden and seconded by Lori Werdenschlag to approve the minutes from the September 10, 2013 meeting as presented. **Approved**

Public Input

Cathy Browne said the budget is terrific. There has been a lot invested in technology and equipment. She would like to see an investment in maintenance of that technology and equipment as well.

Principal’s Report (Part I)

- * Curriculum Council meetings have been taking place; each school in the district has representation on the council. Literacy Curriculum was started last year, and this year the Council is working on Math Curriculum and Science Curriculum. Members of the Literacy Council from Barnet are Billie Jo Roberts, Meg Clayton, Penny Stevenson, and Shawn Gonyaw. Members of the Math Council from Barnet are Molly Terrien, Caroline Adams, Cathy Browne, and Shawn Gonyaw. On the Science Council from Barnet is Cindy Mosedale.
- * NECAP testing is underway. Students are doing a great job with the testing. This is the last year for NECAPs; next year the assessments will be done on-line. Barnet is well equipped to do the on-line testing.
- * Principal Gonyaw and Jodie Elliott will be meeting every other Wednesday with teachers to bring everyone on board with Common Core standards. Starting next week they will look at the shift in teaching standards. They will be doing curriculum mapping and

developing curriculum units. Next summer some of the unit work will be done with Barnet and other schools.

- * An update on Barnet’s SWIS data was given for the school year so far. There are major behaviors and minor behaviors. Defiance seems to be one of the top issues at Barnet, along with disruptions. Referrals can be tracked by location and by time of day. On October 15, the data team will get together to look at the data and track the occurrences of referrals. Having the two behavior interventionists has been extremely helpful.

Superintendent’s Report

Superintendent Tucker said she is happy that the school boards are working the way they should be and the supervisory union does not have much to report because principals are doing more of the talking.

Principal’s Report (Part II)

A presentation was given by Cindy Mosedale, 7th and 8th grade teacher, about the trip to Northwoods Stewardship Center that the 7th and 8th grade students participated in. Students from the class, along with parents Katie Young, Roxanne Roberts, and Christine Arnold, joined the meeting for this presentation. Presentation began at 6:55 p.m. and concluded at 7:35 p.m.

New Business

Discussion was held regarding the petition for Australian ballot at Town Meeting. A meeting is tentatively scheduled for November 12, 2013 beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the school to discuss and vote on the subject. Board members need to talk to community members and encourage attendance at the meeting. A notice regarding the meeting will be on the school website, on the school Facebook page, and will be put in the Friday folders. A message could be recorded and sent using the phone tree; Shellie Samuels volunteered to record the message. A motion was made by David Warden and seconded by Louis Bushey to hold the meeting on November 12, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the Barnet School. The motion passed unanimously. The regular school board meeting will be held beginning at 6:00 p.m. and will end at 7:00 p.m. for the special meeting. If there is time after that meeting, the school board meeting will resume. If not, another school board meeting date will be set.

Old Business

There was not update available on the strategic planning process. The committee meeting tentatively scheduled in October will be cancelled.

Financial

*FY2013 Budget Report. Janice Ouellette reported that FY2013 ended with a surplus of \$177,975, which will be used to cover the prior years’ accumulated deficit of \$54,965 and still leave a balance of \$123,010. Janice went through the revenue and expenditure items that had the most significant variances from budgeted amounts. The Food Service account ended FY2013 with a deficit of \$6,801, which combined with prior years’ deficits, leaves a deficit total of \$26,282. With regards to the General Fund surplus, Janice suggested using some of that to offset the Food Service deficit. It could also be used to lower the town tax rate.

*FY2015 Budget Development Process and Timeline. At tonight’s meeting, discussions should occur regarding items in the budget or relating to the education program that Board members have questions on, need more information on, or feel strongly about. The first draft of the budget

will be available on **November 12, 2013**. If a second meeting is needed in November, a date can be discussed as the fourth Tuesday, November 26th, is not a good day. A second draft of the budget will be presented at the **December 10, 2013** meeting. The final draft of the budget should be ready for presentation and adoption on **January 14, 2014**. Items for discussion or needing further information:

- a. Moving the bookkeeper position to CCSU
- b. CCSU billing for Janice Cummings’ time spent on doing the Food Service work.
- c. Maintenance of technology and equipment
- d. Math curricula and related development
- e. Funding to cover Angel coming in to work with the new person this summer
- f. Funding to cover teachers extra time in the summer as well as extra professional development needed during the school year
- g. Look at what Barnet will contribute toward sustainability of the 21st Century Learning program

Other Business

*There may be an issue with the septic system. While the leachfield area was being hayed, equipment sunk in and possibly damaged the system. This will be investigated further.

*There was discussion of adding additional people to the Strategic Planning committee. Names were shared and contacts will be made.

Future Agenda Items

- *Budget
- *Strategic Planning
- *Student Presentations

Adjournment

A motion was made by Louis Bushey and seconded by David Warden to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ellen Hinman. Recorder
Shellie Samuels, Chair and Acting Board Clerk