

**Barnet School Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 12, 2013
Barnet School**

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

Members of the public: Joe Desrosiers, Katie Young, Dana Young

6:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Chair Shellie Samuels.

Approval of Minutes - 10/8/2013

On page 1, members of the public will be identified by name and role and names of Barnet representatives on the Curriculum Councils will be added. The discussion regarding damage to the leach field will be added. A motion was made by David Warden and seconded by Louis Bushey to accept the minutes from the October 8, 2013 meeting with changes as noted. The motion passed with no further discussion. **Approved**

New Business

*Buzzer System. The 21st Century after school program needs a buzzer in the library for student pickup. Board approval is needed since the expense is not included in the budget. A motion was made by Louis Bushey and seconded by David Warden to approve the expenditure of a buzzer system in the library. The motion passed with no further discussion. **Approved**

*Leach field. As mentioned at the October meeting, damage was done to the leach field during haying of the field. The damage has been assessed and Shannon Laroque did engineering for the repair project bid. A site tour of the project is scheduled for Wednesday morning. Neither Ben Heisholt nor Shannon is available to conduct the tour. Burleigh Huntoon will do the showing and people can call Ben with questions. David Warden will attend the tour as well. The bid is in two parts – the basic bid to do the project and a contingency bid in case the pipes to the tanks need to be larger. David Warden mentioned that when the system was originally installed, four of the branches of the sewer system did not have holes in the pipe for sewage to leach out. The project needs to be done by the end of the month. Work can be done while school is in session but the contractor will have to start after 8:00. Bids are due on November 21.

Old Business

*Strategic Planning. Louis Bushey sent out a doodle poll to nine people and needs to contact two people who do not have computer access. A meeting will be schedule once a date is decided.

Future Agenda Items

*Second draft of the FY2015 budget – December 10

*Bid opening for the leach field project - to be held at the CCSU office in Danville at 4:30 on November 21

*Student Presentations – December 10

Financial

The first draft of the FY2013 Expenditure Budget was reviewed. Areas of change include the following:

*Direct Instruction

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-Two retirements were included in salaries and wages but there will be one more that needs to be added in for the next draft.

-Tuition increased up to \$200,000. Firm tuition figures will not be available until January 15; Janice figured in a 5% increase for all the high schools to come up with the estimated figure.

-Changes in pre-K salaries and benefits. The preschool teacher works at Peacham in the morning and Barnet in the afternoon. Peacham may change the program and that teacher may not be available.

*Student Support – decrease of .5 FTE

*Special Ed – the amount is based on specific needs of individual students as well as the overall program offered in Barnet.

*Guidance – reflects a change in personnel but is an estimate.

*Library Media – some money that used to go into books could go into license fees.

*Technology – a technology integrationist may be employed at the SU level to help teachers at all schools who have not reached proficiency with current technology. Time would be split Barnet .3, Peacham .1, Danville .4 and Walden .2 FTE. Equipment lease, fees and licenses, and purchases of equipment are included in this item.

*Professional Development – changes reflect an amount for the curriculum coordinator which cannot be funded from the grant and a proposed math and science coach to work directly with teachers to develop new teaching skills related to Common Core standards.

*School Board and Fiscal Services - reflects changes in the bookkeeping at Barnet with two days of the Barnet bookkeeper working at the CCSU office and moving the Business Manager to Fiscal Services.

*Principal’s Office – reflects the cost of licensing fees for implementing Power School in Barnet.

*Plant and Operation – reflects an increase for property services

*Debt Service – last payment on bond in December

Issues and/or questions which require further information:

*Information on the advantages of Power School

*Bidding out the cost of the technology contract currently held with Wild Branch. It was agreed that bids should be solicited from other vendors to compare costs. The current Wild Branch contract goes three years beginning this year.

6:46 p.m. The meeting was recessed until the start of the special School Board meeting

7:00 p.m. Special meeting to discuss Australian Ballot was held in the Barnet gym.

7:55 p.m. A motion was made by Lori Werdenschlag and seconded by Mary Skovsted to adjourn the meeting. **Approved**

Respectfully Submitted,

Ellen Hinman, Recorder
Shellie Samuels, Board Chair