

**Barnet School Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 11, 2014
Barnet School**

Members in Attendance: Louis Bushey, Robert Farlice-Rubio, Shellie Samuels, Mary Skovsted, David Warden; Principal Shawn Gonyaw

6:04 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Chair Shellie Samuels.

6:04 p.m. Board Reorganization. Given the election of a new member, Robert Farlice-Rubio, and the subsequent departure of Lori Werdenschlag, Shellie Samuels recommended the Board reorganize itself.

A motion was made by Louis Bushey nominating Shellie Samuels for position of Board Chair; David Warden seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. **Approved**

A motion was made by Mary Skovsted nominating Louis Bushey for position of Vice-Chair; David Warden seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. **Approved**

A motion was made by Shellie Samuels nominating Robert Farlice-Rubio to the position of Board Clerk since he is the newest Board member; David Warden seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. **Approved**

A motion was made by Mary Skovsted nominating Shellie Samuels, Louis Bushey, and David Warden as CCSU Representatives; Robert Farlice-Rubio seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. **Approved**

A motion was made by Louis Bushey nominating David Warden as designated Signer of Warrants; Robert Farlice-Rubio seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. **Approved**

A motion was made by Mary Skovsted to authorize the Board Chair, Shellie Samuels, to sign contracts; the motion was seconded by David Warden. The motion passed unanimously. **Approved**

A motion was made by Louis Bushey authorizing Mary Skovsted as Substitute Signer of contracts. The motion was seconded by Robert Farlice-Rubio. The motion passed unanimously. **Approved**

6:16 p.m. A motion was made by Shellie Samuels enter Executive Session to discuss negotiations and contracts. The motion was seconded by Robert Farlice-Rubio. The motion passed unanimously. **Approved**

6:27 p.m. A motion was made by Louis Bushey and seconded by Robert Farlice-Rubio to end Executive Session. The motion passed unanimously. **Approved**

6:30 p.m. The meeting was called back to order by Chair Samuels.
Two students from Barnet School, their teacher Billy Jo Roberts, Ellen Hinman (Board recorder) and crew members of News 7 from Lyndon State College joined the meeting.

Principal's Report (part I)

Students Sophia Stark and Jordan Barbour from Ms. Roberts' 5th and 6th grade Humanities class presented to the Board information on reading and writing workshop. Ms. Roberts has 19 5th graders and 23 6th graders and the Humanities class is taught using the workshop model. The Barnet Young

Writers Project is being used and possibly the CCSU Young Writers Project can be used in the future, to get greater feedback from a larger audience. Students in other grades (Gracie and Lydia) tutored the 5th and 6th graders.

Board Reorganization (continued)

-Board Dates. There was discussion on what day meetings should occur. It was decided to keep the date as the 2nd Tuesday of the month and the time as 6:00 for Executive Session and 6:30 for the public portion of the meeting. The location will be the Barnet School. Exceptions will be the 4th Tuesday of the month for meetings as needed. Dates of meetings are as follows: 4/8/2014, 5/13/2014, 6/10/2014, 7/8/2014, 8/12/2014, 9/9/2014, 10/14/2014, 11/11/2014, 12/9/2014, 1/13/2015, and 2/10/2015. Town Meeting is 3/3/2015; the Board reorganization meeting will be held 3/10/2015.

-Person responsible for recording meeting minutes. A motion was made by Robert Farlice-Rubio and seconded by Louis Bushey to nominate Ellen Hinman as meeting recorder. There were no other nominations. The motion passed unanimously. **Approved**

-Person responsible for forwarding meeting minutes to CCSU. A motion was made by Louis Bushey and seconded by Mary Skovsted to nominate Ellen Hinman as the person responsible for forwarding meeting minutes to CCSU. There were no other nominations. The motion passed unanimously. **Approved**

-Locations for warnings of special meetings. West Barnet Store, the Town Office, Barnet Village Store, the Barnet School website, the Barnet School Facebook page, the Barnet Town website.

Approval of Minutes

2/11/2014 – A motion was made by Mary Skovsted and seconded by Louis Bushey to accept the minutes of the February 11, 2014 meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously with no further discussion. **Approved**

2/25/2014 – A motion was made by David Warden and seconded by Louis Bushey to accept the minutes of the February 25, 2014 meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously with no further discussion. **Approved**

Principal’s Report (part II)

The hiring process has begun for the guidance counselor position, the 3rd/4th grade Science/Math teacher, and the 1st/2nd grade multi-age teacher. There are two finalists for the 1st and 2nd grade teacher. Two interviews are scheduled for the guidance counselor position. There is one candidate for the 3rd/4th grade teacher scheduled to come in, teach a lesson, and do an interview. If this candidate is not viable, the position will be reopened.

Superintendent’s Report – There was no Superintendent’s Report available.

New Business

Discussion of the 2014/2015 school calendar was tabled until the April meeting. Louis Bushey asked about coordination of in-service days region-wide. Principal Gonyaw said that happens above the CCSU level. There are two days set for regional in-service but Barnet may or may not participate in those in-service days. Louis Bushey and David Warden would like to be informed on any progress to have region-wide in-service days.

Old Business

-Strategic Planning. The meeting scheduled for 3/22/2014 is still on.

Public Input - There was no public input at this time.

Future Agenda Items

-Achievement data presentation – April. Jodie Elliot will be attending to present NECAP and Literacy

Assessment data

- 21C Extended Learning Opportunities presentation – April. The project director will give a presentation
- School Board work plan
- Teacher Hiring
- Strategic Planning
- Theater curtain from the West Barnet Town Hall
- School Lunch program (a solution to the deficit)

Other Business

- Mary Skovsted asked about the budget that passed at Town Meeting. There was discussion on the amount of surplus that voters requested be used to pay the school load and to be used for the lunch program. This is anticipated 2013 surplus. The FY2015 budget was passed with a surplus amount in it as well. There was a question whether the loan could be paid off early or not. Shellie Samuels asked Janice Ouellette that question and has not received an answer as yet. The amount passed with the FY2015 budget could be used toward long term maintenance projects (such as the playground).
- Principal Gonyaw asked for feedback on the student presentation. Louis Bushey pointed out that two very talented students were brought in to do the presentation and he would like to see a more diverse representation of students for presentations; Robert Farlice-Rubio agreed. Principal Gonyaw said Ms. Roberts had asked for volunteers to do this presentation.
- Shellie Samuels updated Board members on the screening for the superintendent position. There is a committee meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 13, 2014 at CCSU. There are 22 or 27 applicants for the position.
- Principal Gonyaw asked for direction on teacher hirings. In the past, interviews with the Board have occurred and other times names were brought to the Board. Candidates are scheduled to meet with the Superintendent the last week in March.

A motion was made by Louis Bushey and seconded by Robert Farlice-Rubio to approve the parental request to tuition a student to Barnet School. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

Approved

A motion was made by Louis Bushey and seconded by Robert Farlice-Rubio to authorize Principal Gonyaw to make the decision regarding student placement for the upcoming academic year. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

Approved

Executive Session

- 7:33p.m. A motion was made by Robert Farlice-Rubio to enter into a second Executive Session to discuss negotiations and contracts. The motion was seconded by Shellie Samuels and approved unanimously.
- 8:02 p.m. A motion was made by Mary Skovsted to end Executive Session; seconded by Shellie Samuels and approved unanimously.

Approved

Approved

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mary Skovsted and seconded by David Warden to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Approved

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Farlice-Rubio, Board Clerk
Ellen Hinman, Recording Secretary