MINUTES

Barnstead School Board Tuesday, March 25, 2014 Barnstead Elementary School

I. CALL TO ORDER

Members Present: Diane Beijer, Chairperson

Eunice Landry, Member, Vice-Chairperson

Kathy Grillo, Member

Genevieve Michaud, Member Maureen Fitzpatrick, Member

Others Present: John Fauci, Superintendent

Donna Clairmont, Business Administrator

Tim Rice, Principal

Misty Lowe, Director of Special Education

Members of the Faculty

Superintendent Fauci called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM in the Library of the Barnstead Elementary School.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All present rose to pledge allegiance to the flag.

III. SCHOOL BOARD REORGANIZATION

Mr. Fauci opened the nominations for Board Chair.

On a motion made by Ms. Fitzpatrick and seconded by Ms. Landry, the Board voted to appoint Diane Beijer as Chair. The vote was 4 in favor and 1 abstention (DB).

On a motion made by Ms. Fitzpatrick and seconded by Ms. Grillo, the Board voted to appoint Eunice Landry as Vice-Chair. The vote was 4 in favor and 1 abstention (EL).

Ms. Beijer welcomed Genevieve Michaud to the Board.

IV. AGENDA REVIEW

Additions to agenda:

- 1. Yearbook Page
- 2. Resignation
- 3. Table Committee Reports

On a motion made by Ms. Fitzpatrick and seconded by Ms. Grillo, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as amended.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion made by Ms. Landry and seconded by Ms. Grillo the Board voted to approve the Board Meeting minutes of March 3, 2014 as submitted. The vote was 4 in favor and 1 abstention (GM).

VI. PUBLIC INPUT

Patti Hamilton thanked Mr. Fauci for setting up the first round of negotiations and thanked Mr. Rice for his support of the negotiations. She especially thanked Ms. Landry and stated that it was a pleasure to work with her. She also thanked Mr. Couch and stated that they negotiated in a manner never experienced before and believes that other districts will want to follow our lead.

Ms. Hamilton thanked all of the School Board members for speaking in support of the teachers. The teachers are thrilled with the outcome.

Mr. Fauci stated that he was in the building on Monday and you could feel the excitement. He hopes this will be a springboard to bring us to our pursuit of excellence.

Ms. Landry noted that there is an opportunity here; the way we have handled negotiations needs to be out there. She thanked the 3 teachers that worked on this for the hard work that they did.

Ms. Hamilton stated that the modeling between the BEA, the Board, the SAU and Administration has been noted and hopes it will trickle down.

Ms. Grillo remarked that it was good that all of the teachers were there to hear all of the support. Christine Bergeron stated that she feels that we are all a team now. Such great things can happen when this is where people want to be. She thanked the Board and especially thanked Ms. Landry stating she was amazing in getting things done.

VII. BES ADMINISTRATION

A. Action Items

1. Nominations

Mr. Rice nominated the following Spring Coaches:

Matt Rayno – Girls' Softball Mike Warner – Boy's Baseball Carelle Malloy & Rebecca Murzin – Track

On a motion made by Ms. Landry and seconded by Ms. Grillo the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Administration for Spring Coaches.

2. Ski Program

Ms. Michaud informed the Board that she ran the ski program this year and everything went well. Some parents have asked her if the program could be started earlier in the day. She checked with other schools and found that Alton students left for the entire day. Some schools have a half day of academics and then the ski program leaves. Remaining students have choices of programs designed by the teachers.

Ms. Michaud would like to use the ½ day model, having academics in the morning and special programming in the afternoon. She said that she will be having a Chili Cook-off as a fundraiser to help with expenses. She hopes the Board will agree to this. She noted that the problems with starting the program after school are:

- It is dark out
- The slopes are icy after a day's use
- The buses are always late
- They don't get home until 9:30 or 10:00 PM

Ms. Landry asked how many students participate and how many days would this take place. There were 45 students in the program last year and they went for 5 Fridays.

There was a discussion about what the fees paid by students covers. Mr. Rice will look into this and bring a recommendation to the Board.

On a motion made by Ms. Fitzpatrick and seconded by Ms. Landry, the Board voted to appoint Genevieve Michaud as Secretary. The vote was 4 in favor and 1 abstention (GM).

B. Information Items

1. BES Enrollment Update

Mr. Rice provided information indicating that as of 3/25/14 the enrollment was 504. It was noted that a total of 54 students have

either moved in or out since November. There was a discussion about how this affects the school's test scores.

2. Congratulations

Mr. Rice noted that 8 students were invited to participate in the Lakes Region Jr. High Music Festival at Moultonborough Academy. It is an honor to be chosen for this event. Representing band were Wesley Demers, Kayley Hoyt, and Gabi Libenson. Representing Choir were Essence Bourque, Cameron Drew, Haley Gagnon, Garrett Smith and Mikayla Towle.

3. Events

a) Mr. Rice showed a video of the BES Math Carnival Night that took place Tuesday, March 11th. The event was a big success with people showing up before it started and not wanting to leave when it was over.

There was a discussion about the fun things that are being done to engage students and their families in learning.

- b) Literacy/Poetry night will be held on Wednesday, April 23rd from 5:30 until 7:00 PM.
- c) Mr. Rice gave a presentation on "Classrooms Going Mobile". It was noted that 56% of schools are going to digital textbooks and 45% are expanding their use of mobile devices. 65% of children currently in grade school will hold jobs that do not yet exist.

It was noted that a group of 4th graders that used hand held mobile devices in conjunction with the curriculum improved 2 years in 6 months.

4. 21st Century Grant

Mr. Rice informed the Board that the grant was submitted on March 14th and we should be hearing back by May 16th.

5. Yearbook

Ms. Beijer noted that every year the Board takes out a full page ad in the Yearbook. The newly elected Board member is responsible for providing an educational quote for the page. On a motion made by Ms. Grillo and seconded by Ms. Fitzpatrick, the Board voted unanimously to donate \$100 for a full page ad in the yearbook for the class of 2014.

VIII. SAU ADMINISTRATION

A. Action Items

1. Authorization

On a motion made by Ms. Landry and seconded by Ms. Fitzpatrick, the Board voted unanimously to authorize the Superintendent to hire a 1:1 paraprofessional for PMHS prior to the next Board meeting.

2. Fuel Tank

Ms. Clairmont provided information from the H.L. Turner Group and Lakes Region Environmental Contractors with their revised proposal for the fuel tank. The revised proposal of \$137,094 represents a savings of \$34,000. A schematic was provided that detailed where the tank would be situated. Ms. Clairmont stated that the Project engineer, Mark McLeod, supports this proposal and that Buildings & Grounds Committee has given her permission to recommend this proposal to the Board.

There was a discussion about how this would affect summer school and what would happen if the project was not completed prior to the opening of school. Ms. Clairmont noted that the contract has a penalty clause if the project is not completed on time.

On a motion made by Ms. Landry and seconded by Ms. Grillo, the Board voted unanimously to accept the revised proposal from H.L. Turner Group and Lakes Region Environmental Contractors for the replacement oil tank project in the amount of \$137,094, which includes the \$60,000 already set aside for the oil tank.

3. Policy

The Board was provided with a copy of policy GDA-NURSA, School Nurse Assistant for a final reading.

On a motion made by Ms. Landry and seconded by Ms. Fitzpatrick, the Board voted unanimously to approve policy GDA-NURSA, School Nurse Assistant for a third and final reading.

B. Information Items

School District Meeting

The success of the School District Meeting was previously discussed in the first session of Public Input.

There was a discussion about getting the excel spreadsheet to the BEA and SAU in order to finish teacher contracts.

2. Expenditure Report

Ms. Clairmont provided an updated expenditure report. She noted that some lines still need to be adjusted and we will have to do another transfer request.

There was a discussion about the lines that needed adjustment and Ms. Clairmont will have everything at the next meeting.

3. PMHS Enrollment

The Board was provided with a list of the PMHS enrollment. There are currently 351 students, 241 of which come from Barnstead.

4. Nominations

On a motion made by Ms. Landry and seconded by Ms. Fitzpatrick, the Board voted unanimously to approve the recommendation of the Administration on renewal of Administrative contracts.

On a motion made by Ms. Landry and seconded by Ms. Fitzpatrick, the Board voted unanimously to approve the recommendation of the Administration on renewal of non-tenured faculty contracts.

On a motion made by Ms. Landry and seconded by Ms. Fitzpatrick, the Board voted unanimously to approve the recommendation of the Administration on renewal of tenured faculty contracts.

On a motion made by Ms. Landry and seconded by Ms. Fitzpatrick, the Board voted unanimously to approve the recommendation of the Administration on renewal of professional & other employee contracts.

IX. COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Tabled

Space Needs: Mr. Fauci stated that the committee met tonight before this meeting and will be meeting again next month. They have agreed to look at several surveys and develop a survey to be distributed to faculty and the community. They will analyze the data and come up with a plan.

The committee needs parent/community representation. Ms. Michaud will ask around to determine interest.

X. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 22, 2014 at 6:00 PM in the Media Center of the Barnstead Elementary School. The agenda will include:

- 1. Expenditure Report
- 2. Transfer Request
- 3. Committee Assignments
- 4. School Calendar
- 5. Support Staff Nominations

XI. PUBLIC INPUT (Second Session)

Patti Hamilton asked if the landscaping in the front of the building will be the same after the oil tank is replaced. She wanted to ensure that a tree dedicated to a student would remain and that the grass will be uniform.

Ms. Clairmont stated that the sketch provided was only a rough idea and that there should not be any disruption of trees or flowerbeds. Mr. Fauci will have a conversation with the contractors to go over these details.

Ms. Hamilton asked if there will be an opportunity to review the new language in the calendar, and will it go to the BEA before it goes to the Board. Mr. Fauci replied that it will.

Mark Hamel asked if longevity would be on the spreadsheet. Ms. Clairmont clarified that the spreadsheet would include base pay, longevity and the total.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Ms. Fitzpatrick and seconded by Ms. Landry, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynette Rose Recording Secretary