

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT #86
BARNSTEAD SCHOOL BOARD**

MINUTES

Barnstead School Board
Tuesday, May, 27, 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
Tim Rice, Principal
Scott Young, Assistant Principal
Misty Lowe, Director of Special Education
Members of the Faculty
Members of the Public

Absent: Donna Clairmont, Business Administrator

Chairperson Beijer called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM in the Library of the Barnstead Elementary School.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All present rose to pledge allegiance to the flag.

III. PUBLIC HEARING

Ms. Beijer opened the public hearing regarding the 21st Century Learning Grant.

Mr. Rice stated that BES was awarded the 21st Century Learning Grant which is a 5-year grant for after school and summer programming. The grant provides \$135K for the first 3 years, and then goes down with the intent of the school taking up the rest and eventually fully funding the program.

If the grant is accepted, we will hire a Program Director and then the remaining staff. It is expected that the program will begin in the fall.

Ms. Beijer congratulated BES for receiving the grant and thanked all of the people involved for their hard work.

IV. AGENDA REVIEW

Additions to agenda:

1. Accept 21st Century Grant
2. PMHS Actions
3. Evaluation Process Committee Formation
4. Non-Public / Personnel

On a motion made by Ms. Landry 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. Fitzpatrick the Board voted unanimously to approve the Board Meeting minutes of April 22, 2014 as submitted.

VI. PUBLIC INPUT

Bruce Grey commended BES for receiving the grant. He noted that it is important to get more community members involved when surveys are distributed. We need to have the input of older citizens to get support. Mr. Grey stated that it is hard for people to object when they don't know what is going on. He would like to see continued cooperation with issues like space needs and other growth.

VII. BES ADMINISTRATION

A. Action Items

1. Kindergarten

Cathleen White presented data on the success of full day kindergarten. She explained how the literacy program works in kindergarten and then explained the data.

There was a dramatic increase in the reading level of students who attended full day kindergarten this year as compared to last year's half day students.

Mr. Rice noted that the numbers continue to grow and currently there are 55 students enrolled for kindergarten next year. If we have 3 classes, that will result in 18 students per class. Mr. Rice would like to keep the number below 15 per class and suggested moving a third grade teacher to kindergarten giving them 4 classes.

He noted that if we “front load” at kindergarten, it will result in less remediation in upper grades.

There was a discussion about class size and the pros and cons of having larger 3rd grade classes.

Ms. Landry requested that enrollment with staffing be presented at the next meeting.

2. BES After School Ski Program

Mr. Rice stated that surveys were sent out and there were 37 responses. Board members were provided with survey results. Out of the 37 responses, 10 participated in the ski program and 27 did not. The results of the survey showed that they would like the program to be more than 5 days, and that the cost should be less.

There was a discussion about where the ski program goes from here. Ms. Michaud will put together a packet for a vote at the next meeting.

3. Nominations

The Board was provided with information on the following Special Education nominations:

- a) Nancy Fournier as Special Education Teacher for the '14-'15 school year

On a motion made by Ms. Landry and seconded by Ms. Grillo, the Board voted unanimously to approve the recommendation of the Administration and hire Nancy Fournier as Special Education Teacher for the '14-'15 school year.

- b) Katrina Rackliff as 1:1 Para for kindergarten for the remainder of the school year

Moved to Non-Public

- c) Peter Brophy as 1:1 Para for the 10th grade for the '14-'15 school year

On a motion made by Ms. Landry and seconded by Ms. Grillo, the Board voted unanimously to approve the recommendation of the Administration and hire Peter Brophy as 1:1 Para for the 10th grade for the '14-'15 school year.

- d) Jessica Webb as .5FTE 1:1 Para for pre-school for the remainder of the school year

On a motion made by Ms. Landry and seconded by Ms. Grillo, the Board voted unanimously to approve the recommendation of the Administration and hire Jessica Webb as .5FTE 1:1 Para for pre-school for the remainder of the school year.

- e) Crystle Perry as Special Education Teacher for the '14-'15 school year

On a motion made by Ms. Landry and seconded by Ms. Grillo, the Board voted unanimously to approve the recommendation of the Administration and hire Crystle Perry as Special Education Teacher for the '14-'15 school year.

- f) Elizabeth Smith as 1:1 Para for the 7th grade for the remainder of the school year

On a motion made by Ms. Landry and seconded by Ms. Grillo, the Board voted unanimously to approve the recommendation of the Administration and hire Elizabeth Smith as 1:1 Para for the 7th grade for the remainder of the school year.

4. Resignations

- a) The Board was provided with a copy of a letter of resignation from Nathan Whitworth as Classroom Teacher.

On a motion made by Ms. Beijer and seconded by Ms. Fitzpatrick, the Board voted unanimously to accept the resignation of Nathan Whitworth with extreme regret and wish him well in his new job.

- b) The Board was provided with a copy of a letter of resignation from Della Greer as Special Education Teacher.

On a motion made by Ms. Landry and seconded by Ms. Fitzpatrick, the Board voted unanimously to accept the resignation of Della Greer with regret.

- c) The Board was provided with a copy of a letter of resignation from Amy West as Paraprofessional.

On a motion made by Ms. Grillo and seconded by Ms. Fitzpatrick, the Board voted to accept the resignation of Amy West. The vote was 4 in favor and one opposed (EL).

5. Sick Bank Request

- a) The Board was provided with a request for 15.25 sick bank days for Katie Pagnotta, along with documentation from her doctor. This request has been approved by the sick bank committee.

On a motion made by Ms. Landry and seconded by Ms. Fitzpatrick, the Board voted unanimously to approve the sick bank request of Katie Pagnotta for 15.25 sick bank days.

- b) The Board was provided with a request from the sick bank committee to allow 18 sick bank days for Roxanne Krause whose husband is critically ill.

No action taken

6. Maternity Leave

The Board was provided with the following requests for maternity leave:

- a) Sara Newell beginning approximately 9/4/14 through 10/31/14.

On a motion made by Ms. Landry and seconded by Ms. Fitzpatrick, the Board voted unanimously to approve the request of Sara Newell for maternity leave beginning approximately 9/4/14 through 10/31/14.

- b) Amanda York beginning in late August through mid-October.

On a motion made by Ms. Landry and seconded by Ms. Fitzpatrick, the Board voted unanimously to approve the request of Amanda York for maternity leave beginning in late August through mid-October.

7. Nomination

The Board was provided with information on the following Regular Education nominations:

- a) Math Intervention (grant funded) – Anabelle Boyle for the remainder of the school year and the summer program

On a motion made by Ms. Landry and seconded by Ms. Fitzpatrick, the Board voted unanimously to approve recommendation of the Administration and hire Anabelle Boyle as grant funded Math Intervention Teacher for the remainder of the school year and the summer program.

- b) .5 FTE Social Worker – Mr. Rice informed the Board that a candidate has been selected and will be presented for Board approval at the next meeting.
- c) ESY - The Board was provided with a list of nominations for the Extended School Year. No action was taken

8. Upcoming Events

- a) 5/27 – 5/30 – 5th grade Nature's Classroom
- b) Friday, 6/6 – 8th grade Semi-Formal
- c) Thursday, 6/12 – 8th grade Step-up Graduation
- d) Friday, 6/13 - last day of school for students
- e) Friday, 6/13 - grades 4-7 academic awards

- f) Monday, 6/16 – BES Oil Tank Project begins
- g) Monday, 6/16 – Teacher full day in-service training
- h) Tuesday, 6/17 – last day for teachers

9. Congratulations

Mr. Rice informed the Board that Tiffany White and Kaci Gilbert, 2014 BES representatives for NH Scholar Leader awards, will be representing BES at a state-wide banquet on Thursday, May 29th.

10. BES Enrollment

Mr. Rice provided information indicating that as of 5/27/14 the enrollment was **505**.

11. 21st Century Learning Grant

On a motion made by Ms. Landry and seconded by Ms. Fitzpatrick, the Board voted unanimously to accept the 21st Century Learning Grant.

VIII. SAU ADMINISTRATION

A. Action Items

1. Nominations

Moved to Non-Public

2. Landscaping Bid Request

Mr. Fauci informed the Board that Landscaping will be going out to bid. It was noted that in the past year we were trying to do the landscaping ourselves, but due to staffing changes this is no longer feasible.

3. Board Emails

Ms. Michaud attended the “New Board Member” training and noted that one of the recommendations was for Board members to have a separate email address specifically for Board business. Mr. Fauci stated that this can happen using the google format that will begin July 1st.

There was a discussion about this issue and the Board agreed that it is a good idea.

On a motion made by Ms. Beijer and seconded by Ms. Landry, the Board voted unanimously to have all Board members receive Board email through the school district.

4. Policies

The Board was provided with policies DTR –Trust Funds Deposits and Withdrawals, EEAG – Use of Private Vehicles to Transport Students, EBCA – Emergency Plans, EBCF – Pandemic/Epidemic Emergencies and JLCEA – Head Lice for a second and final reading.

On a motion made by Ms. Landry and seconded by Ms. Grillo, the Board voted unanimously to approve policy DTR – Trust Funds Deposits and Withdrawals for a second and final reading.

A motion was made by Ms. Landry and seconded by Ms. Grillo to approve policy EEAG – Use of Private Vehicles to Transport Students for a second and final reading. There was a discussion about the prohibitive cost of having \$500K Liability Insurance. The motion was tabled. Mr. Fauci will check with PMHS to see how their policy reads.

On a motion made by Ms. Landry and seconded by Ms. Grillo the Board voted unanimously to approve policy EBCA – Emergency Plans for a second and final reading.

On a motion made by Ms. Landry and seconded by Ms. Fitzpatrick the Board voted unanimously to approve policy EBCF – Pandemic/Epidemic Emergencies for a second and final reading.

On a motion made by Ms. Landry and seconded by Ms. Fitzpatrick the Board voted unanimously to approve policy JLCEA – Head Lice for a second and final reading.

5. PMHS Action

Mr. Fauci informed the Board that he received a call to see if PMHS is using the same attorney as BES in the issue brought up by the Alton School Board regarding Barnstead and the JMA.

Ms. Beijer has recommended that Ms. Landry put together a presentation for the JMA showing that Barnstead is not in breach of contract. If the issue is not resolved, she would like to proceed directly to the Commissioner of Education.

Ms. Beijer noted that the Barnstead School Board has been publically accused of things that are not true. We have never been told how we are in breach of contract. Students, teachers and parents are very upset about what is going on.

Ms. Beijer noted that we have been more than courteous and our questions remain unanswered. The article in the paper did not have a disclaimer stating that it was one person's personal opinion; therefore,

it represented the entire Alton School Board. We need to protect our district and our taxpayers should not have to pay for a “fishing expedition”.

On a motion made by Ms. Fitzpatrick and seconded by Ms. Grillo, the Board voted unanimously to approve taking this issue directly to the Commissioner of Education, pending the decision of the PMHS School Board.

6. Evaluation Process Committee Formation

Mr. Fauci stated that the building administrators, Mr. Rice, Mr. Young and Ms. Lowe have started the process of discussing the evaluation process.

On a motion made by Ms. Landry and seconded by Ms. Fitzpatrick, the Board voted unanimously to appoint the 3 building administrators to the new Evaluation Process Committee.

Mr. Fauci noted that the Board will still have final approval of evaluations.

B. Information Items

1. Expenditure Report

The Board will be provided with an up-to-date expenditure report via email.

2. Space Needs Survey

Mr. Rice stated that the survey is just about ready to go. It should be online 6/3/14 and will also be available on paper copies.

3. PMHS Enrollment

The Board was provided with a list of the PMHS enrollment. There are currently 532 students, 244 of which come from Barnstead.

IX. COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

A. Personnel & Policy (GM & KG):

Previously discussed

B. Building & Grounds (DB & MF):

Have not met

C. Finance (DB & EL):

Ongoing

D. Strategic Planning (GM & KG):

Have not met

E. Space Needs (EL & MF):

Previously discussed

X. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 24, 2014 at 6:00 PM in the Media Center of the Barnstead Elementary School. The agenda will include:

1. Policies
2. BES Staffing
3. Ski Program Proposal

Mr. Fauci informed the Board that he is looking into online payment for meals.

There was a discussion about the 6 cent certification.

XI. PUBLIC INPUT (Second Session)

None

XII. NON-PUBLIC SESSION

On a motion made by Ms. Landry and seconded by Ms. Grillo, the Board voted unanimously to enter into a Non-Public Session under the provisions of RSA 91-A: 3 II (c) at 8:18 PM.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Lynette Rose
Recording Secretary