

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

MINUTES

Barnstead School Board
Tuesday, November 17, 2015
Barnstead Elementary School

I. CALL TO ORDER

Members Present: Diane Beijer, Chairperson
Genevieve Michaud, Vice-Chairperson
Eunice Landry, Member
Lyla Adkins, Member

Others Present: John Fauci, Superintendent
Donna Clairmont, Business Administrator
Tim Rice, Principal
Julie Couch, Assistant Principal
Emily Reese, Special Education Director
Members of the Faculty

Absent: Kathy Grillo, Member

Chairperson Beijer called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM in the Library of the Barnstead Elementary School.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All present rose to pledge allegiance to the flag.

III. AGENDA REVIEW

On a motion made by Ms. Landry and seconded by Ms. Adkins, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as amended:

1. Remove Space Needs Support

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion made by Ms. Landry and seconded by Ms. Adkins, the Board voted unanimously to approve the School Board District Meeting minutes of October 27, 2015 as submitted.

V. PUBLIC INPUT

None

VI. SPACE NEEDS PRESENTATION

Michelle Rosado, Chair of the Space Needs Committee, presented the Board with conceptual designs for an addition to BES. Doug Proctor from the HL Turner Group explained the designs presented as well as the phases for construction. Ms. Rosado noted that they tried to keep the design reasonable in keeping with the needs of the school. This design includes space for the SAU office as well as the possibility of expansion for town offices.

Ms. Rosado will be presenting this to the Selectmen, PTO, community and Planning Board. There is no cost estimate at this time.

VII. BES ADMINISTRATION

A. Action Items

1. Strategic Plan Brochure

Mr. Rice passed around a draft copy of the BES Strategic Plan brochure that was developed by Mary Dank. He noted that they are still ironing out details and commended Ms. Dank for the excellent job she has done on this project.

2. Intent to Retire

The Board was provided with a copy of a letter from Wendy Locke informing of her intent to retire at the end of the 2016-2017 school year.

On a motion made by Ms. Landry and seconded by Ms. Adkins, the Board voted unanimously to accept the intent to retire from Wendy Locke effective at the end of the 2016-2017 school year with regret and best wishes.

B. Informational Items

1. EnVision Math Parent Night

Mr. Rice stated that he has met with K-4 and has a number of ideas. We are still in the implementation phase and want parents to see how this works. We are looking at the early release date of 12/9/15 to present to parents both in the afternoon and evening.

2. Norman & Patricia Harrison Land Proposal

The Board was provided with a schematic of the Harrison property which was granted to the town a number of years ago. This is a beautiful property with a number of ecosystems. The Conservation

Commission suggested that this property be used by the school for science and activities.

Mr. Rice thinks this is a great idea and would like to give the students an opportunity to suggest ideas. It was noted that this property could be used by PMHS as well.

Mr. Fauci stated that he has worked with Prescott Farms in the past and they have done a wonderful job in providing a naturalist to work with teachers and students on environmental issues. This could be done year round at a cost of \$5000 for 150 hours. Mr. Fauci stated that if the Board is in agreement, he will work with Prescott Farms to work on a theme and this could be in place for the beginning of the next school year.

The Board agrees that this is a great idea and would like to continue with planning.

3. Old Home Day

Mr. Rice has not been able to get a hold of Lisa. Ms. Beijer will invite her to the December meeting.

4. Blizzard Bag Approval by State of NH

The Board was provided with a copy of a letter from the NH Commissioner of Education approving Blizzard Bags for the 2015-2016 school year.

5. Title I Onsite Visit

Ms. Couch informed the Board that we had our onsite visit and were in 100% compliance. The review included meetings with parents, teachers, Title I staff and Administration. It was a successful audit with zero findings.

6. Special Education Update

Ms. Reese informed the Board that they continue to move forward and are working to bring a student back from out-of-district placement.

7. Veterans Day

Mr. Rice informed the Board that their Veterans Day Assembly on 11/10 was a tremendous success with a number of veterans present. It was a very touching program and the town has been very supportive.

There was a discussion about the great job BES has done in teaching the students about veterans and the powerful programs presented each year. We will be putting up a pole out front with a green light to support veterans.

8. BAZ Update

None

9. NEWA Score Update

Mr. Rice gave a slide presentation noting NEWA scores. Grades 3 & 4 exceeded national norms and grade 5 is slightly below the national norm. Grade 6 shows some improvement, grade 7 is equal to national norms and grade 8 exceeds national norms.

There was a discussion about the math scores and how they relate to the different math programs we have tested.

Mr. Rice also presented information on Smarter Balanced testing and noted that although the guidelines are the same, proficiency is determined on a state to state basis so a student who is proficient in one state may be below proficiency in another state.

There was a slide presentation on the Spring 2015 BES SBAC results. Parent letters will go out in the next week or so.

VIII. CALENDAR OF EVENTS

11/10 - BES Veteran's Day Assembly - previously discussed

11/13 - Mother/Daughter Disco – this was a great success

11/20 - Grandparent's Thanksgiving Luncheon (Grades 1, 2 & 5)

11/23 – BES Food Drive & Turkey Trot

10:45 – Grades 6-8

12:30 – Grades 3-5

1:30 – Pre-K – Grade 2

11/24 – Space Needs Committee presentation to Barnstead Select Board

12/2 - Space Needs Committee presentation to Barnstead PTO

12/3 – Grade 1-3 Holiday Concert (snow date 12/7) – BES Gym at 6:30 PM

12/14 – Grade 4-8 Holiday Concert (snow date 12/16) – PMHS at 6:30 PM

12/21 – Full Day Teacher Professional Development Training

IX. SAU ADMINISTRATION

A. Action Items

1. School Bus Transportation Bids

The Board was provided with the following bids for bus transportation:

Butler's Bus Service, Concord, NH

New Busses, One 3-year old, spare bus

Bid A Year 1 (16-17)	\$487,620 or \$301 / day
Bid B Year 2 (17-18)	\$449,770 or \$308.50 / day
Bid C Year 3 (18-19)	\$512,244 or \$316.20 / day

First Student, Salem, NH

Three year old busses

Bid A Year 1 (16-17)	\$461,943 or \$285.15 / day
Bid B Year 2 (17-18)	\$489,661 or \$302.26/ day
Bid C Year 3 (18-19)	\$519,048 or \$320.40 / day

Ms. Clairmont noted that first Student represents a 23% increase over the next 3 years. Butler's Bus Service represents a 21% increase. It was noted that new buses was an appealing factor. There was a discussion about the sustainability of Butler's and their ability to get and keep drivers. Ms. Clairmont gave a brief history of the company and reviewed the measures they are taking to get and keep drivers.

There was a consensus of the Board to authorize the Superintendent and Business Administrator to negotiate with Butler Bus Service for a better rate.

2. Oil Price Confirmation Vote

A phone poll was ratified to lock in the price of \$2.11 for oil:

Ms. Landry – yes
Ms. Adkins – yes
Ms. Michaud – yes
Ms. Beijer - yes

3. Proposed Increase FY'17 Committee Assignment

Ms. Clairmont noted that language in the BEA contract for an up to 4% increase in committee assignment stipends. We have budgeted for this in the new budget; the amounts are minimal (\$800 would become \$832).

On a motion made by Ms. Landry and seconded by Ms. Adkins, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Administration and increase the stipends by 4% for Professional Development Committee, PBIS, Curriculum Committee and the Faculty Mentoring Program.

B. Information Items

1. Tax Rate

The Board was provided with financial information from the town resulting in a tax rate of \$27.15.

There was a discussion about how tax rates are determined.

2. Proposed 2016-2017 Budget

The Board was provided with the proposed 2016-2017 budget. Ms. Landry went over the increases and decreased proposed.

The Board reviewed the budget by function.

3. Prescott Farm

Previously discussed

X. COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

A. Personnel / Policy - KG & GM:

Previously discussed

B. Building & Grounds - DB & KG :

None

C. Finance – GM & EL:

Previously discussed

D. Sick Bank – KG:

None

E. Strategic Planning - LA:

Previously discussed

F. Space Needs LA & EL:

Previously discussed

G. CPI Master Plan – GM:

None

There was a consensus of the Board to renegotiate the contract for Mr. Fauci to bring back to the December meeting.

XI. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 15, 2015 at 6:00 PM in the Media Center of the Barnstead Elementary School. The agenda will include:

1. Bridges Update
2. Policies
3. Space Needs Update
4. Budget / Warrant Articles
5. Bus Update

XII. PUBLIC INPUT (Second Session)

None

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Ms. Landry and seconded by Ms. Adkins, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynette Rose
Recording Secretary