

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

MINUTES

Barnstead School Board
Tuesday, March 28, 2017
Barnstead Elementary School

I. CALL TO ORDER

Members Present: Eunice Landry, Chairperson
Diane Beijer, Vice-Chairperson
Kathy Grillo, Member
Jason Henry, Member

Others Present: Tim Rice, Principal
Jeni Laliberte, Assistant Principal
Emily Reese, Special Education Director
Brian Cochrane, Superintendent
Members of the Faculty

Absent: Donna Clairmont, Business Administrator

Superintendent Cochrane 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. SCHOOL BOARD REORGANIZATION

Dr. Cochrane opened the nominations for Board Chair.

On a motion made by Ms. Beijer and seconded by Ms. Grillo, the Board voted to appoint Eunice Landry as Chair. The vote was 3 in favor and 1 abstention (EL).

On a motion made by Ms. Grillo and seconded by Ms. Landry, the Board voted to appoint Diane Beijer as Vice-Chair. The vote was 3 in favor and 1 abstention (DB).

On a motion made by Ms. Beijer and seconded by Mr. Henry, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Kathy Grillo as Secretary.

Ms. Landry welcomed Jason Henry as our new School Board Member.

IV. AGENDA REVIEW

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

1. 5th Grade Presentation
2. Remove Staff Nominations

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion made by Ms. Beijer and seconded by Ms. Grillo the Board voted to approve the Board Meeting minutes of February 21, 2017 as submitted. The vote was 2 in favor and 2 abstentions (JH & DB).

VI. PUBLIC INPUT

Tech Coordinator Mr. Laflamme and 5th grade teacher Ms. Roberts made a presentation to the Board on their “Weather on the 8’s” project with the 5th grade. It was explained that the group skyped with WMUR meteorologist Kevin Skarupa just before a major snowstorm. Weather maps were reviewed and discussed as well as temperature trends. Students used this information to come up with their own 5-day forecast which they videoed in front of a “green screen”. Videos were shown to the Board and 5th graders Ethan and Sara explained what they learned through this project. A great time was had by all.

David Allen stated that he is working to organize a “Barnstead Listens” group. The goal is to increase civic engagement around important issues in a positive way. Mr. Allen provided the board with written information about the project. He is looking to pull together an advisor group that will help to get the project going. He asked that the Board look at the materials and contact him with any questions.

VII. BES ADMINISTRATION

A. Action Items

1. Long-Term Substitute Hire

Mr. Rice provided information on Kim Ainsworth as a long-term substitute for Ms. DeLuca. He noted that we posted the position and had a committee to interview selected candidates and Ms. Ainsworth was selected. She started on 3/9/17.

On a motion made by Ms. Beijer and seconded by Mr. Henry, the Board voted unanimously to approve Kim Ainsworth as a long-term substitute.

2. Resignations

Ms. Landry provided a copy of a letter of resignation from Michele Brown who was newly elected to the School Board. This is because she is an employee of the school and it was ruled that she could not serve in both functions.

On a motion made by Ms. Beijer and seconded by Ms. Grillo, the Board voted unanimously to accept the resignation of Michelle Brown with regret.

Dr. Cochrane provided a memo regarding replacing a Board Member. There was a discussion about the best way to proceed.

3. Spring Coaches

Mr. Rice nominated the following for spring coaches:

Track – Shawn White & Kristina Howlett
Softball – Matt Rayno
Baseball – Mike Warner

On a motion made by Ms. Grillo and seconded by Ms. Beijer, the Board voted unanimously to accept spring coaches Shawn White, Kristina Howlett, Matt Rayno and Mike Warner.

B. Informational Items

1. BES Enrollment

The Board was provided with current enrollment information. As of 3/27/17 the enrollment was 475. Projections for the beginning of the school year is 490.

2. Space Issues / Concerns

Mr. Rice noted that we are adding a teacher to the primary grades. As a result one of the unified arts teachers will be working from a cart. Storage space is also an issue.

Dr. Cochrane stated that space in the technology office is also sparse and equipment is stacked on one another. There is very little space for working on equipment.

There was a discussion about possible solutions for the short term.

3. Responsive Classroom Update

Ms. Laliberte provided a written recommendation for adopting the Responsive Classroom approach at BES. She explained the benefits for both students and teachers. The four domains of this approach are positive community, engaging academics, effective management and developmentally responsive teaching.

4. SPED Update

Moved to Non-Public

5. Reading / Writing Update

Ms. Laliberte informed the Board that we have had consultant Cynthia Merrill in 7 times and done a lot of work on instructional

practices. We will continue working with her next year. We are also looking at what we will use for phonics instruction.

VIII. SAU ADMINISTRATION

A. Action Items

1. Policies

The Board was provided with a copy of policy KBA – Right to know for a second reading.

A motion was made by Ms. Beijer and seconded by Ms. Grillo, to approve policy KBA – Right to know for a second and final reading.

A motion was made by Ms. Beijer and seconded by Ms. Grillo to amend Policy KBA-Right to Know by increasing the cost of copying to \$.25 per page and was approved unanimously by the Board as a second and final reading.

B. Information Items

1) Recap of District Meeting

It was noted that the Board does a good job of anticipating questions and providing information to the citizens of Barnstead. Ms. Grillo noted that the presentation was very professional.

2) Policy GCG – Part-Time and Substitute Professional Staff Employment

The Board was provided with a copy of policy GCG – Part-Time and Substitute Professional Staff Employment as well as Alton and PMHS's policy and practices regarding compensation for substitutes.

Dr. Cochrane noted that due to the difficulty of finding a long-term sub he did some research to see what other districts pay. There was a discussion about the cost of substitute nurses. Ms. Landry suggested coming back to the Board with specific recommendations.

3) SB-193: Educational Funding

The Board was provided with a copy of a letter to the NH Senate from Dr. Carl Ladd, Executive Director of the NHSAA indicating the Association's opposition to SB193-FN. The opposition is due to the fact that the bill is substantially flawed and is, in essence, a voucher program that would expose school districts and their citizens to costly litigation, diminish opportunities for the vast majority of public education students through decreased funding and eliminate the right of voters to determine how public funds are spent.

Dr. Cochrane explained the concerns and discussion ensued.

4) PMHS Enrollment

The Board was provided with current enrollment data for PMHS. As of 3/6/17 there were 240 Barnstead students enrolled. One 9th grader and one 10th grader are being home schooled and 5 Barnstead students are in out of district placements.

IX. COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

No action taken

X. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 11, 2017 at 6:00 PM in the Media Center of the Barnstead Elementary School. The agenda will include:

1. Staff Nominations

XI. PUBLIC INPUT (Second Session)

None

XII. NON-PUBLIC SESSION

The Board was polled and voted unanimously to enter into a Non-Public Session under the provisions of RSA 91-A: 3 II (c) – Matters which if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of the body or agency itself, unless such person requests an open meeting, at 7:17 PM.

Discussion:

1. Special Education Report
2. Personnel Related Issues

On a motion made by Ms. Beijer and seconded by Ms. Grillo, the Board voted unanimously to exit Non-Public Session at 8:02 PM.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

By motion from Ms. Beijer and second by Mr. Henry, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynette Rose
Recording Secretary