

**MINUTES**

Barnstead School Board  
Tuesday, March 27, 2018  
Barnstead Elementary School

I. CALL TO ORDER

Members Present: Eunice Landry, Member  
Kathy Grillo, Member  
Jason Henry, Member  
Lyla Adkins, Member  
Eliza Drolet, Member

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

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 ALLEGIENCE

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 Mr. Henry and seconded by Ms. Adkins, the Board voted to appoint Eunice Landry as Chair. The vote was 4 in favor and 1 abstention (EL).

On a motion made by Mr. Henry and seconded by Ms. Drolet, the Board voted to appoint Lyla Adkins as Vice-Chair. The vote was 3 in favor and 2 abstentions (ED & KG).

On a motion made by Ms. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Henry, the Board voted to appoint Eliza Drolet as Secretary. The vote was 4 in favor and 1 abstention (ED).

Ms. Landry welcomed Eliza Drolet as our new School Board Member.

#### IV. AGENDA REVIEW

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

1. Resignations
2. Long-term substitute
3. Move teacher renewals to non-public

#### V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion made by Ms. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Henry, the Board voted to approve the Board Meeting minutes of February 20, 2018 as submitted. The vote was 4 in favor and 1 abstention (ED).

#### VI. PUBLIC INPUT

None

#### VII. BES ADMINISTRATION

##### A. Action Items

##### 1. Retirement / Resignation

- a) The Board was provided with a copy of a letter from Susan Drescher informing them of her intent to retire as of July 1, 2018.

On a motion made by Ms. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Henry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the retirement notice of Susan Drescher with appreciation.

- b) The Board was provided with a copy of a letter of resignation from Michael Gott.

On a motion made by Ms. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Henry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the resignation of Michael Gott.

- c) The Board was provided with information on Jean Schelb as 2<sup>nd</sup> grade long term sub.

On a motion made by Mr. Henry and seconded by Ms. Adkins, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Administration and approve Jean Schelb as 2<sup>nd</sup> grade long term sub.

- d) The Board was provided with a copy of a letter of resignation from Emily Reese.

On a motion made by Ms. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Henry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the resignation notice of Emily Reese with regret.

Ms. Landry stated that she enjoyed working with Ms. Reese and wishes her well.

## B. Informational Items

### 1. BES Enrollment

The Board was provided with current enrollment information. As of 3/23/18 the enrollment was 500. As of today the enrollment is 498.

It was noted that there is an upward trend in our numbers for the past 3 years.

### 2. Reading / Writing Update

Ms. Laliberte informed the Board that they have created a list of all kindergarten students and scored them on 3 assessments. They used this information to determine interventions. Significant growth has been achieved in many students.

Ms. Laliberte provided a packet of information regarding how the teachers are teaching and how it aligns with the curriculum. She showed examples of foundation assessments and explained how this supports students.

Eighth grade assessments from "Words Your Way", which replaces the traditional spelling programs was highlighted. Ms. Laliberte commended Cathleen White for all the work she had done putting this together. She noted that this is a labor intensive program, but teachers are already seeing the benefits for the students.

There was a discussion about the benefits of this program.

### 3. Firearms in Schools – Policies & Procedures Update

Mr. Rice provided a packet of information regarding recent changes in NH law regarding firearms. He noted that our policy JICI will have to be amended to reflect the law. Mr. Rice went over some of the changes and noted that we can write policy on students and staff, but not for the public. There are issues with both federal and state laws nationally. Several districts are preparing to challenge the new laws.

### 4. SPED Update

Ms. Reese stated that she sees the benefits of the phonics program as it relates to Special Education.

As numbers increase, so do Special Education numbers. We have a new student that requires a 1:1 paraprofessional.

## VIII. SAU ADMINISTRATION

### A. Action Items

#### 1) Renewals

Moved to non-public

#### 2) Board schedule 2018-2019

The Board was provided with a copy of a draft Board Schedule for 2018-2019.

#### 3) Yearbook Ad

The Board was provided with a proposed copy of the School Board yearbook ad. Ms. Landry stated that she would like to continue with a full page ad.

On a motion made by Ms. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Henry, the Board voted unanimously to run a full page ad as presented in the 2018 yearbook.

#### 4) School Calendar 2018-2019

The Board was provided with a copy of a draft School Schedule for 2018-2019.

Dr. Cochrane stated that he met with the Association and made a few changes. They agreed to start teachers on the Monday and Tuesday prior to Labor Day and have the Friday before Labor Day off. Early releases will be further along in the year. He thanked Patti and Christine for their input.

This will be voted on at the next meeting.

### B. Information Items

#### 1) Recap of District Meeting

Ms. Landry stated that she appreciates that the operating budget passed. She has asked that notification of the fund balance be discussed at the next PMHS Board meeting so notification can come earlier in the year in the future.

## 2) 2017-18 Calendar Update

The Board was provided with an updated calendar for the current school year.

Dr. Cochrane explained the changes made as a result of the disaster days and snow days. He has worked with the Association and they are proposing that we count hours rather than days for the students which would allow for their last day to be June 20<sup>th</sup>. Teachers would work until June 22, but those would be teacher workshop days where all of the staff can be trained together. Teachers will check out after the training on Friday June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

On a motion made by Mr. Henry and seconded by Ms. Adkins, the Board voted unanimously to accept the amended schedule as presented.

## 3) Policy – Field Trips

Dr. Cochrane provided a draft copy of Field Trip Policy & Procedures. He went over key areas and stated this will come to the Board for a first and second reading in the near future.

## 4) PMHS Enrollment

The Board was provided with current enrollment data for PMHS. As of March 1, 2018 there were 219 Barnstead students enrolled. Two students are being home schooled and 1 Barnstead student is in out-of-district placement.

## IX. COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Kathy Grillo agreed to serve on the Negotiations Committee. Other assignments will be made at the next meetings. Any requests should go to Ms. Landry.

## X. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 17, 2017 at 6:00 PM in the Media Center of the Barnstead Elementary School. The agenda will include:

1. Financials
2. 18/19 Calendar
3. Committee Assignments

## XI. PUBLIC INPUT (Second Session)

Wayne Whitney questioned the issue of someone coming on school grounds with a gun. He asked if we can ask them to put the gun in their

car or have a lock box for it. There was a discussion around safety issues and how the law hampers our ability to investigate.

Mr. Henry asked about the possibility of having a member of the Student Council as a representative to the School Board. Mr. Rice will look into this.

## 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 **7:12 PM**.

On a motion made by Mr. Henry and seconded by Ms. Grillo, the board voted to come out of non-public session by a 5-0 vote at 7:22pm

## XIII. PUBLIC SESSION

On a motion made by Mr. Henry and seconded by Ms. Adkins, the board voted to accept the 2018-2019 nominations as presented in Non-public session with a vote of 5 – 0.

## XIV. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Ms. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Henry, the board voted to adjourn the meeting with a 5-0 vote at 7:25pm

Respectfully submitted,

Lynette Rose  
Recording Secretary