

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

MINUTES

Barnstead School Board
Tuesday, September 24, 2019
Barnstead Elementary School

I. CALL TO ORDER

Members Present: Eunice Landry, Chairperson
Lyla Adkins, Vice-Chairperson
Jason Henry, Member
Eliza Drolet, Member
Brandy Pelletier, Member

Others Present: Brian Cochrane, Superintendent
Donna Clairmont, Business Administrator
Tim Rice, Principal
Wanda White, Assistant Principal
Allyson Vignola, Special Education Director
Members of the Faculty
Members of the Public

Absent:

Chairperson Landry called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM in the Library of the Barnstead Elementary School.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

All present rose to pledge allegiance to the flag.

III. MOMENT OF SILENCE

A moment of silence was held in honor of Patti Hamilton (and her family) who lost her mother this week.

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:

- Move Old Home Day and Generator discussion to Public Input

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion made by Mr. Henry seconded by Ms. Adkins the Board voted to approve the School Board Meeting minutes of August 27, 2019 as submitted. The vote was 4 in favor and 1 abstention (EL).

V. PUBLIC INPUT

Lori Mahar of the Alternative Energy Committee provided the Board with a list of members and the minutes from their 9/9/19 meeting. She addressed the Board seeking their consensus in participating in a solar energy project. The Board of Selectmen have discussed this and are interested in using 5 acres of School land either behind the school or the Hannah Nutter property. It was noted that there are not 5 acres available behind the school and the Hannah Nutter property is serviced by the NH electric Co-op, (the project must be on property serviced by Eversource).

There was a discussion about potential savings. The Board stated that they needed time to discuss this and would need more information to make an informed decision.

Wayne Whitney stated that if we encompass everything under one umbrella it should benefit everyone in the end. This is good for the kids. Ms. Landry noted that the Town is supporting this for individuals by not taxing solar improvements.

Shawn Mulcahy and Wayne Santos were present to discuss the generator project and making BES a designated emergency shelter. Dr. Cochrane distributed a schematic showing where the electrical panels are located.

Mr. Henry stated that the Board has to approve BES as a designated shelter and Mr. Santos stated that the building should have a generator and this is a win/win for everybody.

Mr. Mulcahy noted that we have used PMHS as a shelter in the past but many people will not travel that far for a shelter, especially if they have pets. This project will be much less expensive if everything is done at once.

Mr. Santos noted that the grant is a 50/50 match and the match can be in-kind donations. Most of our match will be in-kind, meaning that there will be little or no monetary cost.

Jenn Nolan and Genevieve Michaud addressed the Board requesting the use of the lower field to have balloon rides at Old Home Day which is Saturday, October 5, 2019. Ms. Nolan works for ReMax and they will provide the balloon. This tethered ride will take donations for Old Home Day and 68 Hours of Hunger.

Ms. Clairmont informed the board that she contacted Primex regarding this issue and this type of event is not covered in our policy. Ms. Nolan

stated that there is coverage of this through ReMax and the school is named as an insured party.

Ms. Drolet asked if there will be waivers signed (there will) and Dr. Cochrane stated that a signed waiver does not always matter if there is a lawsuit.

On a motion made by Mr. Henry and seconded by Ms. Adkins, the Board voted unanimously to allow the use of the lower field for tethered balloon rides during Old Home Day pending Primex reviewing the policy in place and determining it is appropriate coverage and the setback is correct for the event.

Ms. Michaud asked if it was possible to have the soccer goal nets moved for that day. There was a discussion about electrical outlets and other needs for that day. Mr. Rice will get the information needed.

VI. BES ADMINISTRATION

A. Action Items

1. Nominations & Resignation

- a) The Board was provided with information on Catlin McLaughlin as Long-Term Sub for Math Intervention.

On a motion made by Ms. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Henry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Administration and approve Catlin McLaughlin as Long-Term Sub for Math Intervention.

- b) The Board was provided with information on Laurie McPhail as Paraeducator 1:1. This is a new position; it is budgeted.

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 Laurie McPhail as Paraeducator 1:1.

1. The Board was provided with a copy of a resignation from Kate-Lynn Lee as Paraeducator effective 9/23/19.

On a motion made by Ms. Adkins and seconded by Ms. Drolet, the Board voted unanimously to approve the resignation of Kate-Lynn Lee as Paraeducator effective 9/23/19.

- c) The Board was provided with information on Kara Barrett as Paraeducator.

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 Kara Barrett as Paraeducator.

- d) Mr. Rice requested the approval of Amberlynn Cookinham for BAZ Program Leader.

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 Amberlynn Cookinham for BAZ Program Leader.

2. Teacher Professional Development Committee Stipend Approval

The Board was provided with a copy of a memo from the Professional Development Committee requesting that the committee be reinstated this year and restructured after this year. They are requesting a stipend of 2 positions at \$1000 each.

This is level funded from last year and is in the budget.

On a motion made by Mr. Henry and seconded by Ms. Adkins, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Professional Development Stipend request as presented.

B. Informational Items

1. Building Tour

Moved to the end of the meeting

2. Space Needs

Mr. Rice stated that he will send a letter to the people on the committee thanking them for their participation and letting them know that the committee is no longer needed. The Board approves.

3. Custodians

Custodians Dave and Jackie were recognized for the excellent work they do with a certificate of appreciation.

4. BAZ Update

The Board was provided with a written report from Caitlin Frost, Program Director. The program currently has 84 students enrolled with several more on the waiting list.

It was noted in the report that there was a lack of teacher involvement and Mr. Henry asked why this is the case. Mr. Rice explained that we have a lot of new teachers and they are more focused on having their classrooms ready at this time but in the near future there should be more teacher involvement.

5. Special Services Report

The Board was provided with a written summary of Special Education numbers and staff assignments. The numbers change daily; there are currently 35 paras.

At the end of last year we started having whole community meetings once a month that are formatted like a morning meeting. These have been very successful both for students and teachers.

6. Medicaid to Schools Update

The Board was provided with a copy of the Medicaid to Schools Policy Guidance as well as copy of a letter sent to the Joint Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules requesting that the JLCAR petition the Department to repeal the emergency rule because it created fiscal harm to school districts. A summary of the activities to date was included.

Dr. Cochrane explained how all of this came to be. Ms. Vignola stated that as of 8/27 the emergency rule is still in place and the JLCAR refused to take testimony in the appeal. We are currently on a holding pattern until February when new rules come into effect.

7. Technology Report

The Board was provided with a written report on the technology achievements to date.

Mr. Rice noted that we are up and running with our assessments. Dr. Cochrane stated that we are looking to have back-up of information hosted externally.

8. BES Enrollment

The Board was provided with current enrollment information. As of 9/17/19 we are at 473.

There was a discussion about the increase and decrease of enrollment over the summer.

VII. SAU ADMINISTRATION

A. Action Items

1) 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.

Mr. Rice stated that last year we increased the budget for substitutes and this policy reflects the change.

On a motion made by Mr. Henry and seconded by Ms. Adkins, the Board voted unanimously to approve amended Policy GCG- Part-Time and Substitute Professional Staff Employment for a final reading retroactive to September 9, 2019.

2) Policy GDA – MSW, School Social Worker

The Board was provided with a copy of Policy GDA – MSW, School Social Worker.

Dr. Cochrane stated that we needed to update this policy to reflect our expectations.

On a motion made by Ms. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Henry, the Board voted unanimously to approve Policy GDA – MSW, School Social Worker for a final reading.

B. Informational Items

1. Building & Grounds Update

a) Generator Discussion

A motion was made by Mr. Henry and seconded by Ms. Adkins to designate BES as a primary Shelter for Barnstead. After discussion about the process for the grant the motion and second were withdrawn.

On a motion made by Mr. Henry and seconded by Ms. Adkins, the Board voted unanimously to designate BES as a primary shelter if we win the award and put the generator here.

b) Solar discussion

There was a discussion about the solar project discussed in Public Input and it was determined that we need more information before we commit to this and there is too much of a time crunch to approve this for this budget cycle.

3) Budget Development Timeline

The Board was provided with proposed Budget Development Timelines.

4) PMHS Enrollment

The Board was provided with current enrollment data for PMHS. As of 8/29/18 there were 232 Barnstead students enrolled. Three Barnstead

students are being home schooled and 1 Barnstead student is in out of district placement.

VIII. COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

A. Building & Grounds (ED & BP)

Previously discussed

B. Negotiations (EL & JH)

None

C. Space Needs (ED & LA)

Previously discussed

D. Finance (EL & LA)

There was a preliminary meeting tonight to discuss the budget.

E. CIP Master Plan (JH)

There was a discussion on why we needed a representative on this committee which is currently inactive.

F. Personnel / Policy (BP)

Previously discussed

G. Sick Bank

None

IX. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 22, 2019 at 6:00 PM in the Media Center of the Barnstead Elementary School. The agenda will include:

- Finance committee update
- Committee for advanced learners

X. PUBLIC INPUT (Second Session)

None

XI. 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 7:45 PM.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Lynette Rose
Recording Secretary