

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

MINUTES

Barnstead School Board
Tuesday, March 24, 2020
Barnstead Elementary School

I. CALL TO ORDER

Members Present: Eunice Landry, Member
Lyla Adkins, Member
Brandy Pelletier, Member
Jason Henry, Member
Eliza Drolet, Member (remote)

Others Present: Brian Cochrane, Superintendent
Tim Rice, Principal (remote)
Julie Couch, Assistant Principal

Members of the Faculty
Members of the Public

Absent: Donna Clairmont, Business Administrator
Allyson Vignola, Special Education Director

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

A motion was made by Mr. Henry and seconded by Ms. Adkins, to appoint Eunice Landry as Vice-Chair.

A motion was made by Ms. Drolet and seconded by Ms. Landry, to appoint Jason Henry as Vice-Chair.

On a motion made by Ms. Drolet and seconded by Ms. Landry, the Board voted to appoint Jason Henry as Vice-Chair. The vote was 4 in favor and 1 abstention (JH).

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

IV. AGENDA REVIEW

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

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion made by Mr. Henry and seconded by Ms. Landry, the Board voted to approve the minutes of February 19, 2019 as presented. The vote was 4 in favor and 1 abstention (ED).

On a motion made by Ms. Landry and seconded by Mr. Henry, the Board voted to approve the non-public minutes of February 19, 2019 as presented. The vote was 4 in favor and 1 abstention (ED).

VI. PUBLIC INPUT

None

VII. BES ADMINISTRATION

A. Action Items

1. Resignations

- a) The Board was provided with a copy of a letter of resignation from John McCafferty as Special Education Teacher.

On a motion made by Mr. Henry and seconded by Ms. Pelletier, the Board voted unanimously to accept the resignation of John McCafferty as Special Education Teacher.

- b) The Board was provided with a copy of a letter of resignation from Susan Richardson as Reading Teacher.

On a motion made by Mr. Henry and seconded by Ms. Pelletier, the Board voted unanimously to accept the resignation of Susan Richardson as Reading Teacher.

- c) The Board was provided with a copy of a letter of resignation from Kristyn Callahan as Speech Language Pathologist.

On a motion made by Mr. Henry and seconded by Ms. Pelletier, the Board voted unanimously to accept the resignation of Kristyn Callahan as Speech Language Pathologist.

2. Nominations

- a) The Board was provided with information on Taylor Kiley as BAZ Skills Development Leader.

On a motion made by Mr. Henry and seconded by Ms. Landry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Administration and approve Taylor Kiley as BAZ Skills Development Leader.

B. Informational Items

1. Update on Remote Learning Plan

The Board was provided with a written Remote learning Plan.

Dr. Cochrane noted that this came together very well – there were 2 days of great work and collaboration. Ms. Couch stated that the teachers really appreciated the support – teachers and administration supported each other very well.

It was noted that the administration is in constant contact with the teachers and students. Mr. Henry noted that this is working very well for his family.

Ms. Landry stated that we may have to provide compensatory services for identified students. There was a discussion about how this would be accomplished.

It was noted that if the school remains closed until the end of the school year it will impact District Meeting and the budget. There was a discussion about how this could be addressed. It was determined that reaching out to the DOE attorney would help in this matter.

Ms. Pelletier stated that as a parent she can't express how much the hard work of the teachers is appreciated.

2. Special Services Report

The Board was provided with a written summary of Special Education numbers and staff assignments.

3. BES Enrollment

The Board was provided with current enrollment information. As of 3/19/20 we are at 485.

VIII. SAU ADMINISTRATION

A. Action Items

1) Nominations

Moved to Non-Public

2) BES School Calendar 2020-2021

The board was provided with a proposed 2020-2021 calendar that included 3 days for the school to be closed for elections.

Dr. Cochrane stated that the BEA was receptive to making this work. In talking to Karen Montgomery it is his understanding that this will only be a one year deal.

Ms. Landry stated that this was brought up at Town Meeting and it was indicated that if the School Board approves, the school would be used for elections ongoing.

There was a discussion about how this would work and the problems that could arise (who pays for plowing if it snows during an election; damage to school property, etc.).

Mr. Henry stated that if something like the Covid 19 crisis happened again it could put the school in jeopardy.

A motion was made by Ms. Landry to accept the proposed calendar dated 3/9/20 allowing for 3 election days. There was no second. **Motion Fails**

3) School Board Meeting Schedule 2020-2021

The Board was provided with the dates for the Board meetings for 2020-2021.

4) WestEd Contract Reconsideration

Dr. Cochrane noted that the reason for this was to have WestEd conduct a non-biased survey to determine where we currently are with School Climate.

Since we are not in school we should overturn the vote and repurpose the money.

On a motion made by Ms. Landry and seconded by Mr. Henry the Board voted unanimously to put the WestEd project on hold and use the money elsewhere. This will be reconsidered next year.

B. Informational Items

1. Final Health Insurance Rates

Dr. Cochrane noted that we got a 2.1% guaranteed maximum rate.

4. PMHS Enrollment

The Board was provided with current enrollment data for PMHS. As of 3/2/20 there were 220 Barnstead students enrolled. One Barnstead student is being home schooled and 2 Barnstead students are in out of district placement.

IX. COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Committee assignments will remain the same. There was a discussion about the need for a Space needs Committee. It was determined that we will start this up in the fall.

2. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 21, 2020 at 6:00 PM in the Media Center of the Barnstead Elementary School. The agenda will include:

- School calendar
- Response to town regarding calendar
- Update on distance learning

3. PUBLIC INPUT (Second Session)

None

4. 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 6:50 PM.

On a motion made by Ms. Landry and seconded by Mr. Henry, the board voted to return to Public Session at 8:02 PM.

5. PUBLIC SESSION:

On a motion made by Mr. Henry and seconded by Ms. Pelletier, the board voted to approve all nominations for renewals. Vote 5-0.

On a motion made by Mr. Henry and seconded by Ms. Pelletier, the board approved the use of \$1,200/year for three years to pay Julie Couch's Granite State Leadership Academy Training. Vote 5-0

6. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Mr. Henry and seconded by Ms. Pelletier, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 PM. Vote 5-0 in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynette Rose
Recording Secretary