

**MINUTES  
ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING  
TOWN OF BARNET  
MARCH 1, 2011**

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. at the Barnet Elementary School gymnasium by Moderator Dennis McLam.

**1. To elect a Moderator.**

- Moderator stated that one-year term of Dennis McLam is expiring.
- Dennis McLam nominated.
- Motion made that nominations cease. Seconded.
- Moderator instructed Town Clerk to cast one ballot for Dennis McLam.

**2. To elect a School Director for a term of 3 years.**

- Moderator stated that three-year term of Louis Bushey is expiring.
- Louis Bushey nominated by Jeremy Roberts.
- Motion made that nominations cease. Seconded.
- Moderator instructed Town Clerk to cast one ballot for Louis Bushey.

**To elect a School Director for a term of 2 years.**

- Moderator stated that two-year term of James Schenck is expiring.
- James Schenck nominated by John Bishop.
- Jeremy Roberts made motion that nominations cease. Seconded.
- Moderator instructed Town Clerk to cast one ballot for James Schenck.

**3. Shall the voters of the Barnet School District authorize the Barnet School Board to transfer \$70,000 from the fund balance reserved for tuition to the FY2012 Budget?**

- Motion made to so move. Seconded by Mary Mallon.
- Richard Mallon asked for an explanation of this article.
  - Shannon Larocque responded: A similar article was passed at the 2010 annual meeting, voting to transfer this \$70,000 to the fiscal year 2011 budget. The funds, however, were not used in fiscal year 2011. Therefore, this article exists on this year's warning to carry forward these funds to the fiscal year 2012 budget.
- Passed by voice vote.

**4. Shall the school district vote to adopt an expenditure budget as presented for the school year ending June 30, 2012 including an appropriation of a sum of money for the support of schools with provisions for current expenses, capital improvements, a deficit if any, and for other lawful purposes?**

- Motion made by Shannon Larocque to adopt an expenditure budget of \$4,222,812 for the school year ending June 30, 2012 including an appropriation of a sum of money for the support of schools with provisions for current expenses, capital improvements, a deficit if any, and for other lawful purposes. Seconded by Susan Persson.
- Wendy Fearon spoke concerning the food service portion of the budget: Additional mandates from the United States Congress concerning school food service will soon be

enforced. Also asked why the food service budget is in deficit, and why the Barnet food service budget is nearly \$30,000 more than the budget of the Waterford School, where Fearon works in the food service program.

- Shannon Larocque responded: The School Board cannot address the difference between the Barnet and Waterford budgets because the Board is not familiar with the details of the Waterford program. The Barnet program, however, has seen significant improvements in budget and food quality in recent years, under the advisement of the Food Committee.
- Shirley Warden spoke: Enrollment at Waterford may be declining, whereas enrollment at Barnet is increasing.
  - Shannon Larocque responded, stating the current enrollment figures for the Barnet School District, indicating that enrollment is increasing.
- Edward Ryan spoke in support of the Barnet School food service program, stating that he believes it to be well-balanced and well-planned.
- Passed by voice vote.

**5. To see if the school district will authorize its Board of Directors to borrow money to pay its lawful debts and expenses for the fiscal year which ends June 30, 2012 in an amount not to exceed 90% of the anticipated collection of taxes and receipts of other funds to be used for those purposes?**

- Mary Mallon made motion to so move. Seconded by Susan Persson.
- Passed by voice vote.

**6. To transact any other non-binding business that may legally come before the meeting.**

- Lori Werdenschlag read a prepared statement from the School Board, which included discussion of many programs, initiatives, projects, and strategies developed and implemented since the prior annual meeting.

**7. Shall the voters of the Town of Barnet authorize the Board of School Directors to apply for a loan from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program and borrow an amount not to exceed \$10,000 for water system improvements?**

- Shannon Larocque spoke, in explanation of this article: This was placed on the warning because of a State of Vermont mandate that water be disinfected. For this reason improvements were required for the Recreational Field water system. Funds borrowed due to passage of this article will be entirely refunded by a State of Vermont grant.
- Motion made to so move. Seconded.
- Passed by voice vote.
  
- Shirley Warden spoke regarding Green-Up Day.
- Shannon Larocque spoke regarding new Barnet School Principal Shawn Gonyaw.
  
- Meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

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Shellie Samuels, School Director

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Attest: Benjamin Heisholt, Town Clerk