

MINUTES OF MEETING
BARTLETT SCHOOL BOARD
Josiah Bartlett School Library
April 6, 2010

1. Call to Order:

The April 6th meeting of the Bartlett School Board was called to order by SAU Supt. Dr. Carl Nelson at 6:00 p.m. Also present were: Vicki Harlow, Michael Murphy, Nancy Kelemen, Dan Perley, Rob Clark, and Joe Voci. There were five members of staff/public present, as well as three members of JBES 5th Grade.

2. Reorganization of Board:

A. Election of Chairperson – Dr. Nelson called for nominations for Chairperson. **Motion was made by Mr. Clark, seconded by Ms. Kelemen, to nominate Vicki Harlow Chairperson for the ensuing year. There being no further nominations, Ms. Harlow was declared Chairperson and took the Chair.**

B. Election of Vice-chairperson – **Motion was made by Mr. Murphy, seconded by Ms. Harlow and carried, that Rob Clark be named Vice-chairperson for the ensuing year. There being no further nominations, Mr. Clark was declared Vice-chairperson.**

C. Set Meeting Dates and Time – **It was unanimously agreed that the Board would meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. It was also agreed that the Chairperson would cast a vote on all motions, and that the names of those voting in the minority would be so recorded.**

D. Committee Assignments –

Personnel/Negotiations - Mr. Murphy noted with regard to Personnel/Negotiations, both he and Mr. Perley have spouses who are employed by the School District, and since their serving on the Personnel Committee may be construed as being a conflict of interest, asked that the Chair appoint a separate committee to deal with noncontract personnel/negotiations. Nancy Kelemen and Rob Clark were so designated.

Representative to Selectmen – Mr. Clark asked that someone other than himself be appointed to this position. Ms. Harlow suggested leaving the position open and in the event there is a requirement for someone to appear before the Selectmen, someone would be appointed at that time.

Calendar Committee – It was agree Ms. Harlow would serve as the Board representative on this committee.

Career/Technical Advisory Council – Ms. Kelemen agreed to serve in this capacity.

Green Committee – Ms. Kelemen stated if a Green Committee forms she will serve as the Board’s representative.

E. Manifests – As in the past, the manifests will be signed by the Chair and Vice-chair.

3. Approve Minutes (2-2-10 and 3-16-10): With regard to the Minutes of 2-2-10, Ms. Kelemen made note that on Pg. 2, Sec. 9, Ms. Emery’s name was misspelled and should read “Jimi.” **Motion was made by Ms. Kelemen, seconded by Mr. Perley, that the Minutes of 2-2-10 be accepted as corrected and the Minutes of 3-16-10 be accepted as circulated. Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

4. Presentation of School Programs/FYI Items:

A. Presentation by 5th Grade Media Students – 5th Grade students Rachel Yalenezian, Jamie Kelemen, and Gianna Jones, gave a very impressive presentation regarding Census 2010, explaining their means of research and providing an excellent computer presentation. They researched previous censuses beginning in 1790 noting the difference from then to today, average family size, median age, population, including maps depicting each. They also covered the purpose of a census, how to fill out the current census forms, and how to submit them. The students were applauded for a job well done.

5. Public Comment: None.

6. Old Business: None.

7. Instructional Issues:

A. Consider Adoption of 2010-11 School Calendar – **Motion was made by Ms. Kelemen, seconded by Mr. Murphy, that the Board approve the proposed calendar for the 2010-11 school year. Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

B. Consider Second Reading & Adoption of Revised Policy GDB – Personnel Policies for Noncontracted Employees – **Motion was made by Mr. Murphy, seconded by Ms. Kelemen, that the Board accept Revised Policy GDB – Personnel Policies for Noncontracted Employees at second reading.** Mr. Clark pointed out that basically it is an attempt to keep people from taking a longer vacation, which in some cases can be a big issue. Mr. Perley said the only reason he questions it is noncontracted personnel do not have substitutes provided; one challenge is if we have people leaving prior to vacation it is difficult to get substitutes. He said his sense is contracted versus non contracted

personnel do not necessarily have to follow the same policy. Mr. Voci said his desire was to not set up a “haves” and “have nots” situation. He said he felt that on this issue it should be the same across the board, for example, if teachers have longevity, noncontracted personnel should also have it. **Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

8. Consider Personnel Actions:

A. Nonrenewal of Teaching Staff (to be addressed in non public session)

B. Election of Mary Meehan Bates and Cathleen Livingston as Track Co-coaches – Motion made by Ms. Kelemen, seconded by Mr. Murphy and carried by unanimous vote, to elect Mary Meehan Bates and Cathleen Livingston as Track Co-coaches.

C. Accept Resignation of Carol Weeks – Motion by Mr. Perley, second by Mr. Murphy, that the Board accept, with regret, the resignation of Carol Weeks as Part-time Instructional Aide and wish her well. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

D. Accept Resignation of Linda Bittner – Motion by Mr. Murphy, second by Mr. Perley, that the Board accept with regret the resignation of Linda Bittner as Title I Aide. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

E. Election of Jane Williamson as Part-time Instructional Aide – Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Kelemen, to appoint Jane Williamson as Part-time Instructional Aide until the end of the 2009/2010 school year. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

F. Election of Linda Coffey as Middle School Softball Co-coach – Motion by Mr. Murphy, second by Ms. Kelemen, that the Board appoint Linda Coffey as Middle School Softball Co-coach for the 2009/2010 school year. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

9. Business Affairs:

A. 2009-10 Budget Status Report – FYI – report provided.

B. Budget Transfer between Functions – FYI – Transfer from functions 1100 + 2410 to 2410 - \$1429 to permit the Principal to operate the school in response to changing needs since the original budget development and adoption.

C. Signing of Tuition Agreement with Hart’s Location – A tuition agreement with Hart’s Location was duly signed.

10. Administrators' Reports:

A. Principal – Mr. Voci distributed calendars for April and May, pointing out that on April 9th the Nova Scotia Band will be performing at 9:30 a.m. Report cards will be coming out on April 16th. There will be a teacher workshop on April 13th.

Mr. Voci noted Science people from Maine have been scheduled to come in along with 7th and 8th grade teachers from Kennett Middle School. Unified Arts Festival will be held on April 15th. On Sat. at 7:00 p.m. there will be a variety show.

May 6th is the spring concert. 7th & 8th grade Science Fair will be held on May 13th, and National Junior Honor Society Induction will be held on May 20th.

There will be an 8th grade cookout with Tamworth on May 18th. Starting this year they will be holding a round-robin softball and baseball tournament with Tamworth, Bartlett and Kennett.

A report on the new website was provided, including a list of interesting items available on line. Mr. Clark suggested if they know the schedule of activities it would be good to post them so that students always know certain activities are scheduled for a certain night and can plan accordingly.

B. Superintendent – Dr. Nelson reported the next SAU 9 Board meeting will be held on April 29th at 6:30 p.m. in Albany.

March student reports were provided.

11. Board Member Issues – Board Discussion: Ms. Harlow noted that the annual District meeting went well.

Mr. Clark reported that Kennett has fully instituted the Ed-Line and parents can go on line to see their child's progress. He said he feels it is a really valuable resource and requested that when letters get sent out a note about Ed-Line be included.

12. Public Comments: None.**13. Non Public Session** – At 6:40 p.m. **Motion was made by Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Perley and carried by unanimous roll call vote, that the Board adjourn to non public session under RSA 91-A: 3, II.****14. Adjournment** –

Respectfully submitted,

Gail T. Currier, Recording Secretary