

**THE BARNARD ACADEMY  
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES  
Thursday, March 12, 2009**

Attending at the Barnard Academy: Dave Green, Kurt Lessard, Mike Reali, Meg Gallagher

Following per Agenda:

1. Meg Gallagher called the meeting to order at 5:15 PM
2. Reorganization of Board
  - a. Election of Officers
    - i. Dave Green nominated, voted and confirmed as Chairman of School Board
    - ii. Kurt Lessard nominated, voted and confirmed as Vice Chairman of School Board
    - iii. Mike Reali nominated, voted and confirmed as Secretary/Clerk of School Board
  - b. Posting of Notices
    - i. Confirmation that Public Postings will be made at the following locations: Barnard General Store, Barnard Town Hall, Barnard Academy
  - c. Newspapers for Postings and Warnings
    - i. Confirmation that Postings and Warnings will also be present in the following newspapers: (Primary) Vermont Standard, (Secondary) Valley News
    - ii. Confirmed that Postings and Warnings will also be present on the Barnard Academy website.
3. Approval of Minutes from February 12, 2009
  - a. It was moved by the Chair that the February 12, 2009 Board Meeting minutes be approved. The Vice Chair seconded the motion, it passed and the minutes were approved.
4. Correspondence
  - a. Minutes from each School Board meeting will be sent to [EWillis@WCSU.net](mailto:EWillis@WCSU.net) by the Secretary/Clerk within 5 days after the closing of each School Board meeting.
5. Visitors
  - a. One visitor was present at the meeting: Melissa Strayton
6. Reports
  - a. Superintendent (update from Meg Gallagher)
    - i. All 6 school budgets passed

- ii. The Woodstock High School budget passed with approximately a 2/3 approval
- b. Ann Koop (Principal of Barnard Academy) was not present at the School Board meeting due to her attendance at a curriculum conference in Orlando, FL

#### 7. Action/Discussion

- a. Review of Town Meeting
  - i. Town of Barnard approved their school budget. Included in that budget was the inclusion of a foreign language program.
  - ii. All present believed it was essential to have support from the WCSU at the town meeting to field detailed questions pertaining to the business aspects of the School. Meg stated that the current resource (name not known by Secretary/Clerk) will be available for 1 more year and for Town Meeting is there on a "request" basis. Barnard Academy will need to request early for her assistance next year.
  - iii. Town meeting had a significant turnout for both the School Budget portion and the Town portion.
- b. Appoint Staff
  - i. Staff appointment discussions are to commence in the April School Board meeting
- c. Policy Review Discussion
  - i. Meg Gallagher confirmed that the policies under which the Barnard Academy operates are up to date and current. The policies are available for the public to review at the Barnard Academy and also on the Barnard Academy website.
  - ii. Meg stated that modifications will be made to the website to show that the policies are current and that they are reviewed on an annual basis.

#### 8. Executive Session

- a. No executive session was needed at this meeting

#### 9. Schedule of Meetings

- a. WCSU Board Annual Meeting will be held on March 30, 2009 at 6:00 PM
- b. The Barnard Academy School Board meeting was rescheduled to Tuesday April 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM
  - i. Meg Gallagher stated that she will warn for this meeting at the new day/time

#### General Discussion:

- Melissa copied and distributed a Rutland Herald article from March 8<sup>th</sup> referencing school funding in Vermont
- All present discussed the news that Bethel and Rochester will combine their administration teams and operate under one administration

- Kurt mentioned that there was a Barnard Education Fund meeting scheduled that would cover
  - Review of by-laws
  - Funding
  - Importance of open dialogue between Barnard Education Fund and Barnard Academy
  - Recognition of Barnard Bees for what they do for the Academy and the community

10. Adjournment

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 5:52 PM