

**THE BARNARD ACADEMY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**  
**Minutes**  
**November 13, 2008**

Attending at the Barnard Academy: Dan Leavitt, Kurt Lessard, Dave Green, Meg Gallagher, Sonia Burnham and Anne Koop.

1. Meeting: Dan called the meeting to order at 5:03 PM.
2. Minutes: Dave moved that the minutes of the October 9, 2008 Board Meeting be approved. Dan seconded and the motion passed.
3. Correspondence: None
4. Visitors: A parent of non-Barnard students asked the Board to consider providing bus service on the Barnard bus for her children. Dan made a motion which Kurt seconded to permit ridership on the Barnard bus for a prorated fee, provided that there is no alteration of routes and that seats are available. The motion passed. Meg and Anne will compute an appropriate fee.
5. Financial: Sonia presented a draft budget for the next school year. It projects an increase in gross expenditures over the current year budget as a result of added personnel costs and significantly increased fuel costs. The proposed personnel cost increase is primarily attributable to a proposed new part-time foreign language position and the addition of special education aides. Sonia will provide an estimate of the per pupil cost for next year at our next Board Meeting, taking into account the favorable effects of the expected increased enrollment and reimbursement offsets to some of the cost of special education aides.
6. Reports:
  - (a) Principal: (i) Anne reported that the school year continues to be off to an excellent start. (ii) Anne noted that some cost sharing initiatives with Pomfret for special programs have proven successful.
  - (b) Superintendent: Meg noted that some new health care reimbursements arrangements are being discussed in the District.
7. Action/Discussion:
  - (a) Dave moved and Kurt seconded that the Animal Dissection Policy which was warned be adopted. The motion passed.
  - (b) Goals and self-assessments by the Central Office Administration were discussed.

8. Other: None.

9. Executive Session: None.

10. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM. Note: The next Barnard School Board Meeting is Thursday, December 11, 2008 at 5 PM at The Barnard Academy.