

# BARKHAMSTED BOARD OF EDUCATION

## REGULAR MEETING – April 2, 2018

### MINUTES

<b>BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:</b>	J. Prelli-Hester, T. Brodnitzki, D. Beaudoin, R. Brainard, D. Farr, K. Mann, C. Shaw
<b>BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:</b>	None
<b>ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:</b>	J. Linton, Superintendent K. Plocki, Principal E. Sacharko, Curriculum Coordinator
<b>OTHERS PRESENT:</b>	T. Aldrich, Parent V. Aldrich, Parent N. Aldrich, Student and CAPSS/LCSA Award Winner L. Hedenberg, Teacher A. Brandt, Teacher B. Raccuia, Teacher K. Boughton, Rep-Am Reporter

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chair, J. Prelli-Hester.

CAPSS/LCSA Student Award winner, N. Aldrich, was introduced to the Board by J. Linton and presented with her Certificate of Achievement. The BOE congratulated her on the award and wished her well in all of her future endeavors.

**MOTION** by T. Brodnitzki, **seconded** by R. Brainard, “to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 5, 2018, as presented.” **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

The outcome of the presentation of Draft #2 of the 2018-19 BOE budget to the Board of Finance on March 20<sup>th</sup> was discussed. The BOF members were pleased with the format of the draft that included two years of historical data along with the budget data for the 2018-19 year. The Board agreed by consensus to present Draft #2 as is to the public at the April 10<sup>th</sup> Budget Hearing. The Annual Town Meeting will be held on May 8<sup>th</sup> at which time the budget vote will be held. The BOF did have a few concerns regarding how declining enrollment will be handled and the cost of building repairs.

The Board discussed the current school year calendar and agreed to revise it as follows: Thursday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, will be a full day of school for students and the last day of school will be Friday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> following a half-day schedule (1 P.M. dismissal) for students and full day for staff; and no school for students on Monday, June 25<sup>th</sup> as it will be utilized as a Professional Development day for teachers and other staff members.

K. Plocki reviewed her Principal’s Report with the BOE which included the following: Wellness Committee - Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser was a huge success raising over \$5,700; SBAC (Smarter Balance Assessment) testing will begin on April 25<sup>th</sup> after the return from Spring break; PTO Penny Auction on 4/7; Ongoing professional development including regional unit previews of the Science curriculum, writer’s workshop and math instructional strategies; and an Internet safety assembly. She also asked the Board to approve a student council fundraiser that will support an orphanage in Mozambique. The Board agreed by consensus to approve the fundraiser.

The Bills Paid and Budget Expended reports for March 2018 were reviewed with the BOE. He also shared the results of the survey conducted for the Superintendent search.

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C. Shaw reported on the recent meeting at Shared Services as the Barkhamsted representative and gave a copy of the audit to J. Linton to be kept in the Superintendent's office.

J. Linton and R. Brainard updated the Board on the proposed Capital projects for 2018-19. Unfortunately, the oil tank will need to be replaced in the summer of 2019 and will be a major expense as the existing 10,000 gallon tank is underground in the back parking lot. Initial estimate to remove it is approximately \$65,000, unless there is any issue with contamination, in which case the cost would exceed that. The total cost including replacement of the old tank with an above ground is guesstimated at approximately \$170,000. R. Brainard will remain on the Capital projects committee and continue to work on obtaining quotes and information for this project. The bathroom renovations will be put off for a couple of years in order to accommodate the cost of the oil tank replacement project.

**MOTION** by T. Brodnitzki, **seconded** by C. Shaw, "to enter into executive session for the purpose of reviewing the status of the Superintendent search process as well as the members selected to serve on the search committee" at 8:00 P.M.  
**UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

**MOTION** by T. Brodnitzki, **seconded** by D. Beaudoin, "to exit executive session" at 8:29 P.M. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

The Board agreed to start the next two (2) Board of Education meetings at 6:30 P.M. instead of 7:00 P.M. The Board will conduct the interviews of the candidates selected by the Search committee on May 7<sup>th</sup> after the Board of Education meeting.

**MOTION** by T. Brodnitzki, **seconded** by J. Prelli-Hester "to adjourn this regular meeting of the BOE" at 8:31 P.M.  
**UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education adjourned at 8:31 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Beaudoin,  
Secretary

**THESE ARE NOT APPROVED MINUTES. SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL AT THE NEXT REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING.**