

January 3, 2019

A meeting of the Berlin Board of Education was held in the Berlin High School library at 6:00 p.m. Present for the meeting were Nicole Plourde, Denise Valerino, Louise Valliere, Lynn Moore, Scott Losier, Corinne Cascadden, Bryan Lamirande, Kevin Carpenter, Julie King, Tammy Fauteux, Melanie McCoy, Martha Miller, Autie Hamilton, Susan Griffin, Bob Thompson, Jamie Welch, Amy Drapeau, Darrian Drapeau, Makena Collie, Pauline Duquette, Susanne Styles, Angela Duquette, Cheryl McCormick, and a member of the press.

MINUTES	On a motion by Scott Losier, seconded by Lynn Moore, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the December 20, 2018 meeting, public and nonpublic sessions. The motion passed unanimously.
WARRANTS	On a motion by Louise Valliere, seconded by Denise Valerino, the Board voted to approve the warrants dated, January 7, 2019 and January 8, 2019 for the amounts of \$344,787,.85 and \$14,906.00. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative.
FINANCIAL REPORT	None
COMMENTS	Amy Drapeau voiced her concern about moving Grades 7 & 8 to the high school. She fears the decision is being made in haste. She does not feel the BMS/Hillside Complex is appropriate for Grades K-2.
POLICIES	On a motion by Lynn Moore, seconded by Denise Valerino, the Board voted to approve the Second Reading of Policies EHAB – Data Governance and Security, KEE – Website Accessibility and Grievance, and KEE-R – Website Accessibility Complaint/Request Form. The motion passed unanimously.
NHSBA RESOLUTIONS	On a motion by Lynn Moore, seconded by Denise Valerino, the Board voted to table the official voting on proposed NHSBA Resolutions as presented. The motion passed unanimously.
SUPER'S REPORT	The Superintendent informed the Board on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Food Services Audit Report</li><li>• i Platform District Report Card</li></ul>
FY 20 BUDGET	The Administration summarized their building needs for the FY 20 Budget. Discussion ensued. A motion was then made by Scott Losier, seconded by Lynn Moore to hold a special Board meeting on Thursday, January 10, 2019 at 6:00 pm in the High School Cafeteria regarding grade reorganization. The motion passed unanimously.
COMMENTS	Cheryl McCormick informed the Board that the staff had met and focused on the challenges of closing Brown School and moving grades K-2 to the BMS/Hillside Complex. Safety concerns were more important than the teaching aspect. They felt they teach well and can do it in any building; their concerns were lockers, playground, cafeteria and the height of counters.
MEMBER BUSINESS	Denise Valerino responded to the comment of deciding the reorganization issue in haste by asking the staff to look back on the Board minutes to see that this issue has been addressed for some time. Lynn Moore reminded staff that the Board has been talking about this for three years. They do not want to do this in a vacuum, we welcome your help but something needs to be done.

Nicole Plourde informed the staff that the Board members got on board to help kids and have been faced with this horrible crisis. The Board has been ringing the bell on this for years with little help or support. We are now in a bad situation and need to decide how we can make the best of it. The state has failed us.

NON PUBLIC

The Board consensus was that a nonpublic session was not required.

ADJOURN

On a motion by Louise Valliere, seconded by Lynn Moore, the Board voted to adjourn it's meeting at 8:05 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted

Secretary, Berlin Board of Education