

A meeting of the Berlin Board of Education was held in the Berlin Middle High School library beginning at 6:00 pm. Present were Ann Nolin, Nathan Morin, Jeanne Charest, Matthew Buteau, Julie King, Tammy Fauteux, Sandy Pouliot, Sonya L'Heureux, Danielle Demers, Aric Huter, Dominic Couture, Autie Hamilton, Debora Payeur and a member of the press . Attending virtually were Jennifer Brooks, Martha Miller, and Michael Kelley.

#### **MINUTES**

On a motion by Matthew Buteau, seconded by Jeanne Charest, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the October 6, 2022, public and non-public sessions. All members voted in the affirmative.

#### **WARRANTS**

On a motion by Matthew Buteau, seconded by Nathan Morin, the Board voted to approve the warrants dated October 06, 2022, October 24, 2022, and October 25, 2022 for the amounts of \$16,798.20, \$702.01, and \$265,295.81 respectively. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative.

#### **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

None

#### **APPROVAL OF 2023-2024 TUITION RATES**

On a motion by Nathan Morin, seconded by Matthew Buteau, the Board voted to approve the 2023-2024 tuition rates as follows:

Elementary:	\$20,244
Middle School:	\$16,526
High School:	\$22,777

On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative.

#### **BERLIN BOARD OF EDUCATION GOALS**

Discussion ensued regarding updating the Berlin Board of Education Goals. The Superintendent gave her recommendations on a Universal Pre-School, Alternative Learning Strategies, Facilities Improvements, Professional Development, Communication, Including a PR person, and the Collaboration between SAU #3, SAU #20, and WMCC. The Goals will be updated as discussed and brought back to the Board for final approval.

#### **LEGISLATIVE INVOLVEMENT**

Nathan Morin mentioned that with the assistance of Eamon Kelley, we should stay on top of new legislation to avoid having new laws that we feel are not beneficial to our schools snuck in with

other bills. Matthew Buteau says it takes a group of people to let the representatives know what kids deserve. Sometimes those who speak the loudest get their agenda passed.

### **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

The Superintendent informed the Board on the following:

- Staffing struggles at BES, along with busing shortages
- Professional Development at NCES
- Upcoming meeting with new Director of Northern Human Services
- SRO Grant- funding for an officer three days a week in the works
- October 1, 2022 NH DOE Enrollment and reports will be presented at the next meeting
- LEA Training
- NHSAA - Bradley Law Conference
- Adequacy Aid FY 2024
- Student Accountability-Test Scores will be presented at the next board meeting
- COVID Update - Uptick in cases, hospital beds are full. The message is to do everything preventive that you can to stay out of the hospital. The COVID vaccine is keeping people from getting seriously ill. Flu vaccine.
- PTO is hosting a Trunk or Treat Event on October 27, 2022 at Heritage Park. Students at BHS are having a competition to see who can get the most candy for this event
- Berlin will not be receiving the Federal RLIS grant for student improvement. This is due to the way the Federal Government is identifying low income percentages. It is now being calculated using the 2020 US Census rates of poverty. Berlin had a low participation rate in the census, which now leads to misrepresented data.
- Berlin Leadership Team meets this Friday.
- Emergency Operations meeting in conjunction with BPD & BFD

### **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS/MEMBER COMMENTS**

Dominick Couture mentioned that he was happy to hear that the district was looking into more social workers and assistance with mental health issues. He also liked the collaboration with Gorham in offering classes for Berlin and Gorham students. He did state that schedule issues make it difficult to attend a class in Gorham. The Superintendent commented that the BHS Guidance Counselors were working on the scheduling issue, it is difficult to allow for travel time and to have the schedules at both schools be the same. If students have any recommendations on a solution to this, please let the guidance department know.

Aric Huter mentioned that SAT's were being scheduled. The Field Hockey team was doing well in the playoffs. Wishing them luck as they continue on.

### **NONPUBLIC**

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

### **STAFFING:**

On a motion by Nathan Morin seconded by Matthew Buteau, the Board voted to approve the following staffing changes:

**Resignations:**

**Nominations:**

Megan Riff - Group Leader - After School Program - BES

***NOMINATIONS/ RENOMINATIONS NOT REQUIRING BOARD APPROVAL***

Colleen Poulin - First Robotics Coach/Advisor - BES

Kathryn Hayes - Grade 3-4 Girls Basketball Coach - BES

On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative

All nominations are contingent upon the applicant completing a successful background check, physical and NH Certification or Statement of Eligibility.

**ADJOURN**

On a motion by Jeanne Charest, seconded by Matthew Butuea, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted

Secretary, Berlin Board of Education