

April 6, 2023

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, Eamon Kelley, Julie King, Marion Moore, Sonya L'Heureux, Tammy Fauteux, Sandy Pouliot, Martha Miller, Danielle Demers, Aric Huter, Dominick Couture, Debora Payeur, Kayla Steady, Karen Moore, Jamie Welch, Autie Hamilton, Michael Kelley and Jason Hook. Attending virtually was Susanne Styles.

## **MINUTES**

On a motion by Nathan Morin, seconded by Jeanne Charest, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the March 23, 2023 public and nonpublic sessions. All members voted in the affirmative.

## **WARRANTS**

On a motion by Jeanne Charest, seconded by Nathan Morin, the Board voted to approve the warrants dated March 28, 2023 and April 10, 2023 for the amounts \$188.25 and \$507,490.90. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

The financial report was reviewed by Marion Moore. She informed the board the number of tuition students over the past years has been remaining steady. The board reviewed and approved the financial report as presented.

## **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

None

## **GRANT PROGRAM ASSURANCES DOCUMENT**

Julie King reviewed the grant program assurances document. Discussion ensued regarding the Title III grant. The Superintendent informed the board the reason the district does not apply for the Title III grant is that the monies received is too small in amount to justify the cost and time to manage it, along with the requirements that would be mandatory because of acceptance. A motion was then made by Jeanne Charest, seconded by Nathan Morin to approve the grant program assurances document as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

## **FEDERAL AND STATE GRANTS**

Ann Nolin questioned if the district provides Title I services to the nonpublic schools in the city. Karen Moore informed her that we do. A motion was then made by Nathan Morin, second by Jeanne Charest to allow the Superintendent, Julie King, to accept monies for federal and state grants that occur during the FY 24 school year and to assure that all federal and state codes and requirements are being met. The motion passed unanimously.

## **ADMINISTRATOR/DIRECTOR REPORTS**

Tammy Fauteux reiterated how the six staff members enjoyed and learned so much from the Polly Bath Institute training they attended. Mike Kelley informed the board that BMHS held a

Save a Life Tour: Teen Driver Distraction Program and that BMHS was the only school in the country that had two sponsors for this event. The two sponsors were North Country Health and Dartmouth Clinic. These sponsors have shown an interest in next year's event as well.

### **STUDENT REPORT**

Dominick Couture informed the board that the student council met to discuss next year's Winter Olympics and the venue for the Semi-Formal. They are looking at using the Chalet. Aric Huter informed the board that the Key Club received five awards at their recent DECON conference.

### **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

The Superintendent informed the Board on the following:

- Introduced the new Business Administrator, Kayla Steady.
- Informed the board of the Full Service Community School Grant for young children and families in the amount of \$186,816.00. This grant may bring in additional staff to help connect students and families to community resources and to allow for consistent implementation of MTSS-B. This is a planning grant that may allow for application of a larger implementation grant.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

None

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

Eamon Kelley informed the board of the state modified funding formula that is focused on rural communities sponsored by Corinne Cascadden. This formula should provide an extra one million dollars next year and will be a big help to rural communities. It still needs final approval.

Julie King informed the board of a funding fairness community event on May 2nd with SAU20 and SAU3.

Ann Nolin mentioned how pleased she was to see that the preschool teachers were going to be with the kindergarten students on the first day of school.

Ann Nolin and Jeanne Charest inquired what options parents had if they did not or could not register their child online for kindergarten. Tammy Fauteux informed them that parents will have access to computers at school along with instruction on how to use them at the kindergarten screening day.

Ann Nolin once again thanked the administrators and directors for their monthly reports. She was impressed on how well the schools are doing and commended administrators' efforts.

### **NONPUBLIC**

On a motion by Nathan Morin, seconded by Eamon Kelley, the Board voted to go into a nonpublic session at 6:23 pm in accordance with RSA 91-A3II, (a), (b), & (c). On a roll call vote all members voted in the affirmative.

On a motion by Eamon Kelley, seconded by Nathan Morin, the Board voted to come out of a nonpublic session at 7:00 pm. The motion passed unanimously. No additional votes were taken in the nonpublic session.

## **STAFF RENOMINATIONS/NON RENEWALS**

On a motion by Nathan Morin, seconded by Jeanne Charest the Board voted to approve the staff renominations and non renewals as presented. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative.

### **STAFFING:**

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

### **Resignations:**

Courtney High - English Teacher - BMHS (9-12)  
Ashley Given - Educational Assistant -BES

### **Nominations:**

Stephen Delorge - Bus Driver - District  
Donald Hood - JV Softball Coach - BMHS (9-12)  
Maggie Arsenault- Speech Pathologist - District

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

Peter Peare - Softball Coach - BMHS (6-8)  
Michael Smith - Baseball Coach - BMHS (6-8)

### **Staff Reassignments**

Jason Hook - Asst. Principal - BMHS to Director of Special Services  
Charlene Gallagher - Permanent Sub - BES to Educational Assistant - BES  
Aisha Rai Vien - Grade 2 Teacher - BES to Early & Elementary Teacher Prep BMHS-CTE  
Lisa Miller - Title I Educational Assistant - BES to Speech Assistant - 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.

## **APPROVAL OF NON-UNION SALARIES**

On a motion by Eamon Kelley, seconded by Nathan Morin the Board voted to approve the non-union salaries for FY24 as presented. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative.

### **ADJOURN**

On a motion by Jeanne Charest, seconded by Nathan Morin, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted

Secretary, Berlin Board of Education