

January 21, 2021

A virtual meeting of the Berlin Board of Education was held beginning at 6:00 pm. Present were, Ann Nolin, Matthew Buteau, Louise Valliere, Scott Losier, Julie King, Marion Moore, Autie Hamilton, Michael Kelley, Sandy Pouliot, Tammy Fauteux, Jason Hook, Sonya L'Heureux, Bryan Lamirande, Kayla Steady, Cheryl McCormick, Danielle Demers, Jamie Welch, Elaine Connary, Susanne Styles, and a member of the press.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The meeting was called to order and nominations for Board Officers were requested. Scott Losier nominated Louise Valliere for Chair-person and Louise Valliere nominated Ann Nolin. On a roll call vote, Scott Losier and Ann Nolin voted for Louise Valliere and Matthew Buteau and Louise Valliere voted for Ann Nolin. The vote failed by a two to two margin. Louise Valliere then nominated Ann Nolin and Ann Nolin nominated Louise Valliere. On a roll call vote for Ann Nolin as Chair-person, Matthew Buteau, Scott Losier, and Louise Valliere voted in the affirmative. The motion passed by a majority vote. Louise Valliere nominated Matthew Buteau as Vice Chair-person. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative. The motion passed by a majority vote. Scott Losier nominated Jeanne Charest as Secretary. On a roll call vote all members voted in the affirmative. The motion passed by a majority vote.

**MINUTES**

On a motion by Louise Valliere, seconded by Matthew Buteau, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2021 meeting public session. All members voted in the affirmative.

**WARRANTS**

On a motion by Matthew Buteau, seconded by Louise Valliere, the Board voted to approve the warrant dated January 25, 2021 for the amounts of \$57,743.44. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

None

**APPROVAL OF 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR**

On a motion by Louise Valliere, seconded by Scott Losier, the Board voted to approve the 2021-2022 school year calendar as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**FIRST READING POLICY - JLMC- MOTOR VEHICLE SEAT BELT USE**

The Board consensus was to table this until the next meeting.

**SECOND READING POLICIES**

On a motion by Matthew Buteau, seconded by Louise Valliere, the Board voted to approve the second reading of policies - AC - Non-Discrimination, AC-E- Annual Notice of Contact Information, ADC - Use of Tobacco Products, BEDG - Minutes, EBCA - Crisis Prevention, EBCB- Fire and All Hazard Drills, EH - Public Access to School Records, and EH-R- Administrative Procedures, or Public Access. The motion passed unanimously.

## **APPROVAL OF BUILDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

On a motion by Matthew Buteau, seconded by Louise Valliere, the Board voted to approve the members of the Building Committee as follows: Superintendent, School Board Member, Business Manager, Building & Grounds Director, Staff Member and a Family Representative (not a staff member). On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative.

## **REMOTE LEARNING AFTER VACATIONS**

The remote survey sent out to staff and parents was reviewed. Discussion ensued regarding the PODS program and how it was working. The administration is willing to continue the program with more limitations and structure. On a motion by Matthew Buteau, seconded by Louise Valliere, the Board voted to table the issue of remote learning after April vacation. The motion passed unanimously. A motion was then made by Louise Valliere, seconded by Scott Losier to have a week of remote learning after the February school vacation. The motion passed unanimously.

## **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

The Superintendent informed the the Board on the following:

- COVID 19 Update - The numbers are coming down, one staff member in the hospital but improving, 3 staff members in isolation and 3 students in isolation.
- Brown School vaccination site - Kudos to Bryan Lamirande and the custodial staff for opening the school. Our role will be to take care of the school as if it was opened for students. Autie is also helping with the IT end. The clinic will open on Wednesday, January 27, 2021, they are looking for volunteers.
- The Superintendent reviewed a letter from city mayors across the state regarding Free & Reduced lunch numbers and adequacy aid.

## **FY 22 BUDGET**

The Superintendent reviewed the bottom line numbers and recommended to submit \$20,570,598 as the general fund and capital improvement budget for FY 22 and to prepare for the Public Hearing on February 4, 2021. A motion was made by Louise Valliere, seconded by Scott Losier to submit a request of \$20,570,598 for the FY 22 Budget. On a roll call vote all members voted in the affirmative.

## **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Cheryl McCormick congratulated the newly elected officers. She also suggested that the building committee include 2 staff members, one from each building, for a wider, broader picture of concerns at all levels.

## **NEW BUSINESS/MEMBER COMMENTS**

Ann Nolin thanked all who were involved in Brown School becoming the vaccination site.

## **NON PUBLIC SESSION**

On a motion by Louise Valliere, seconded by Scott Losier, the Board voted to go into a nonpublic session at 7:22 p.m. in accordance with RSA91-A3II,(a), (b), & ©. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative.

On a motion by Louise Valliere, seconded by Scott Losier, the Board voted to come out of a nonpublic session at 7:34 p.m. The motion passed unanimously. No votes were taken in the nonpublic session.

### **STAFFING**

On a motion by Scott Losier, seconded by Louise Valliere, the Board voted to approve the following staffing changes:

#### **Resignations:**

Karen Patry - Educational Assistant - BMHS

#### **Nominations:**

Tiah Bilodeau - Educational Assistant - BES

Troy Sanschagrin-Fritschy - Educational Assistant - BMHS

#### **Teacher**

Kevin Marquis - Graphic Arts Teacher - BMHS (9-12)

#### ***RENOMINATIONS NOT REQUIRING BOARD APPROVAL***

The motion passed unanimously.

All nominations are contingent upon the applicant completing a successful background check and physical.

### **ADJOURN**

On a motion by Louise Valliere, seconded by Scott Losier the Board voted to adjourn it's meeting at 7:37 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted

Secretary, Berlin Board of Education

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MINUTES  
BERLIN BOARD OF EDUCATION  
NONPUBLIC SESSION  
JANUARY 21, 2021

On a motion by Louise Valliere, seconded by Scott Losier, the Board voted to go into nonpublic session at 7:22 pm in accordance with RSA 91-A3II (a), (b), (c). On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative.

The Board discussed the Superintendent Evaluation Form

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