

December 6, 2018

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, Bob Thompson, Kristen Goyette, Maria Young, Allison Theriault, Arianna Smith, Karen Wheeler, Sheri Goyette, Ted McCormick, Cora Huter, Lucie Remillard, Shiloh Remillard, and a member of the press.

- MINUTES On a motion by Lynn Moore, seconded by Denise Valerino, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2018 meeting, public and nonpublic sessions. The motion passed unanimously.
- WARRANTS On a motion by Scott Losier, seconded by Louise Valliere, the Board voted to approve the warrants dated, December 10, 2018 and December 11, 2018 for the amounts of \$431,368.20 and \$12,180.98. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative.
- FINANCIAL REPORT The Board reviewed and approved the financial report. On a motion by Lynn Moore, seconded by Louise Valliere, the Board voted to enact a hiring freeze with the exception of substitutes and transportation staff. The Board will revisit the need for additional Special Education staff if required. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative.
- COMMENTS None
- POLICIES REVISIONS On a motion by Scott Losier, seconded by Louise Valliere, the Board voted to table the revisions to policies JIC – Student Conduct and JICD – Student Discipline and Due Process. The motion passed unanimously.
- EVENTS Kevin Carpenter reviewed the history and practices of semi-formal and formal events at BHS. Kristen Goyette, who was representing the student council, reported that 141 students signed the petition requesting that single tickets be sold to these events. Ted McCormick informed the Board that he has been involved with proms for approximately 35 years. He reported that he worked with the student council to set the parameters years ago. Arianna Smith and Maria Young spoke in favor of attending these events alone. Sheri Goyette asked if her child showed up alone would they have to leave? Louise Valliere felt the Board should not referee this. Denise Valerino was concerned about how ticket sales could affect finances for the event. Scott Losier wondered how many kids were not attending due to this practice. Nicole felt this issue should have been resolved long before reaching the Board level. She also feels something should have been done about this. Lynn Moore asked if the students knew the rules regarding these events. Ted McCormick stated the rules were not posted. Lynn Moore wants the students and BHS Administration to work this out before the prom. A motion was then made by Lynn Moore, seconded by Scott Losier to have Mr. McCormick, Mr. Carpenter, and the student council meet with students next week and work out a compromise. Lynn Moore, Nicole Plourde, and Scott Losier voted in the affirmative with Louise Valliere and Denise Valerino abstaining. The motion passed by a 3 to 0 margin.
- COMMENTS None
- SUPER'S REPORT The Superintendent informed the Board on the following:
- Holiday Events

- Nellie Mae Education Foundation Grant closed for year one. It was funded for an additional 16 months for an estimated amount of \$200,731 to fund a Community Coordinator for awareness efforts to solve School Funding Issue.

MEMBER BUSINESS Nicole Plourde is concerned about the budget and wants a presentation from Administration regarding the progress made in configuring the high school for 7-12 and co-ordination with White Mountain Community College. The Board wants to know how grades 7-8 will be kept separate.

NON PUBLIC On a motion by Scott Losier, seconded by Denise Valerino, the Board voted to go into nonpublic session at 7:07 p.m. in accordance with RSA 91-A3II, (a), (b) & (c). On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative.

On a motion by Lynn Moore, seconded by Denise Valerino, the Board voted to come out of nonpublic session at 8:42 p.m. The motion passed unanimously. No additional votes were taken in nonpublic session.

STAFFING On a motion by Lynn Moore, seconded by Denise Valerino, the Board voted to approve the following staffing changes:

**NOMINATIONS:**

Trista Bruns – Drama Advisor – BMS  
James Couhie – Educational Assistant – Brown School

**RENOMINATIONS:**

Mandy Woods – Girls Basketball Coach – BMS  
Michael Smith – Boys Basketball Coach – BMS  
Anne Rodgers – Grades 3-4 Girls Traveling Basketball Teach Coach

All nominations are contingent upon the applicant completing a successful background check and physical. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURN On a motion by Lynn Moore, seconded by Denise Valerino, the Board voted to adjourn it's meeting at 8:49 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary, Berlin Board of Education

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The Board discussed staffing.

A parent presented displeasure with the way the High School Administration handled an issue with her child. The student experienced a significant emotional trauma and felt there was little support for her at school. She listed events from September through the month of November where she felt the school protocol was not followed and service not provided. The Board directed the Superintendent to respond in writing to the parent.

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