

A meeting of the Berlin Board of Education was held in the Berlin Middle High School library beginning at 6:00 pm. Present in the Berlin Middle High School library were, Louise Valliere, Ann Nolin, Scott Losier, Jeanne Charest, Julie King, Marion Moore, Sandy Pouliot, and Autie Hamilton, attending virtually were, Michael Kelley, Jason Hook, Jamie Welch, Matthew Buteau, Sonya L'Heureux, Elaine Connary, Susanne Styles, Danielle Demers, Liz Beaulieu, Alaina Huot, Bryan Lamirande, Stephanie Hogan, Martha Miller, Holly Paquette, Cheryl McCormick, Emily Frizzell and members of the community.

MINUTES

On a motion by Scott Losier, seconded by Ann Nolin, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2020 meeting, public and nonpublic sessions. All members voted in the affirmative with Jeanne Charest abstaining.

WARRANTS

On a motion by Ann Nolin, seconded by Scott Losier, the Board voted to approve the warrants dated September 28, 2020 , October 5, 2020 and October 6, 2020 for the amounts of \$48.25, \$503,167.60 and \$1,568.63 respectively. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

HVAC UPDATE

The Superintendent updated the Board on the HVAC systems in both schools based on a written update from Bryan Lamirande. An assessment was made with an engineer from TRANE. TRANE and Honeywell have repaired all the smaller items that were on the list of needed repairs. The remaining needs are larger repairs on the BES "new" gym and the BMHS gym. TRANE offered to bring in an engineer at no charge to perform a structural analysis and prepare a plan for fixing and potentially funding the repairs. MERV 13 replacement filters will be installed soon.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Board reviewed and approved the financial report. Marion Moore indicated that expenses are on track and accounts are being reimbursed by CARES/ESSER funds for those items purchased over the summer to open schools on time. KWH usage will be up at the BMHS due to the HVAC and the use of the classroom air purifiers. The Commissioner of Education recently indicated that there may be a second round of money, but it is not available yet. A financial report will be available at the next meeting on the CARES/ESSER monies.

NEW MEMBER BUSINESS

Julie King requested the January 7, 2021 School board meeting be rescheduled to January 14, 2021.

Ann Nolin asked for clarification on the last sentence regarding the MERV 13 filters and if we were getting them tomorrow. The Superintendent reported that they are on order and due to arrive within the next 2 weeks.

Jeanne Charest asked about the availability of COVID testing. There was one positive case in Berlin in which 3 staff members and multiple students were exposed to the virus. All were quarantined by DHHS.

Louise Valliere commented on the great job Jamie Welch did presenting as a panel member on the Reaching Higher NH Funding Forum recently.

Matthew Buteau zoomed in and said that Homecoming was well done and thanked Craig Melanson for his work.

NON PUBLIC SESSION

The Board consensus was that a non public session was not required.

STAFFING

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

Resignations:

Louise Donato - SLA - BMHS

Recently Hired by the Sup't by permission of the Board

Jessica Waninger - Educational Assistant - BES

RENOMINATIONS NOT REQUIRING BOARD APPROVAL

Lisa Lavigne - Yearbook Advisor

The motion passed unanimously.

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

ADJOURN

On a motion by Jeanne Charest, seconded by Ann Nolin, the Board voted to adjourn it's meeting at 6:32 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted

Secretary, Berlin Board of Education