

A meeting of the Berlin Board of Education was held in the Berlin Middle High School library beginning at 6:02 pm. Present were Ann Nolin, Matthew Buteau, Jeanne Charest, Nathan Morin, Julie King, Debora Payeur and Autie Hamilton. Attending virtually were Tammy Fauteux, Sandy Pouliot, Michael Kelley, Jason Hook, Sonya L'Heureux, Martha Miller, Lily Campbell, staff and members of the community.

MINUTES

On a motion by Matthew Buteau, seconded by Jeanne Charest, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2021 and March 4, 2021 meetings public session. 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 9, 2021 and March 22, 2021 for the amounts of \$20,162.118 and \$273,206.41. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Board reviewed and approved the financial report.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

FY 2021 - 2022 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

The Superintendent informed the Board of the recommendation that was made by the NH Department of Education regarding moving the February school vacation week to the first week of March. This recommendation was made due to Massachusetts changing their week and to keep New Hampshire's week from being scheduled at the same time. Discussion ensued. A motion was then made by Matthew Buteau, seconded by Nathan Morin to amend the approved 2021-2022 School Year Calendar to schedule February vacation from February 28, 2022 to March 4, 2022. The motion passed unanimously.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

The Superintendent informed the Board on the following:

- Adequacy Aid - Homeschoolers taking courses will be included in Adequacy Aid payment
- Health Insurance GMR was at 6.2%, actual rate increase will be 3.7%
- Deadline for building level spending will be set for April 1, 2021
- COVID Update - Numbers are down, and about 80% of school staff have received at least one dose of the vaccine. The vaccination clinic held at Brown School was great. The staff was very kind and generous.

- Legislative Update- School Voucher Bill SB130 is back, to be voted on with amendments.
- HVAC repair work has been completed. Engineer working on a punch list, custodians will install new filters.
- Grants - ESSER 2 funds will be \$2.065 million, American Rescue funds are still to be determined.
- Sports - Kudos to all the teams, athletic directors, and coaches for doing so well with protocols to get the teams through a difficult season. Boys Hockey team are State Champions and the Unified Basketball Team are runner ups. Spring season will start soon.
- Audits- Will be having audits on our grants and normal end of the year audit is still in process due to COVID
- State Testing - There will be no waiver this year on accountability and all testing must be done onsite.
- Title IX Training completed by staff
- Planning 2021-2022 - Long term planning for academics

STUDENT REPORT

Lily Campbell informed the Board on the following:

- NEASC Committee Visit
- Scheduling for 2021-2022
- Trench Warfare Re-enactment
- AMC math Competition
- Sports Update - Boys Hockey Champions and Unified Basketball Runner-Ups
- Middle School Spelling Bee
- Winter Olympics
- Senior Class Fundraiser

COMMENTS

None

NEW BUSINESS/MEMBER COMMENTS

Matthew Buteau inquired if the week after April vacation would be remote. The Superintendent informed him that with the new travel guidelines and staff vaccinations it would not be necessary to go to remote learning for that week.

Jeanne Charest questioned whether the district was considering going back to full force and if remote learning would continue all year. The Superintendent informed the Board that parents are planning on remote learning to continue the rest of this school year and that we do not have the staff to continue with remote learning and full onsite learning at the same time.

Ann Nolin inquired about the need for additional staff if the district goes back to complete onsite in the fall. The Superintendent informed the Board that we have the necessary staff to go onsite as long as we do not offer remote learning at the same time. The district is also looking into some form of alternative program to keep students enrolled in our district.

Nathan Morin requested access to the NHSBA website.

NONPUBLIC

On a motion by Matthew Buteau, seconded by Jeanne Charest, the Board voted to go into a nonpublic session at 6:50 p.m. in accordance with RSA91-A3II, (a), (b), & (c) . On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative.

On a motion by Matthew Buteau, seconded by Jeanne Charest, the Board voted to come out of a nonpublic session at 8:00 p.m. The motion passed unanimously. No votes were taken in the nonpublic session.

STAFFING

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

Nominations:

Tammy Donovan - Custodian - BES East Wing - Nights

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 Matthew Buteau, the Board voted to adjourn it's meeting at 8:02 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted

Secretary, Berlin Board of Education

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BERLIN BOARD OF EDUCATION
NONPUBLIC SESSION
MARCH 18, 2021**

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The Board discussed staffing.

The Board conducted the evaluation of the Superintendent.

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Respectfully submitted

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