

A meeting of the Berlin Board of Education was held in the Berlin Middle High School library beginning at 6:01 pm. Present were Ann Nolin, Nathan Morin, Jeanne Charest, Eamon Kelley, Julie King, Sonya L'Heureux, Tammy Fauteux, Sandy Pouliot, Martha Miller, Danielle Demers, Aric Huter, Dominick Couture, Debora Payeur, Kayla Steady, Cari Perreault, Jamie Welch, Gina Welch, Autie Hamilton, Michael Kelley, Jason Hook, Amy Welch, and students Shay Valeriani, Ava Crochiere, and Dalton Ferron.

DESTINATION IMAGINATION PRESENTATION

One of the two middle school Destination Imagination teams presented to the board. The focus of the presentation was community service and they chose "Protect the Wildlife" as a theme. The team consisted of four middle school students, and three were present at the board meeting. The group also made posters to hang up around their school as part of the project.

MINUTES

On a motion by Eamon Kelley, seconded by Matthew Buteau, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2023 public and nonpublic sessions. All members voted in the affirmative.

WARRANTS

On a motion by Matthew Buteau, seconded by Nathan Morin, the Board voted to approve the warrants dated April 7, 2023, April 21, 2023 and April 24, 2023 for the amounts \$19,221.29, \$99,520.00 and \$182,093.61. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

GENERAL ASSURANCES

Julie King explained that the department of education requires that every year in order to receive federal or state grant monies, compliance policies must be in place. She asked the board to approve the completion of the "General Assurances, Requirements and Definitions for Participation in Federal Programs" document. A motion was then made by Nathan Morin, seconded by Matthew Buteau to approve the general assurances document as presented. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative.

APPROVAL OF REVISED SEED CONTRACT

Julie King explained that there have been delays to replace the lighting funded by the Seed Grant due to the "Made in America" clause. There are parts required to replace the lighting at the middle school that are not made in America. To continue, a waiver to allow parts to be purchased that were not made in America, but assembled here, was required. This is causing a delay in the work to be completed and requires that an extension on the grant also be applied for. Due to the extension, Julie is seeking approval from the board to allow her to once again execute the needs of the grant. Some discussion ensued regarding the grant and whether the extension would be approved. A motion was made by Eamon Kelley and seconded by Jeanne

Charest to approve the certificate of vote to allow Julie to execute the needs of the grant. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

The Superintendent informed the Board on the following:

- A brief update on building projects: Julie informed the board that a more comprehensive report of building projects will be presented to the board after April vacation. There were some previous delays last summer but projects are now lining up. The HVAC system at the Middle High School is scheduled to be upgraded in 2024, but projects this summer will support the HVAC renovation. The board asked if Bryan should be present to explain the details of these projects and Julie confirmed he should be. Summer programs and NE workcamp, will take place at the elementary school.
- Grant Use: Title IV funds are being used and the district hired a School Resource Officer, Hollie Dube. Hollie will be working at both buildings. The North Country Health Consortium has submitted an application for a Project Aware Grant that, if approved, would provide one Mental Health Clinician and one MTSS-B Coordinator.
Jeanne Charest asked about the status of the electric bus. Julie explained that she and others from the district attended the demo at WMCC, where they went for a test ride. The cost to buy electric buses is prohibitive but the grant may provide the district with several buses. Currently the district was approved, but is in a lottery to be selected as a recipient of buses.
Autie discussed another grant that the district is applying for that includes solar panels, full window replacement, and electric car charging stations. The grant is for \$3M, and requires a 20% match over five years. Autie explained that the cost savings long-term would match the contribution.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Aric Huter informed the board of the fundraiser taking place for the school nurse, Mrs. Mercier. The fundraiser is titled "Pie a teacher" and has been popular with over 40 pre-orders.

NEW BUSINESS/MEMBER COMMENTS

Matthew Buteau informed the board of the director of DCYF's departure. Joe Ribsam has been a strong advocate and supporter of children and families and stressed his departure will be a great loss for NH.

Ann Nolin attended the talent show this week and discussed how entertaining she found it and extended her kudos to the participants. Mike Kelley stated that the show was recorded and will be shown to the school for those who missed it.

NONPUBLIC

On a motion by Matthew Buteau, seconded by Nathan Morin, the Board voted to go into a nonpublic session at 6:46 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 Matthew Buteau, the Board voted to come out of a nonpublic session at 7:05 pm. The motion passed unanimously. No additional votes were taken in the nonpublic session.

STAFFING:

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

Nominations:

Megan Hood - Occupational Therapist-BES

Stephanie Riff - Occupational Therapist - District

NOMINATIONS/ RENOMINATIONS NOT REQUIRING BOARD APPROVAL

Craig Melanson - Athletic Director BMHS (9-12)

Staff Reassignments

Anne Kopp - English Teacher BMHS (6-8) to BMHS Family and Consumer Science Teacher (6-8)

Stephanie Hussey-Pack - English Teacher BMHS (6-8) to English Teacher BMHS (9-12)

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.

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ADJOURN

On a motion by Jeanne Charest, seconded by Eamon Kelley, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted

Secretary, Berlin Board of Education

MINUTES
BERLIN BOARD OF EDUCATION
NONPUBLIC SESSION
April 20, 2023

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The Board discussed the Superintendent's evaluation.

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