

January 19, 2017

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, Scott Losier, Louise Valliere, Corinne Cascadden, Bryan Lamirande, Tim Forestall, Kevin Carpenter, Tammy Fauteux, Julie King, Autie Hamilton, Martha Miller, Roland Pinette, Sarah Clark, Ted McCormick, Beth Sargent, Denise Morgan Allain, Kimberly Allain, and a member of the press.

MINUTES	On a motion by Louise Valliere, seconded by Scott Losier, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2017 meeting, public and nonpublic sessions. The motion passed unanimously.
WARRANTS	On a motion by Louise Valliere, seconded by Scott Losier, the Board voted to approve the warrants dated, January 16, 2017 and January 23, 2017 for the amounts of \$13,446.60 and \$482,933.32. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative.
FINANCIAL REPORT	The Board reviewed and approved the financial report.
COMMENTS	None
STUDENT TRIP	Ted McCormick gave the Board a report of a trip to Europe involving some BHS students. He informed the Board that the district was transporting the group to and from Logan Airport in Boston. Nicole Plourde responded that the Board did not know about the trip in advance. The Board should know about trips and not find out about them inadvertently. Principal Carpenter apologized for not notifying the Board.
BOARD GOALS	This was tabled until all Board members are present.
FY 18 BUDGET	Budget revisions were shared by Bryan Lamirande. The original request was a 4% increase; due to additional positions the increase became 4.9%. Some budget adjustments have been made but the administration still needs to cut an estimated \$91,000 to be at a 4% increase for the public hearing. Nicole Plourde suggested filling the need for an additional elementary teacher position at Brown by transferring a teacher from a school where class size is lower.
STUDENT REPORT	Sarah Clark informed the Board on student issues in regards to Instruction, Events/Activities, and Community Involvement.
CHROME BOOK	The Board was given training on the use of Chrome Books after the meeting adjourned. The Board meeting packets will now be done electronically.
SUPER'S REPORT	<p>The Superintendent informed the Board of the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reviewed facts about NH Adequacy Aid and House Bill 525 Stabilization Grant• Shared communication from SAU 20 and Representative Wayne Moynihan to NH Courts amending the Parenting Plan Process• Requested approval to enact the increase for Administrator course reimbursement this year

On a motion by Louise Valliere, seconded by Scott Losier, the Board voted to implement the previously

approved increase in Administrator course reimbursement be effective for the FY17 school year. On a roll call vote all members voted in the affirmative.

COMMENTS

None

MEMBER BUSINESS

Nicole Plourde agrees with the need to get information out to the students, staff, and parents. She thanked Sarah Clark for bringing the issue up in the Student Report. She feels our website should include more information.

NON PUBLIC

The Board consensus was that a nonpublic session was not warranted.

STAFFING

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

NOMINATIONS:

Rebecca Jacobson – Educational Assistant – Brown School

David Provencher – Educational Assistant – Brown School

Kimberly Allain – Educational Assistant – Hillside School

Shirley Frenette – Educational Assistant – Head Start

The motion passed unanimously.

All nominations are contingent on the applicant passing a background check and a pre-employment physical.

ADJOURN

On a motion by Louise Valliere, seconded by Scott Losier, the Board voted to adjourn it's meeting at 7:05 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary, Berlin Board of Education