

October 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 Scott Losier, Denise Valerino, Nicole Plourde, Louise Valliere, Corinne Cascadden, Bryan Lamirande, Julie King, Kevin Carpenter, Autie Hamilton, Tammy Fauteux, Steve Foster, Martha Miller, Hope Supry, Kara Mercier, Kayden Dube, Sarah Clark, and Kristen Goyette.

MINUTES	On a motion by Denise Valerino, seconded by Louise Valliere, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the October 5, 2017 meeting public and nonpublic sessions. The motion passed unanimously.
WARRANTS	On a motion by Louise Valliere, seconded by Denise Valerino, the Board voted to approve the warrants dated, October 16, October 23, and October 24, 2017 for the amounts of \$15,591.12, \$108,845.00 and \$32,375.00 respectively. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative.
FINANCIAL REPORT	The Board reviewed and approved the financial report.
FY 19 BUDGET	The administration is in the early stages of developing the FY19 Budget. The Board was also informed that the district would not be receiving any catastrophic aid monies due to the decrease of out of district student placement.
COMMENTS	None
POLICIES	On a motion by Louise Valliere, seconded by Denise Valerino, the Board voted to approve the revisions to policies; EHAA – Computer Security, Email and Internet Communications, IFA – Instructional Needs of Each Individual Student, IGE – Parental Objections to Specific Course Material, IHAK – Character and Citizenship Education, IHAMA – Teaching About Alcohol, Drugs, and Tobacco. The motion passed unanimously.
CIP	The Superintendent reviewed a draft of the Capital Improvement Plan from 2019 to 2025. The Board would like to see the projected cost to retrofit the high school if grades 7 & 8 were added to BHS.
STUDENT REPORT	<p>Sarah Clark informed the Board that the Flex period at BHS was working well and that she would like to see more Enrichment programs. Kristen Goyette said the Flex period was helpful to make up missing work. The Board was informed that the Semi-Formal will be held on December 16, 2017 at the Town & Country Motor Inn and that the Key Club will be raising money for UNICEF.</p> <p>The Senior Class Officers informed the Board of a Senior Class Trip they would like to take to Six Flags in Springfield MA on May 18, 2018. The cost would be approximately \$56.00 per person. The class is waiting for bids form Charter buses. They have applied for grants and will do fundraisers to help defray the cost. Kevin Carpenter and the Board approve the trip as long as they comply with their proposal. The Chaperone to student ratio was also discussed and will be determined.</p>
SUPER'S REPORT	<p>The Superintendent informed the Board of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Home Education Bill• Stand Up Androscoggin Valley Event 10K Race• Two Year Robotics Grant at BHS and BMS.• Nellie Mae Grant- One year planning grant for school consolidation options• November 1, 2017, Candidate Forum at City Hall at 6:30 pm

COMMENTS Kara Mercier inquired what was next to move forward on the Senior Class Trip to Six Flags. She was advised to work with the BHS principal and that the class was able to move forward.

MEMBER BUSINESS Nicole Plourde would like to see a press release to explain the difference between expenditures and revenue along with the process of returning funds to the City.

NON PUBLIC It was the Board consensus that a Nonpublic session was not required.

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

RESIGNATIONS:

NOMINATIONS:

Aisha Rai Thompson – Varsity Girls Head Hockey Coach
Megan Merchant – Educational Assistant – Hillside School
Pamala Atkinson – Girls Intramural Basketball Coach – Hillside
Lindsey Aubin – Boys Intramural Basketball Coach – Hillside
Amy Drapeau – Boys Intramural Basketball Coach – Hillside
Lisa Miller – Boys Intramural Basketball Coach - Hillside

RE-NOMINATIONS:

Mandy Woods – Girls Basketball Coach – BMS
Michael Smith – Boys Basketball Coach - BMS

The motion passed unanimously.

All nominations are contingent on the applicant passing a background check and the completion of a successful physical.

ADJOURN On a motion by Denise Valerino, seconded by Scott Losier, the Board voted to adjourn it's meeting at 6:50 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary, Berlin Board of Education