

April 7, 2020

## EMERGENCY MEETING

A virtual meeting of the Berlin Board of Education was held beginning at 8:01 a.m. Present for the meeting were, Louise Valliere, Scott Losier, Ann Nolin, Jeanne Charest, Matthew Buteau, Julie King, Marion Moore, Sonya L'Heureux, Sandy Pouliot, Tammy Fauteux, Jake Moore, Autie Hamilton, Christine Boulanger, Kim Bartoli-Brown, Jamie Welch, Kayla Steady, Lucille Lambert, Celine Leborgne, Amy Drapeau, Angela Duquette, Shirley Frenette, Carole Chabot, Bonnie Bryant, Jon Dubey, Holly Paquette, and Cheryl McCormick.

## FY20 CALENDAR

The Superintendent informed the Board on the pros and cons of the upcoming school vacation. She reported that a survey was sent to the staff and the results were split. She also discussed how it was important to keep on the same schedule as Gorham and presented a compromise to have school vacation continue as a minimized vacation allowing for staff, students, and parents to have a break but still continue to provide a routine of remote learning and meal distribution. The Superintendent suggested closing school on Monday April 20, 2020 and Tuesday April 21, 2020 and to carry the three remaining days to be used at a later date during the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. Discussion ensued.

Matt Buteau discussed how quickly the emergency meeting was called and that it did not allow the members of the public a chance to attend and voice their concerns or comments.

Jeanne Charest noted that she could not see that the parents and students were not ready for a break.

Scott Losier spoke in support of the modified vacation schedule.

A motion was made by Scott Losier, seconded by Jeanne Charest to approve the modified 2019-2020 school year calendar as presented. On a roll call vote, Jeanne Charest, Scott Losier, and Louise Valliere voted in the affirmative with Matthew Buteau and Ann Nolin voting in the negative. The motion passed by a 3 to 2 margin.

## COMMENTS

None

## ADJOURN

On a motion by Scott Losier, seconded by Ann Nolin, the Board voted to adjourn it's meeting at 8:13 a.m.. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary, Berlin Board of Education