A Budget Request Public Hearing was held in the Berlin Middle High School library beginning at 6:00 pm. Present were Ann Nolin, Nathan Morin, Matthew Buteau, Jeanne Charest, Eamon Kelley, Julie King, Marion Moore, Autie Hamilton, Sandy Pouliot, Mike Kelley, Tammy Fauteux, Martha Miller, Lori Korzen and Steven Korzen. Attending virtually were Danielle Demers, Jason Hook, Sonya L'Heureux,, William Carroll, Mike Poulin, Holly Paquette, Kayla Steady, Susanne Styles, and Elaine Connary.

BUDGET REQUEST PRESENTATION
Julie King reviewed the Budget Request Public Hearing packet. Enrollment was discussed, class sizes are one of the highest in the state but still below maximum. The tax rate calculation and percentage was reviewed, along with School Budget history. The process is very fluid. Initial budget request of $21,638,863 is up by $1.6 million from FY22. The Superintendent recommends reducing the budget by $607,000 through grants and/or remaining funds from the FY22 budget.

Capital Improvements were discussed. It was noted that the City Council approved them on Monday, February 7, 2022. The three union negotiated agreements still need to be presented and formal ratification and approval is required from the City Council.

ADJOURN
On a motion by Nathan Morin, seconded by Matthew Buteau, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted

[Signature]
Secretary, Berlin Board of Education
A meeting of the Berlin Board of Education was held in the Berlin Middle High School library beginning at 6:33 pm. Present were Ann Nolin, Nathan Morin, Matthew Buteau, Jeanne Charest, Eamon Kelley, Julie King, Marion Moore, Autie Hamilton, Sandy Pouliot, Mike Kelley, Tammy Fauteux, Martha Miller, Lori Korzen and Steven Korzen. Attending virtually were Danielle Demers, Jason Hook, Sonya L'Heureux, William Carroll, Mike Poulin, Holly Paquette, Kayla Steady, Susanne Styles, and Elaine Connary.

MINUTES
On a motion by Eamon Kelley, seconded by Matthew Buteau, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2022, public session. All members voted in the affirmative.

WARRANTS
On a motion by Matthew Buteau, seconded by Nathan Morin, the Board voted to approve the warrant dated February 7, 2022 for the amount of $435,094.65. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC
None

ANNUAL REPORT
On a motion by Matthew Buteau, seconded by Nathan Morin, the Board voted to approve the Berlin Public Schools 2020-2021 Annual Report as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT
The Superintendent informed the Board on the following:

- COVID numbers are stable, 3 staff members and 5 students. Community numbers are going down. It is hard to track the community COVID numbers due to home tests. 88% ICU statewide capacity which is much lower than the roughly 110% a few weeks ago.

- Mask Discussion- there are lots of questions to the administration about lowering the mask mandate. We are making progress but we are not there yet. The athlete’s mask mandate has been lowered. We will stick with masks with the hope to lower to a yellow phase in the coming weeks.

- FY 22 spending update. At this time we have approximately $500,000 in surplus.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC
None

NEW BUSINESS/MEMBER COMMENTS
Nathan Morin welcomed Eamon Kelley, the new member of the Berlin Board of Education.
NONPUBLIC
On a motion by Nathan Morin, seconded by Matthew Buteau, the Board voted to go into a nonpublic session at 6:45 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 Matthew Buteau, seconded by Eamon Kelley, the Board voted to come out of a nonpublic session at 7:28 p.m. The motion passed unanimously. No votes were taken in the nonpublic session.

STAFFING:
On a motion by Eamon Kelley, seconded by Matthew Buteau, the Board voted to approve the following staffing changes:

Resignations:

Nominations:
Jennifer Woodward- Assistant Group Leader - After School Program
Lindsey Plante - School Nurse - Berlin Elementary School

The motion passed unanimously.
All nominations are contingent upon the applicant completing a successful background check and physical.

APPROVAL OF BESS TENTATIVE AGREEMENT
On a motion by Matthew Buteau, seconded by Nathan Morin, the Board voted to approve the Tentative Agreement between the Berlin Board of Education and the Berlin Educational Support Staff as presented. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative.

BEST INTEREST OF THE CHILD
On a motion by Nathan Morin, seconded by Jeanne Charest, the Board voted to approve the Best Interest of the Child request as presented by the Superintendent. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURN
On a motion by Jeanne Charest, seconded by Matthew Buteau, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted

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Secretary, Berlin Board of Education
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On a motion by Nathan Morin, seconded by Matthew Buteau, the Board voted to go into a nonpublic session at 6:45 p.m. in accordance with RSA 91-A32 9a), (b), (c). On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative.

The Board discussed staffing

The Board reviewed the Tentative Agreement between the Berlin Board of Education and Berlin Educational Support Staff

The Board reviewed a Best Interest of the Child Request

On a motion by Matthew Buteau, seconded by Eamon Kelley, the Board voted to come out of a nonpublic session at 7:28 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted

[Signature]

Secretary, Berlin Board of Education