

May 7, 2020

A virtual meeting of the Berlin Board of Education was held beginning at 6:00 pm. Present for the meeting were, Louise Valliere, Ann Nolin, Matthew Buteau, Jeanne Charest, Scott Losier Julie King, Marion Moore, Tammy Fauteux, Sandy Pouliot, Michael Kelley, Jake Moore, Sonya L'Heureux, Autie Hamilton, Martha Miller, Jamie Welch, Susanne Styles, Kayla Lavoie, Anthony Mullins, Andy Rancloes, staff, members of the community, and a member of the press.

- MINUTES On a motion by Jeanne Charest, seconded by Matthew Buteau, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2020 meeting, public and nonpublic sessions. The motion passed unanimously.
- WARRANTS On a motion by Ann Nolin, seconded by Matthew Buteau, the Board voted to approve the warrant dated, May 11, 2020, for the amount of \$525,702.66. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative.
- COMMENTS Jamie Welch thanked the Berlin Board of Education and Superintendent King for their support.
- END OF YEAR The Superintendent presented a modification to the 2019-2020 school year calendar. This modification has Tuesday, May 26, 2020 as a day off from school, giving staff and students a 4-day Memorial Day Weekend. The last day of student instruction would be June 3, 2020, with June 4 and June 5, 2020 being days for students to turn in chromebooks and collect items from their locker along with teacher collaboration and room close ups. The chromebooks will be collected using proactive measures. DHHS recommends the chromebooks sit in a room for a bit before disinfecting begins. Discussion ensued regarding Seniors who do not have enough credits to graduate. The Board was informed that the administration is monitoring student progress closely and working with students and parents. This "senior watch" typically starts at the beginning of semester 2 and continues right through to graduation. A motion was made by Scott Losier, seconded by Ann Nolin to accept the modification to the 2019-2020 school year calendar as presented. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative.
- FY 21 BUDGET The Superintendent informed the Board that given the changes that have occurred since the budget was first developed, she believes that an increase of \$531,877 from last year will meet the district's needs without cuts to programs. This is a cut of \$1,516,244 from the original request. The operating budget would be \$18,850,000 with a capital improvement amount of \$475,500.
- SUPER REPORT The Superintendent informed the Board on the following:
- Summer School Programs will be remote
 - While preparing for the opening of school in the fall, a plan also needs to be in place should the need to quickly move to remote learning occur again.
 - School Facilities Approval
 - Susanne Styles, Kayla Lavoie, Anthony Mullins, and Andy Rancloes gave google classroom presentations
- COMMENTS None
- MEMBER BUSINESS Matt Buteau asked if we could continue to offer School Board meetings via zoom once social isolation is over as it allows more people to access meetings. The Superintendent will check out the legality of this once the Emergency Orders are lifted.

The graduation committee met yesterday. They have weekly meetings to discuss graduation and how it is going to look. Other year end activities are being handled at the school level.

NON PUBLIC

On a motion by Ann Nolin, seconded by Jeanne Charest, the Board voted to go into nonpublic session at 7:09 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 Matt Buteau, seconded by Jeanne Charest, the Board voted to come out of nonpublic session at 8:00 pm. The motion passed unanimously. No additional votes were taken in nonpublic session.

TENT. AGREEMENT

On a motion by Scott Losier, seconded by Ann Nolin, the Board voted to approve the BESS Tentative Agreement as presented. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative.

NON UNION

On a motion by Ann Nolin, seconded by Matt Buteau, the Board voted to approve the Non Union salaries and benefits as presented. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative.

STAFFING

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

RESIGNATIONS:

Calista Rose – Educational Assistant – BES

Pamela Couture – Educational Assistant – BMHS

TEACHER NOMINATIONS:

Dennis Cornish – CTE Welding Teacher – BMHS

Sarah Sarette – Special Education Teacher - BMHS

On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative.

All nominations are contingent on the applicant completing a successful background check and physical.

The Board was informed of the following staffing changes:

Peter Peare – Athletic Director BES

Jake Moore transferring from Assistant Principal at BMHS to an English Teacher at BMHS

Retirements:

Gloria Caouette – Special Education Teacher – BMHS

Dennis Carrier – CTE Welding Teacher – BMHS

Karen Saucier – Title I Educational Assistant - BES

ADJOURN

On a motion by Jeanne Charest, seconded by Scott Losier, the Board voted to adjourn it's meeting at 8:05 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Secretary, Berlin Board of Education