

November 5, 2020

A meeting of the Berlin Board of Education was held in the Berlin Middle High School library beginning at 6:00 pm. Present in the Berlin Middle High School library were, Louise Valliere, Ann Nolin, Scott Losier, Jeanne Charest, Matthew Buteau, Julie King, Marion Moore, and Autie Hamilton, attending virtually were, Michael Kelley, Sandy Pouliot, Tammy Fauteux, Jason Hook, Sonya L'Heureux, Danielle Demers, Jamie Welch, Susanne Styles, Craig Melanson, Alana Scannell, Karen Patry, Holly Paquette, Cheryl McCormick, Alana Huot, Emily Frizzell, Elaine Connary, and a member of the press.

### **MINUTES**

On a motion by Scott Losier, seconded by Jeanne Charest, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2020 meeting, public and nonpublic sessions. All members voted in the affirmative.

### **WARRANTS**

On a motion by Matthew Buteau, seconded by Scott Losier, the Board voted to approve the warrants dated October 26, 2020, November 9, 2020 and November 10, 2020 for the amounts of \$117.75, \$493,212.77 and \$18,866.75 respectively. An inquiry was made on the purchase of a Yahtzee game. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

The Board reviewed and approved the financial report.

The Board was informed that the GMR for health insurance rates for the 2021-2022 plan year is 6.2%.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

None

### **OCTOBER 1ST ENROLLMENT**

The Board reviewed the official October 1, 2020 enrollment figures.

### **ANNUAL REPORT**

A motion was made by Ann Nolin, seconded by Jeanne Charest to approve the Berlin Public Schools 2019-2020 Annual Report. Discussion ensued regarding the McKinney-Vinto rule. It was also suggested that the approved annual report be made available to the public. The motion passed unanimously.

### **OFFICE OF STUDENT WELLNESS**

Alana Scannell gave the Board a presentation on the Office of Student Wellness. Matthew Buteau asked if he was allowed to request a visit and if she was seeing that any of her visits were due to substance use by the student or family. Alana indicated that although she does not have the exact number, that is the case with some of the families. Jeanne Charest commented that DCYF has reported that sexual abuse reports have decreased by 50% and that is an area of concern.

## **TEMPORARY OMS POSITION**

On a motion by Matthew Buteau, seconded by Jeanne Charest, the Board voted to approve a temporary part time OMS position to assist the Special Education Department. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

The Superintendent informed the Board on the following:

- COVID 19 Community Update - Case numbers are down. A team worked together and did contact tracing. This saved 48 hours of them going out into our community.
- Sports were not continued given the community spike, did not feel it was safe
- Remote Learning
- Grant Application Updates
- Donations
- The upcoming Holidays and the possibility of going remote for 2 weeks following the Christmas Holiday break.
- Winter Sports - everything is indoors, what steps can be taken to protect our kids/athletes. The state has given the go ahead for practices starting on December 14, 2020. Meetings between the Superintendent and Athletic Directors will be held, so that everyone is on the same page.

## **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Sandy Pouliot thanked Craig Melanson and feels we should have winter sports. She would risk it again.

The Board will be hearing a presentation at the next meeting regarding plans for winter sports and would like to hear from parents.

## **NEW MEMBER BUSINESS**

The Board will vote at the next meeting on re-entry after Christmas break and Winter Sports.

## **NON PUBLIC SESSION**

On a motion by Matthew Buteau, seconded by Scott Losier, the Board voted to go into a nonpublic session at 7:55 p.m. in accordance with RSA91-A3II,(a), (b), & (c). On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative.

On a motion by Ann Nolin, seconded by Jeanne Charest, the Board voted to come out of a nonpublic session at 8:05 p.m. The motion passed unanimously. No votes were taken in the nonpublic session.

## **STAFFING**

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

### **Resignations**

Cory Fauteux - Long Term Sub - BMHS

### **Recently Hired by the Sup't by permission of the Board**

Kayleigh Chaloux - Long Term Sub - BES

**Teacher**

Walter Sabine - Special Education - BES

***RENOMINATIONS NOT REQUIRING BOARD APPROVAL  
BES- INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL COACHES***

**3-4 Boys**

Amy Drapeau  
Paula Landers  
Trista Bruns

**3/4 Girls**

Karen Turgeon  
Melissa Deblois  
Holly Munce

**5/6 Boys**

Mike Smith  
Devin Atkinson  
Joele Losier

**5/6 Girls**

Dana Deblois  
Catrina Annis  
Anne Rodgers

The motion passed unanimously.

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

**ADJOURN**

On a motion by Jeanne Charest, seconded by Scott Losier, the Board voted to adjourn it's meeting at 8:07 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted



Secretary, Berlin Board of Education

MINUTES  
BERLIN BOARD OF EDUCATION  
NONPUBLIC SESSION  
NOVEMBER 5, 2020

On a motion by Matthew Buteau, seconded by Scott Losier, the Board voted to go into nonpublic session at 7:55 pm in accordance with RSA 91-A3II (a), (b), (c). On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative.

The Board discussed staffing.

On a motion by Ann Nolin, seconded by Jeanne Charest, the Board voted to come out of nonpublic session at 8:05 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ann Nolin".

Secretary, Berlin Board of Education