

A virtual meeting of the Berlin Board of Education was held beginning at 6:16 pm. Present were, Ann Nolin, Jeanne Charest, Matthew Buteau, Julie King, Marion Moore, Autie Hamilton, Michael Kelley, Sandy Pouliot, Tammy Fauteux, Jason Hook, Sonya L'Heureux, Lily Capmbell, staff members, and a member of the press.

#### **MINUTES**

On a motion by Matthew Buteau, seconded by Jeanne Charest, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2020 meeting, public and nonpublic sessions. All members voted in the affirmative.

#### **WARRANTS**

On a motion by Matthew Buteau, seconded by Jeanne Charest, the Board voted to approve the warrants dated December 8, 2020 and December 21, 2020 for the amounts of \$16,625.99 and \$136,615.15. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative.

#### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

The Board reviewed and approved the financial report.

#### **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

None

#### **SCHOOL BOARD SCHOLARSHIP**

Ann Nolin discussed the use of the \$1500 budgeted for the School Board Annual Scholarship. Last year the monies were used towards teacher/staff appreciation. Discussion ensued. A motion was then made by Ann Nolin, seconded by Jeanne Charest to use the \$1,500 again this year towards staff appreciation. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative.

#### **SECOND READING POLICY JLDBB - Suicide Prevention & Response**

On a motion by Matthew Buteau, seconded by Jeanne Charest, the Board voted to approve the second reading of Policy JLDBB - Suicide Prevention & Response. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative.

#### **FIRST READING POLICIES**

On a motion by Matthew Buteau, seconded by Jeanne Charest the Board voted to approve the first reading of policies as amended - AC - Non-Discrimination, AC-E - Annual Notice of Contact Information, ADC - Use of Tobacco Products, BEDG- Minutes, EBCA - Crisis Prevention, EBCb - Fire and All Hazard Drills, EH - Public Access to School Records, EH-R - Administrative Procedures for Public Access. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative.

#### **WITHDRAWAL OF POLICIES**

On a motion by Matthew Buteau, seconded by Jeanne Charest, the Board voted to withdraw policies - AC-R - Grievance Procedure, GBA- Equal Opportunity Employment, GBED - Tobacco

Products Ban, JICG - Tobacco Products Ban, BEDG-R - Access to Minutes, EBCB-R, Fire Exit Drills. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative.

## **STUDENT REPORT**

Lily Campbell informed the Board on the following:

- PSAT's and SAT's were taken by the Juniors and Seniors
- Her perspective about Remote vs On-Site Instruction
- New events and activities- Video Club, Bible Study, Winter sports have been postponed
- The YearBook club is holding a photo contest in hopes of getting photos for the yearbook
- The food pantry helped many families during Thanksgiving and are hoping to do the same during Christmas
- The Perkins Grant of \$79, 035 was awarded to the CTE program

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

The Superintendent informed the Board on the following:

- COVID Update - Most quarantined or isolated staff are close to completing their designated time. Community update shows pediatric cases are down and that transmission at the state prison increased due to an outbreak. The AV Dashboard(site) was reviewed. The first round of vaccinations were given at AVH today and the school nurses are in line to also receive it. Matthew Buteau asked where staff were on the vaccination plan, the Superintendent informed the Board that they are in the top of the second Tier to receive the vaccine.
- COVID Funding -\$179,000 was submitted in round two of the SPSRF allocation and Berlin was awarded \$120,000, this number will be increased by the submission of Milan and Dummer Towns to support the tuition students enrolled in SAU 3.
- CTE - Advisory meeting- The regulations require a CTE Advisory Board and that a School Board member is on the Advisory Board. Matthew Buteau volunteered to be on the CTE Advisory Board.
- Budget Book Binders will be mailed and presentations by building administrators are scheduled for January 14, 2021.
- Sports Update- 2 unrelated athletes tested positive, the Superintendent, Principal Kelley, and AD Craig Melanson met and decided to cancel sports for the week and review. A meeting is scheduled for December 18, 2020 to review the current situation.

## **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Ted McCormick mentioned that the administration had a nice discussion on sports. He stated that the CTE students still need hours and can have the same small group as sports. Mr. McCormick expressed that he hopes if the consideration is made for winter sports to resume that the CTE students should be included in that decision or at least discussed. He also discussed the School Board Scholarship and although the trinket by the Board is much appreciated he believes the \$1,500 should be given as a scholarship to a student.

## **NEW MEMBER BUSINESS**

Matthew Buteau stated that he has two sons in remote learning and although it has been difficult, the staff has been very responsive. Mr. Buteau expressed his gratitude to all staff.

The Superintendent will review the PODS with Principal Fauteux and Assistant Principal Pouliot and will evaluate its continuation. She indicated that the school model was reviewed with administration and teachers and staff feedback will be requested to determine if changes need to be made.

### **NON PUBLIC SESSION**

The Board consensus was that a nonpublic session was not required.

### **STAFFING**

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

#### Resignations

Kayleigh Chaloux - Long term substitute - BES

#### Nominations:

#### **Teacher**

#### *RENOMINATIONS NOT REQUIRING BOARD APPROVAL*

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 Matthew Buteau the Board voted to adjourn it's meeting at 7:01 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted



Secretary, Berlin Board of Education