

September 17, 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, Matthew Buteau, Julie King, Marion Moore, Tammy Fauteux, Michael Kelley and Autie Hamilton, attending virtually were, Sandy Pouliot, Jason Hook, Sonya L'Heureux, and members of the community.

MINUTES

On a motion by Matthew Buteau, seconded by Ann Nolin, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the September 3, 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 warrants dated September 14, 2020 and September 21, 2020 for the amounts of \$9,451.30 and \$201,165.15. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

SCHOOL OPENING UPDATE/ENROLLMENT

Julie King reviewed enrollment and the changes being made as needed during the first week of school. Food Services is going well. Bus Drivers are happy to have monitors on the buses. Custodians are busy cleaning but things are going smoothly. Tammy Fauteux reviewed the reopening at BES and how well mask wearing was going along with drop off and pick up. Michael Kelley said BMHS had a successful opening with tweaks along the way. He felt the staggered opening was a great idea. Homecoming will be scaled down.

Louise Valliere asked if we inquire when a parent chooses to home school why they chose that option instead of doing the remote learning. The Superintendent explained that we really are not supposed to ask but whenever there has been the opportunity to inform them of the offerings, we have done so. Louise Valliere asked if we should consider a soft opening every year. Ann Nolin asked what the plan was to keep the numbers low and about the legal ramifications of not allowing students onsite. The Superintendent informed the Board that she is committed to keeping the schools as safe as can be with the constraints we have. In webinars with law firms and Primex, it is the belief that lawsuits surrounding this pandemic are inevitable across the country. Superintendents have been advised to make informed and thoughtful decisions that keep safety at the forefront. That's the best we can do in this situation of unknowns. Matthew Buteau thanked Julie for the explanation and mentioned that as a parent, he appreciates that staff have been very responsive whenever he has reached out with questions.

HVAC UPDATE

The Superintendent informed the Board that a meeting with Trane is scheduled for Tuesday, September 22, 2020. Trane and Honeywell have been picking away at the upgrade list and have been repairing as we have some materials on site.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

NEW MEMBER BUSINESS

Julie King informed the Board that the Annual Joint Milan Dummer and Berlin Board meeting will be held on October 13, 2020. The question to have the meeting in person or zoom was discussed. Milan Village School Board elected for face to face.

Matthew Buteau commented how nice it is to see SRO, Steve Arsenault in the morning.

Louise Valliere gave the administrators a heads up that the Board will be requesting a time to visit the schools.

NON PUBLIC SESSION

On a motion by Ann Nolin, seconded by Matthew Buteau, the Board voted to go into a nonpublic session at 6:53 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 Matthew Buteau, seconded by Ann Nolin, the Board voted to come out of a nonpublic session at 7:17 p.m. The motion passed unanimously. No votes were taken in the nonpublic session.

TUITION WAIVER

A Motion was made by Ann Nolin, seconded by Matthew Buteau to waive the tuition for two students of a staff member for the 2020-2021 school year due to the pandemic. This shall not be precedent setting. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative.

STAFFING

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

Resignations:

John Springer - Bus Driver- District

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

Cory Fauteux - Long Term Sub - BMHS

Meagan Keddy - Long Term Sub - BES

RENOMINATIONS NOT REQUIRING BOARD APPROVAL

Kate Moore - PBIS Advisor - BES
Susanne Styles - PBIS Advisor
Stephanie Hogan - PBIS Advisor
Mary Beth Gibson - PBIS Advisor
Lana Gilcris - Science Team Advisor
Lisa Devost - Robotics
Amy Drapeau- Yearbook Advisor
Joele Losier - School Store Advisor
Lindsey Magrath - Student Council Advisor
Holly Munce - Student Council Advisor
Jamie Welch - Cooperative Cycling

The motion passed unanimously.

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

ADJOURN

On a motion by Matthew Buteau, seconded by Ann Nolin, the Board voted to adjourn it's meeting at 7:19 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted



Secretary, Berlin Board of Education

MINUTES
BERLIN BOARD OF EDUCATION
NONPUBLIC SESSION
SEPTEMBER 17, 2020

On a motion by Ann Nolin, seconded by Matthew Buteau, the Board voted to go into nonpublic session at 6:53 pm in accordance with RSA 91-A3II (a), (b), (c). On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative.

Tuition was discussed.

The Board discussed staffing.

On a motion by Matthew Buteau, seconded by Ann Nolin, the Board voted to come out of nonpublic session at 7:17 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Secretary, Berlin Board of Education