

May 18, 2017

A meeting of the Berlin Board of Education was held in Room 500 at Berlin High School beginning at 6:00 p.m. Present for the meeting were Nicole Plourde, Scott Losier, Louise Valliere, Lynne Moore, Corinne Cascadden, Bryan Lamirande, Tim Forestall, Kevin Carpenter, Tammy Fauteux, Julie King, Amy Huter, Martha Miller, Autie Hamilton, Kate Moore, Anne-Marie R-Labonte, Brianne Morneau, Sarah Clark, parents, students, and a member of the press.

- MINUTES On a motion by Scott Losier, seconded by Louise Valliere, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the May 4, 2017 meeting, public and nonpublic sessions as amended to Louise Valliere making the motion to adjourn with Scott Losier seconding it. The motion passed unanimously.
- WARRANTS On a motion by Lynne Moore, seconded by Scott Losier, the Board voted to approve the warrants dated, May 15, 2017 and May 22, 2015 for the amounts of \$14,409.94 and \$375,137.85. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative.
- COMMENTS None
- STUDENT REPORT Brianne Morneau informed the Board that 100 students are trained as group facilitators and led a whole school climate project. She also informed the Board that the preparations for the prom are completed.
- GRANTS On a motion by Louise Valliere, seconded by Scott Losier, the Board voted to authorize the Superintendent of Schools to accept monies for federal and state grants that occur during the school year. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative.
- POLICIES On a motion by Louise Valliere, seconded by Lynne Moore, the Board voted to approve the revision of policy IHBA – Evaluation Requirements for Children with Specific Learning Disabilities. The motion passed unanimously. On a motion by Lynn Moore, seconded by Louise Valliere, the Board voted to approve the first reading of Policy IJOA with the following amendments, change the word should to shall and any overnight or out-of-state field trips must be approved through the Superintendent's office. The School Board will be informed of such trips. The motion passed unanimously.
- PRESENTATION The Superintendent reported that the District is ahead of the curve regarding mindfulness practices in school. Amy Huter presented to the Board how mindfulness practices are being used in the classroom and in the school. Kate Moore and Anne-Marie R-Labonte gave a demonstration with the help of a second grade and a kindergarten student. Nicole Plourde inquired about extending Social Emotional Learning through all the grades. It is in one of the board's action plan.
- SUPER'S REPORT The Superintendent informed the Board on the following;
- End of Year Activities
  - BHS Class of 2017 Recognition
  - Invitation to SAU #20 School Board. Eleven members of the GRS Board will attend the June 15, 2017 Berlin Board of Education meeting.
  - City Budget hearing on Wednesday, May 24, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.
  - Senior Walk on June 7, 2017
  - Chief Justice Broderick will be at Berlin City Hall on Friday, May 26, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.

- The NH Department of Education requested that the District host a luncheon with the Commissioner of Education on May 31, 2017.

COMMENTS None

MEMBER BUSINESS Scott Losier commented on why the District uses the letter "M" on its emblem rather than the letter "B". Craig Melanson, BHS Athletic Director will be at the next Berlin Board of Education meeting to discuss athletics.

NON PUBLIC The Board consensus was that a nonpublic session was not necessary.

STAFFING On a motion by Lynn Moore, seconded by Scott Losier, the Board voted to approve the following staffing changes:

**Teacher Nomination:**

Elizabeth Dunn – French Teacher – BHS

The motion passed unanimously.

All nominations are contingent on the applicant passing a background check and the completion of a successful physical.

ADJOURN On a motion by Lynn Moore, seconded by Scott Losier, the Board voted to adjourn it's meeting at 7:00 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Secretary, Berlin Board of Education