

A meeting of the Berlin Board of Education was held in the Berlin High School library at 6:00 p.m. Present for the meeting were Nicole Plourde, Denise Valerino, Lynn Moore, Louise Valliere, Corinne Cascadden, Bryan Lamirande, Julie King, Amy Huter, Tim Forestall, Dan Record, Martha Miller, Kevin Carpenter, Bob Thompson, Roland and Cheryl Pinette, Autie Hamilton, and Brooks Payette.

- MINUTES On a motion by Lynn Moore, seconded by Louise Valliere, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the August 20, 2015 meeting public and nonpublic sessions. The motion passed unanimously.
- WARRANTS On a motion by Louise Valliere, seconded by Lynn Moore, the Board voted to approve the warrants dated, September 7 and September 8, 2015 for the amounts of \$350,536.36 and \$12,400.00. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative.
- SUMMER PROJECTS Bryan Lamirande informed the Board on the status of the summer projects completed and still in progress throughout the district.
- COMMENTS None
- STEMFEST Brooks Payette, a representative from the UNH College of Engineering and Physical Sciences, informed the Board of an event being held on Saturday, September 26, 2015 at Berlin High School. Berlin is hosting this event for the entire North Country. The event's goal is to inspire students, provide them with role models in STEM-related fields, and provide a STEM professional development opportunity for teachers in the North Country. Their primary focus is on grades 4-6.
- SUPER'S REPORT The Superintendent informed the Board of the following issues:
- First Day Enrollment
 - 1 to 1 Technology Update
 - Legislative Updates
 - Project AWARE Update
- COMMENTS None
- MEMBER BUSINESS Nicole Plourde noticed that there were a higher number of Kindergarten students than expected and wondered how it went. Amy Huter informed her that the staff was prepared and everything went well. There are two classes with 21 students and 2 classes with 20 students. Nicole also mentioned that as enrollment declines running only two school complexes will be a consideration
- Denise Valerino inquired when online payments for food services would be available. Lynn Moore stated that this would be a benefit as children are often not responsible in bringing in the payments as well as losing checks. Bryan Lamirande informed the Board that he is in contact with the city finance director and is hoping for an October 1st implementation date.
- NON PUBLIC On a motion by Louise Valliere, seconded by Lynn Moore, the Board voted to go into nonpublic session at 6:45 p.m. in accordance with RSA 91-A3II, (a), (b) & (c). On a roll call vote, all members voted in the

affirmative.

On a motion by Lynn Moore, seconded by Louise Valliere, the Board voted to come out of nonpublic session at 7:40 p.m. The motion passed unanimously. No additional votes were taken in nonpublic session.

STAFFING

On a motion by Louise Valliere, seconded by Lynn Moore the Board voted to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to make the initial placement of the Project AWARE Office Manager on Step 3 non degree based on her qualifications. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative.

On a motion by Lynn Moore, seconded by Denise Valerino, the Board voted to approve the following staffing changes:

RESIGNATIONS:

Nancy Rousseau – Educational Assistant – BHS
Deborah Smith – Cafeteria Worker

NOMINATIONS:

Corey Pinette – Bus Driver – District
Connor Couture – Soccer Coach - BMS

TEACHER NOMINATIONS:

RE-NOMINATIONS:

The motion passed unanimously.

All nominations are contingent on the applicant passing a background check.

COMMENTS

The Board recommends the administrators begin to plan to address building consolidation and grade re-organization based on steady decline of enrollment.
The Board also would like to propose new legislation regarding conflict of interest. .

ADJOURN

On a motion by Louise Valliere, seconded by Denise Valerino, the Board voted to adjourn it's meeting at 7:55 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary, Berlin Board of Education