

A meeting of the Berlin Board of Education was held in the Berlin High School library beginning at 6:00 p.m. Present for the meeting were, Nicole Plourde, Karin Dorval, Nathan Morin, Linda Pivin, Martha Laflamme, Corinne Cascadden, Bryan Lamirande, Beverly Dupont, Dan Record, Tim Forestall, Gary Bisson, Georgia Caron, Louise Valliere, Craig Melanson, Michael Poulin, Dan Arguin, Mark Tilton, Patty Hood, Gary Rivard, Dan MacKin, Celine Leborgne, and members of the press.

- MINUTES On a motion by Nathan Morin, seconded by Martha Laflamme, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2011 meeting, public and nonpublic sessions.
- WARRANTS On a motion by Linda Pivin, seconded by Karin Dorval, the Board voted to approve the warrants dated, November 28, and December 5, 2011 for the amounts of \$4,036.16, and \$266,362.04. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative.
- FINANCIAL REPORT The Board reviewed and approved the financial report.
- COMMENTS Mike Poulin informed the Board that he supports moving the Berlin High School Boys' Varsity Hockey team to Division III.
- Dan Arguin stated that he feels Berlin High Hockey does not have enough players who belong in Division I.
- Mark Tilton informed the Board that he dealt with a similar situation in another school district and that moving down a division was helpful to the kids and morale.
- RESTRUCTURING On a motion by Linda Pivin, seconded by Karin Dorval, the Board voted to approve the restructuring of Berlin Junior High School and Hillside School. The motion passed unanimously.
- CURRICULUM On a motion by Karin Dorval, seconded by Nathan Morin, the Board voted to approve the District Curriculum Review. The motion passed unanimously.
- POLICY BCB On a motion by Martha Laflamme, seconded by Karin Dorval, the Board voted to approve the revision of Policy BCB – Board Member Conflict of Interest, as presented. The motion passed unanimously
- TABLED On a motion by Karin Dorval, seconded by Nathan Morin, the Board voted to remove from the table, Policies GCA and GCO. The motion passed unanimously.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> RDG G POLICIES On a motion by Nathan Morin, seconded by Linda Pivin, the Board voted to approve the second reading of policies – GCA – Professional Staff Positions, GDB – Employment of Non-Certified Personnel, GDF – Hiring of Non-certified Personnel, GDM – Non-certified Staff Development Opportunities, GCO – Evaluation of Professional Staff, and GDQ – Termination of Non-certified personnel. The motion passed unanimously.
- SUPER'S REPORT The Superintendent informed the Board of the following issues:
- North Country Charter School Invitation
  - New Grants
  - Half Day Inservice Topics
  - Enrollment Statistical Trends
  - World Language Club
- COMMENTS Patty Hood who has been an educator for the past 32 ½ years and a coach for 27 years expressed her support for BHS Boys' Hockey moving to Division III. She feels it is best for the students at this time.

NEW MEMBER  
BUSINESS

On a motion by Nathan Morin, seconded by Karin Dorval, the Board directed Gary Bisson to petition NHIAA to allow Berlin to move to Division II Hockey. Discussion ensued. Linda Pivin and Martha Laflamme support going to Division III, Martha also stated she was surprised that there were no parents or players at this meeting and as such supports their decision. Karin Dorval feels Division II is a less drastic move and a better division to gain perspective over the next two years. Nicole Plourde feels that moving from Division I to Division III is too drastic; she also did not like the way this issue was handled. Nicole Plourde, Nathan Morin, and Karin Dorval voted in the affirmative; Martha Laflamme, and Linda Pivin voted in the negative. The motion passed by a 3 to 2 margin.

STAFFING

On a motion by Martha Laflamme, seconded by Linda Pivin, the Board voted to approve the following staffing changes:

**NOMINATIONS:**

Trista Bruns – Educational Assistant – Hillside School

**RE-NOMINATIONS:**

Denise Roy – Interscholastic Athletic Director – Hillside School

Denise Roy – Interscholastic Girls' Basketball Coach

Gary Roy – Interscholastic Boys' Basketball Coach

The nominations are contingent on the applicant passing a criminal record check.

The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURN

On a motion by Nathan Morin, seconded by Karin Dorval, the Board voted to adjourn it's meeting at 6:47 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary, Berlin Board of Education