

**BERLIN BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**February 13, 2023**  
**MINUTES**  
**SPECIAL MEETING**

Attendance: Julia Dennis  
Melissa Gibbons  
Jaymee Miller  
Gina Nappi  
Adam Salina  
Kari Sassu, Ph.D. – Arrived at 5:07 p.m.  
Tracy Sisti  
Matthew Tencza  
Peter Zarabozo  
Student Representatives: Samantha Negrao – Absent  
Ian Saunders - Absent

Also in attendance: Superintendent of Schools Brian J. Benigni; Director of Business Operations Jeffrey Cugno; Finance Director Ashley Dorsey; Director of Pupil Personnel Services Linda Holian; Co-Directors of Curriculum Laurie Gjerpen and Kara Watson; Principal of Berlin High School Eileen Eustis; Principal of McGee Middle School Salvatore Urso; Assistant Principal of McGee Middle School Tim Chiaverini; Principal of Willard School Megan Sirois; Principal of Hubbard School Alfred Souza; Principal of Griswold School Jonathan Campbell; and Athletic Director and K-12 Physical Education Health Coordinator David Francalanga.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Dennis called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m. in the Board of Education (“the Board”) meeting room at 238 Kensington Road, Berlin, CT.

**II. DISCUSSION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT’S PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2023-2024**

The Board held a workshop to discuss the Superintendent’s Proposed Budget for 2023-2024. Board members were provided with the Questions and Answers regarding the Superintendent’s Proposed 2023-2024 Budget.

Board members discussed the reduction of the lead teacher at McGee Middle School; continued cuts to the Board’s budget; supply budgets; increasing the Superintendent’s Proposed 2023-2024 Budget; and population growth based on new housing developments.

A short recess was taken from 5:44 p.m. until 5:59 p.m.

**III. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Sisti, Secretary, Berlin Board of Education