

**Berlin Board of Education**  
**Finance and Operations Committee Meeting**  
**March 23, 2023**  
**MINUTES**

In Attendance: Mathew Tencza, Chair  
Julia Dennis  
Adam Salina

Also in attendance: Brian Benigni, Superintendent of Schools  
Jeffery Cugno, Director of Operations  
Ashley Dorsey, Director of Finance  
School Building Administration

**I. Call to Order**

Mr. Benigni called the meeting to order at 7:05am.

**II. Budget Cuts**

Mr. Benigni and Ms. Dorsey reviewed cuts to the 2023-24 budget, following the Board of Finance's recommendation to reduce the Board of Education's Adopted Budget 2.84%, for a total 3.00% increase from the prior year's budget. A tiered report of potential cuts and alternatives was shared and discussed. At the time, the only alternative considered was the Board of Education's CAFE membership. Committee members noted they are concerned of the impact the proposed cuts will have on student achievement and plan to further discuss other alternatives with the entire Board at a later meeting.

**III. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:41am

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley L. Dorsey  
Director of Finance