

Berlin Board of Education
Finance and Operations Committee Meeting
March 25, 2024
MINUTES

In Attendance: Peter Zarabozo, Chair
Julia Dennis
Adam Salina

Also in attendance: Brian Benigni, Superintendent of Schools
Jeff Cugno, Director of Operations
Ashley Dorsey, Director of Finance

I. Call to Order

Mr. Zarabozo called the meeting to order at 7:00am.

II. 2024-2025 Budget

Mr. Benigni and Ms. Dorsey discussed the 2024-2025 Board of Education budget as recommended by the Board of Finance. The Board of Finance proposed a budget of \$52,252,092 which is equal to a 2.75% increase over the current year's operating budget. The committee discussed how an increase of 2.75%, opposed to the 6.39% Board of Education approved budget, will impact next year's staffing and programs.

The group reviewed a draft list of positions, programing, and funding elimination areas to be considered following the final appropriation of the 2024-2025 budget. The committee agreed the draft list presented on 3/25/24, requires discussion and consideration of the full Board of Education and is subject to change.

III. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:45am.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley L. Dorsey
Director of Finance