

BERLIN BOARD OF EDUCATION
September 28, 2020
MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING

Attendance: Richard Aroian
Julia Dennis
Mary Ellen Maloney
Jaymee Miller
Timothy Oakes – Arrived at 6:15 p.m.
Adam Salina
Kari Sassu, Ph.D. – Arrived at 6:09 p.m.
Tracy Sisti

Also in attendance: Superintendent of Schools Brian J. Benigni and Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction Erin McGurk.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Aroian called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. in the Library/Media Center at Catherine M. McGee School, 899 Norton Road, Berlin, Connecticut. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

II. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of Contract Agreement with Berlin Administrators (2021-2022)

Moved by Mr. Salina, seconded by Ms. Dennis to approve the agreement between the Berlin Board of Education and the Association of Berlin Administrators for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

FAVOR: ALL
MOTION CARRIED: 8:0; including President Aroian

B. Approval of Contract Extension Agreement with Food Service Supervisors (2020-2021)

Moved by Mr. Salina, seconded by Ms. Dennis to approve the contract extension agreement between the Berlin Board of Education and the United Public Service Employees Union, Local 424 – Unit 57, Food Service Supervisors, for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

FAVOR: ALL
MOTION CARRIED: 8:0; including President Aroian

C. Approval of Contract Extension Agreement with Food Service Employees (2020-2021)

Moved by Mr. Salina, seconded by Ms. Dennis to approve the contract extension agreement between the Berlin Board of Education and the United Public Service Employees Union, Local 424 – Unit 40, Food Service Employees, for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

FAVOR: ALL
MOTION CARRIED: 8:0; including President Aroian

III. BOARD OF EDUCATION WORKSHOP

- A. Board Goals
- B. Equity and Social Justice Planning
- C. BOE Self-Evaluation (executive session anticipated)

At 7:28 p.m., a motion was made by Ms. Dennis, seconded by Dr. Sassu, to enter into executive session to discuss the BOE Self-Evaluation, inviting the Superintendent.

FAVOR: ALL

MOTION CARRIED: 8:0; including President Aroian

In attendance for Executive Session were Board members Aroian, Dennis, Maloney, Miller, Oakes, Salina, Sassu, and Sisti.

The Board conducted a self-evaluation of its performance. The self-evaluation was based, in large part, on the Board's success in making progress towards meeting its stated goals. As part of the self-evaluation process, the Board solicits input from the district administrators as to the Board's performance over the past year. A compilation of administrative responses was reviewed. An essential part of the self-evaluation process is a focus on board governance. The Board looked carefully at its conduct at board meetings, its adherence to policy, its treatment of the public, staff and one another, the Board's focus on student achievement, and the Board's ability to distinguish between governance and management.

At 8:47 p.m., the Board returned to Open Session.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:47 p.m., a motion was made by Ms. Miller, seconded by Mr. Oakes, to adjourn.

FAVOR: ALL

MOTION CARRIED: 8:0; including President Aroian

Respectfully submitted,

Julia Dennis, Secretary, Berlin Board of Education