

BERLIN BOARD OF EDUCATION
October 26, 2020
MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING

Attendance: Richard Aroian
Julia Dennis
Mary Ellen Maloney
Jaymee Miller
Timothy Oakes
Adam Salina
Kari Sassu, Ph.D.
Tracy Sisti
Student Representatives: Ryan McGowan - Absent
Lindsey Leary - Absent

Also in attendance: Superintendent of Schools Brian J. Benigni; Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction Erin McGurk; and Director of Business Operations Jeffrey Cugno.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Aroian called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. in the Board of Education (“the Board”) meeting room at 238 Kensington Road, Berlin, CT. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

II. NEW BUSINESS

A. Appointment of New Board Member

On October 21, 2020, the Board interviewed 12 candidates to fill a current vacancy on the Board and two upcoming vacancies in November. Steven Jenkins has been selected to fill the current vacancy on the Board.

Moved by Ms. Dennis, seconded by Mr. Oakes, to appoint Steven Jenkins to fill the current vacancy on the Board of Education until the November 2021 election.

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

B. Anticipated Appointment of Finance Director

Moved by Mr. Salina, seconded by Mr. Oakes, that the Board of Education appoint Ashley Dorsey to the position of Finance Director, effective December 1, 2020.

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

C. Ratification of One-Year Extension Agreement – Custodians

The Board and the Berlin Board of Education Custodians – CALU #1, recently ratified a one-year contract extension agreement for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. Action is needed to approve the contract extension agreement.

Moved by Mr. Salina, seconded by Dr. Sassu, to approve the contract extension agreement between the Berlin Board of Education and the Berlin Board of Education Custodians – CALU #1, for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, as presented.

FAVOR: ALL

MOTION CARRIED: 8:0; including President Aroian

III. BOARD OF EDUCATION WORKSHOP

A. Board Goals – with or without committee name labels

The Board discussed removing the committee name labels Curriculum, Community Engagement and Finance and Operations and having the committee goals become Board goals. It was the consensus of the Board to remove the committee name labels and have the committee goals become the Board's new long-term goals.

B. Committee Objectives for 2020-2021

Committee Chairs Sassu, Dennis and Oakes shared their Committee's Objectives for 2020-2021 and, along with Committee members, discussed how the objectives will help the Board reach its long-term goals.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Prior to adjournment, Superintendent Benigni publicly thanked Board members Aroian and Maloney for their support, time on the Board of Education and dedication to the community and to the schools.

At 6:28 p.m., a motion was made by Mr. Oakes, seconded by Dr. Sassu, to adjourn.

FAVOR: ALL

MOTION CARRIED: 8:0; including President Aroian

Respectfully submitted,

Julia Dennis, Secretary, Berlin Board of Education