

**BERLIN BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Curriculum Committee Meeting**  
**April 26, 2021**  
**MINUTES**

Attendance: Mr. Steven Jenkins, Mrs. Kari Sassu, Chair; Mrs. Jaymee Miller

Also in Attendance: Dr. Erin McGurk, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction; Eileen Eustis, BHS Principal; Kara Watson, Director of Math, Science, and STEAM; Ross Hanson, BHS Math Department Supervisor

**I. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 5:04 p.m.

**II. Mathematics Course Pathways:** Mrs. Watson and Mr. Hanson shared the rationale behind making some course adjustments at McGee and BHS to increase student opportunities for mathematics learning and to readjust several courses based on new standards and the demands of the SAT. The committee discussed pathways for students, including the elimination of the Balanced Algebra and Geometry course at the high school and the inclusion of more statistics content in the Geometry courses. The committee reviewed enrollment patterns over the past several years.

**III. BHS Textbooks:** Mr. Hanson presented the committee with the textbook adoption proposals for new texts for Algebra I and Algebra II. Both texts are freely available to students in online versions. The high school will also purchase a classroom set of texts.

**IV. Summer Programming:** Mrs. Watson described some of the new opportunities for student learning in summer programming this year. The district will run a Summer Academy for rising first, second, and third grade students who have been identified by their teachers as in need of additional support. Additionally, the mathematics department has developed summer programming to provide an instructional boost to selected students entering grades 7-10.

**V. Vision of the Graduate Update:** Dr. McGurk provided an update on the Vision of the Graduate and described the processes that have been used to gather input from students and parents. We will be developing additional opportunities for stakeholders to review the draft document that was shared with the committee.

**VI. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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