

Berlin Board of Education
Finance and Operations Committee Meeting
December 8, 2021
MINUTES

In Attendance: Timothy Oakes, Chair
Adam Salina
Matthew Tencza

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

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Oakes at 5:03pm.

II. Transportation Contract

Ms. Dorsey and Mr. Cugno discussed the desired transportation contract extension between the New Britain Transportation Company and the Berlin Public Schools through June 30, 2027. They discussed the new daily rates, current services, and the proposed new language changes to the existing contract. They also discussed the option of additional services in the future if requested and how that may impact the daily rates if the District decides to implement new services.

III. 2022-2023 Budget Discussion

The committee briefly discussed priorities for the upcoming budget year. They also discussed the proposed health insurance rates, equipment budgets, and staffing. The committee plans to reconvene before the holiday break to discuss this in further detail. The date for that meeting is to be determined.

IV. 2022-2023 Capital Plan

Mr. Cugno discussed Board projects that moved forward in the next phase of the capital plan process. Mr. Cugno shared that many of the projects originally requested for the capital plan are, at this time, proposed to be funded by surplus funds if any are available. The committee shared concerns on how the lack of capital funding for facility improvements will impact the district in the long term.

V. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:52pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley L. Dorsey
Director of Finance