

# BERLIN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## BERLIN BOARD OF EDUCATION

September 29, 2021

### MINUTES

### SPECIAL MEETING

Attendance: Julia Dennis  
Steven Jenkins  
Jaymee Miller  
Timothy Oakes  
Mark Pruzin  
Adam Salina  
Kari Sassu, Ph.D.  
Tracy Sisti  
Stephen Weber - Absent  
Student Representatives: Lindsey Leary - Absent  
Samantha Negrao - Absent

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Dennis called the virtual meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

#### II. CABA BOARD RECOGNITION AWARDS

The 2021 application for CABA Board Recognition Awards has been completed. One of the requirements, new this year, is to be eligible for the Board of Distinction Award (level two recognition), a motion must be made at a board meeting to approve the application.

**Moved by Mr. Jenkins, seconded by Mr. Pruzin, to approve the application for the CABA Board Leadership Award and Board of Distinction Award.**

**FAVOR: ALL**

**MOTION CARRIED: 8:0; including President Dennis**

#### III. POLICY REVIEW/REVISION – FIRST READING

A. New Policy 6200 – Adult Continuing Education Program

This policy is needed for an upcoming compliance review. Shipman & Goodwin provided the proposed policy.

B. New Policy 1316 – Civility/Respectful Communications and Actions

In today's society there is an increasingly common "in-your-face" model of dealing with conflict. A Board of Education has every right to expect civility, respect, and orderly conduct among all individuals on school property or at school events. The purpose of a civility policy is to promote civility and respectful communications among district employees, students, parents, and the public. A powerful example is set for the student population when the district indicates that it expects mutual respect, civility and orderly conduct from the adults with whom the district interacts. Shipman & Goodwin provided the proposed policy.

These policies have been reviewed by the Ad-Hoc Committee for Policy Review/Revision at its meeting on September 28. Since this is a first reading, no action is required; the second reading/adoption will take place at the October 12 Board meeting.

#### **IV. BUDGET UPDATE**

Superintendent Benigni updated the Board on the current budget.

#### **V. ADJOURNMENT**

**At 7:16 p.m., a motion was made by Mr. Salina, seconded by Mr. Jenkins, to adjourn.**

**FAVOR: ALL**

**MOTION CARRIED: 8:0, including President Dennis**

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Sisti, Secretary, Berlin Board of Education