

BERLIN BOARD OF EDUCATION
January 22, 2024
MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING

Attendance: Julia Dennis
Melissa Gibbons
Brian DeLude
Jennifer Jurgen
Jaymee Miller - Absent
Gina Nappi
Adam Salina
Tracy Sisti
Peter Zarabozo
Student Representatives: Ian Saunders – Absent
Anousha Hashim – Absent

Also in attendance: Superintendent of Schools Brian J. Benigni; Director of Business Operations Jeffrey Cugno; Finance Director Ashley Dorsey; Director of Pupil Personnel Services Linda Holian; Director of Human Resources Denise Parsons; Co-Director of Curriculum Laurie Gjerpen; Principal of Berlin High School Katie Amenta; Principal of McGee Middle School Salvatore Urso; Principal of Griswold School Jonathan Campbell; Principal of Willard School Megan Sirois; and Principal of Hubbard School Alfred Souza.

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Dennis called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. in the Board of Education (“the Board”) meeting room at 238 Kensington Road, Berlin, CT.

II. DISCUSSION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT’S PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2024-2025

The Board held a workshop to discuss the Superintendent’s Proposed Budget for 2024-2025. Board members were provided with a handout containing the Board’s questions and the answers regarding the Superintendent’s Proposed 2024-2025 Budget, which has been posted in Schoology. Superintendent Benigni read each question out loud, and he, along with Ms. Dorsey and administrators, provided the answer and also responded to any and all follow-up questions from Board members.

Ms. Dennis stated she, along with Superintendent Benigni, will present a budget overview to the public regarding the Superintendent’s Proposed 2024-2025 Budget on February 12, 2024. The regular Board meeting will immediately follow at which time it is anticipated the Board of Education will adopt its budget.

III. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:20 p.m., a motion was made by Mr. Zarabozo, seconded by Ms. Gibbons, to adjourn.

FAVOR: ALL

MOTION CARRIED: 8:0; including President Dennis

Respectfully submitted,
Tracy Sisti, Secretary, Berlin Board of Education