

**BERLIN BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
January 10, 2024**

Attendance: Brian DeLude - absent
Julia Dennis
Melissa Gibbons
Jennifer Jurgen
Jaymee Miller - absent
Gina Nappi
Adam Salina
Tracy Sisti - absent
Peter Zarabozo - absent

Also in attendance: Superintendent of Schools Brian J. Benigni, Co-Director of Curriculum Laurie Gjerpen, Cheshire Superintendent of Schools Jeffrey Solan, and State Representatives Jack Fazzino and Donna Veach

I. Call to Order: Board President Julia Dennis called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m., in the BOE Meeting Room at 238 Kensington Road, Berlin, CT.

II. Discussion of C.G. S. 10-14hh and 10-14ii (Science of Reading Mandate) with State Representatives Jack Fazzino, Rick Lopes and Donna Veach: The Board met with state representatives Jack Fazzino and Donna Veach regarding the new legislation for the Science of Reading mandate and the major concerns within our school district and districts throughout the state regarding this new legislation and the impact it will have. Representative Lopes was absent. Board members and superintendents in Southington, Farmington, New Britain, Cheshire and Meriden were invited to participate.

III. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian J. Benigni
Superintendent of Schools