

SPECIAL MEETING
BERLIN BOARD OF EDUCATION
WEDNESDAY, JULY 25, 2018
6:00 P.M. – BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING ROOM
ARTHUR B. POWERS MUNICIPAL COMPLEX

In attendance:

Rich Arioian	
Julia Dennis	
Jake Fisher	
Jaymee Miller	
Timothy Oakes	arrived 6:26 pm
Adam Salina	
Kari Sassu	
Tracy Sisti	absent
Matt Tencza	

Also in attendance: Brian Benigni, Superintendent of Schools

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Tencza called the meeting to order at 6:08 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

II. COMMITTEE REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE TO THE BOARD

A. Communications Committee

Mr. Fisher reported that the Communications Committee had met and the minutes of that meeting were available through the Superintendent's office. Mr. Fisher recapped points from the committee meeting, including the idea of select Board of Education meetings being held at the different schools throughout the town, with student presentations included. He reported that the committee suggested that 10 meetings per year be held within the school buildings. He also reported that a discussion was had about the Berlin Bravos. Mr. Tencza suggested that the discussion about Berlin Bravos be added to the August meeting agenda.

B. Correspondence to the Board

Mr. Benigni shared thank you notes sent to the Board of Education by BPS employees.

III. AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS

Nothing to report.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting of June 11, 2018
- B. Requests for Leave of Absence
 - 1. Teacher of Grade 1 – Mary E. Griswold School

Meghan Gill, teacher of Grade 1 at Mary E. Griswold School, is requesting an unpaid leave of absence, for childrearing purposes, to begin immediately following her maternity leave through January 1, 2019.

- 2. Teacher of Grade 1 at Emma Hart Willard School

Tricia Ratti, teacher of Grade 1 at Emma Hart Willard School, is requesting an unpaid leave of absence, for childrearing purposes, to begin immediately following her maternity leave through December 2, 2018.

Moved by Mr. Aroian, seconded by Ms. Dennis, to accept the consent agenda as presented.

FAVOR: ALL

MOTION CARRIED: 7:0; including President Tencza

V. SUPERINTENDENT'S EVALUATION (Executive Session Anticipated)

At 6:23 pm, a motion was made by Ms. Miller, seconded by Mr. Salina, to enter into Executive Session and to invite the Superintendent of Schools, to discuss the Superintendent's evaluation as well as the Board of Education's performance.

FAVOR: ALL

MOTION CARRIED: 7:0; including President Tencza

VI. DISCUSSION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION'S PERFORMANCE (Executive Session Anticipated)

The Board came out of Executive Session at 8:44 pm.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:45 pm, a motion was made by Ms. Dennis, seconded by Mr. Aroian, to adjourn.