A meeting of the Berlin Board of Education was held at Berlin High School in Room 500 beginning at 6:00 p.m. Present for the meeting were Nicole Plourde, Denise Valerino, Louise Valliere, Julie King, Bryan Lamirande, Tammy Fauteux, Jake Moore, Michael Kelley, Rob Haynes, Holly Paquette, Steve Paquette, Jamie Welch, and Gina Welch.

MINUTES
On a motion by Louise Valliere, seconded by Denise Valerino, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the July 3, 2019 meeting, public session. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMENTS
Pastor Robert Haynes presented a proposal to move the Brown School playground. He will give a written plan to the Superintendent for consideration.

SUPER REPORT
The Superintendent informed the Board on the following
- The Board was given a tour of the high school to see the progress
- The move is progressing well. One storage container has been returned and most classrooms are ready. A work crew from the NH State Prison has already been helping for the past two weeks.
- The Senate House Leaders’ press conference will be on Monday, July 22, 2019. The State Legislators will do a question and answer session regarding opening school without a state budget. Locations are under consideration somewhere in the Berlin Elementary School complex

BOARD MEETINGS
Discussion ensued regarding public participation at Board Meetings. Louise Valliere feels the Board should be able to discuss issues not on the agenda if a member of the public presents one. Nicole Plourde feels she needs more time to research. Denise Valerino does not have an issue with the public talking to the Board at meetings during the public comment section. The Superintendent was asked to present a policy that addresses their desire to allow comments to the Board, including parents and staff from Milan and Dummer. Louise Valliere feels the parents should have an opportunity to address the School Board in nonpublic session.

COMMENTS
None

MEMBER BUSINESS
Nicole Plourde stated the Governor passed another non-funded mandate, when he has not even passed a budget. Denise Valerino commented that she spoke with the Mayor on the issue stated in a letter from Jamie Welch. She was informed that the council is not going to approve any contracts until after the state passes a budget and that it didn’t matter when they received the request to put it on the agenda

NON PUBLIC
The Board consensus was that a nonpublic session was not necessary.

STAFFING
On a motion by Louise Valliere, seconded by Denise Valerino, the Board voted to approve the following staffing changes:

RESIGNATIONS:

Eugene Lawrence – Custodian – Berlin Elementary School

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NOMINATIONS:
Andy Rancloes – Girls JV Soccer Coach – BMHS (9-12)
Marisa Lemoine – School Counselor – BMHS (9-12)

TEACHER NOMINATIONS:
Melissa Beck – Math Teacher – BMHS (9-12)
Tricia Walsh – Title I Teacher – Berlin Elementary School
Daniel Mackin – Social Studies Teacher – BMHS (6-8)

On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative.
All nominations are contingent on the applicant completing a successful background check and physical.

ADJOURN

On a motion by Louise Valliere, seconded by Denise Valerino the Board voted to adjourn it’s meeting at 7:00 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary, Berlin Board of Education