A meeting of the Berlin Board of Education was held in the Berlin High School library at 6:05 p.m. Present for the meeting were Nicole Plourde, Denise Valerino, Louise Valliere, Corinne Cascadden, Bryan Lamirande, Kevin Carpenter, Autie Hamilton, Tammy Fauteux, Susan Griffin, Melanie McCoy, Martha Miller, Maria Young, Kristen Goyette, David Backler, Andy Mullins, and Gregory Corrigan.

MINUTES

On a motion by Louise Valliere, seconded by Denise Valerino, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the September 6, 2018 meeting, public session. The motion passed unanimously.

WARRANTS

On a motion by Denise Valerino, seconded by Louise Valliere, the Board voted to approve the warrants dated, September 17, September 24, and September 25, 2018 for the amounts of $2,196.02, $15,439.46, and $204,627.08 respectively. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative.

SAU CONSOLIDATION

David Backler, Superintendent of SAU 20, felt there was no financial savings by consolidating SAU 20 and SAU 3. The number of employees would exceed 300, which would require managing a large staff. A single Superintendent could manage more schools but structure would be about the same. He felt it could impact the loss of direct service to principals and other administrative staff.

Louise Valliere asked about looking at other districts that have merged which are about our size. David Backler asked if SAU 3 is looking at SAU 20 to contract services for a Superintendent.

Nicole Plourde felt we should be thinking of taking steps towards coming together.

David Backler felt we should be looking at sharing teaching staff. He felt advanced placement courses were a good area to look at collaboration.

Andy Mullins felt that until education funding was resolved, Milan would not be interested in a merger. “People want to do something but no one knows what the next step is”. Nicole and other members present felt the continued sharing of resources was moving this issue in the right direction. Conclusion was that consolidation of SAUs was not supported by SAU 20.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Board reviewed and approved the financial report. The Board suggested someone in the State create a Facebook page statewide to activate people in solving education funding.

COMMENTS

None

NON EDUC SURVEYS

On a motion by Denise Valerino, seconded by Louise Valliere, the Board voted to table the approval of Non Educational Surveys. The motion passed unanimously.

STUDENT REPORT

Kristen Goyette and Maria Young informed the Board on the following:

- Student Leadership Conference on 9/21/18
- YLTA Leadership Retreat
- Homecoming week 9/24-9/29/18
- Key Club and other student organizations sharing information about their organization
- Students helping out with the community forum on education funding.

SUPERINTENDENT’S

The Superintendent informed the Board on the following:

- Annual Report
- Volunteer, Coach, and Substitute Guidelines

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· Robotics Program Grant
· Pre-School Room “Meri Center”
· Joint meeting with Milan and Dummer School Boards
· Best Interest of the Child request in Nonpublic Session
· NH School Boards Association request to have a Board member on a statewide School Board committee.

COMMENTS
None

MEMBER BUSINESS
None

NON PUBLIC
On a motion by Louise Valliere, seconded by Denise Valerino, the Board voted to go into nonpublic session at 7:33 p.m. in accordance with RSA 91-A3II, (a), (b) & (c). On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative.

On a motion by Denise Valerino, seconded by Louise Valliere, the Board voted to come out of nonpublic session at 8:05 p.m. The motion passed unanimously. No additional votes were taken in nonpublic session.

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

RE-NOMINATIONS:
Amy Drapeau – Memory Book Advisor – Hillside
Ted McCormick – JCWA Advisor - BHS

On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative.

BEST INTEREST
On a motion by Denise Valerino, seconded by Louise Valliere, the Board voted to approve the Best Interest of the Child Request by the Dummer School Board. On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative.

ADJOURN
On a motion by Louise Valliere, seconded by Denise Valerino, the Board voted to adjourn its meeting at 8:10 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]
Secretary, Berlin Board of Education
On a motion by Louise Valliere, seconded by Denise Valerino, the Board voted to go into nonpublic session at 7:33 pm in accordance with RSA 91-A3II (a), (b), and (c). On a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative.

The Board discussed staffing.

The Board discussed a Best Interest of the Child Request by the Dummer School Board.

The Board will wait until all members are present to discuss the Superintendent’s evaluation.

On a motion by Denise Valerino, seconded by Louise Valliere, the Board voted to come out of nonpublic session at 8:05 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]
Secretary
Berlin Board of Education