

Board of Education Meeting Minutes

6:00 p.m. (Amended 1/20/23) on Monday, January 23, 2023 at Clay Lamberton Board Room (<https://www.youtube.com/@BerlinSchools/streams>)

1. Meeting Called to Order by President

President Kujawa called the regular January Board of Education meeting to order.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Roll Call

Present: Bartol, Podoll, Finger, Kujawa, Dretske, Burgess. Malchetske and Shattuck virtual, Toney by phone.

4. Consent Agenda

Finger/Burgess moved to approve December 14, 2022, and January 11, 2023, special meeting minutes, the resignation of Ben Schmidt, High School Assistant Principal, retirements of Pat Arndt, Joel Johansen, Lisa Utecht, Amy Wenig, and Mary Fowler, and vouchers in the amount of \$1,197,985.97. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

A. Approval of Agenda

B. Approval of December 14, 2022 and January 11, 2023 Minutes

C. Retirement, Resignations & New Hires

D. Approval of Vouchers

5. Time to Shine

Angela Breunig, High School Art Teacher, reviewed the student awards that have by given out to date and the upcoming contests that students will be participating in.

Rachel Schuh, Middle School Art Teacher, along with two students introduced a few pieces that had been completed. Ms. Schuh explained at the middle school level she will focus on students' original ideas, and how the art program is introduced to students.

6. Opportunity for those in audience to address the Board on any school related issue

Gene Thom addressed the Board about the survey that was sent out around the referendum questions.

7. Monthly Financial Update

Ms. Polakowski, Director of Business Services, went over financial slides that were shared at the WASB convention. She also explained that the district is on budget as of December 2022. Dr. Durtschi talked about his newspaper article regarding property taxes.

8. Resolution Authorizing the School District Budget to Exceed Revenue Limit by \$2,500,000 Per Year for Five Years for Non-Recurring Purposes

Finger/Dretske moved to approve the resolution authorizing the school district budget to exceed the revenue limit by \$2,500,000 per year for five years for non-recurring purposes. Discussion followed. Roll call vote: Malchetske-yes, Dretske-yes, Burgess-yes, Podoll-yes, Finger-yes, Shattuck-yes, Bartol-yes, Toney-yes, Kujawa-yes. Motion passed.

9. Initial Resolution Authorizing General Obligation Bonds in an Amount Not to Exceed \$20,000,000

Finger/Dretske moved to approve the initial resolution authorizing general obligation bonds in an amount, not to exceed \$20,000,000. Discussion followed. Roll call vote: Malchetske-yes, Dretske-yes, Burgess-yes, Podoll-yes, Finger-yes, Shattuck-yes, Bartol-yes, Toney-yes, Kujawa-yes. Motion passed.

10. Resolution Providing for Referendum Election on the Questions of the Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the School District Budget to Exceed Revenue Limit by \$2,500,000

Per Year for Five Years for Non-Recurring Purposes and an Initial Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bond

Bartol/Dretske moved to approve the resolution providing for a referendum election on the questions of the approval of a resolution authorizing the school district budget to exceed the revenue limit by \$2,500,000 per year for five years for non-recurring purposes and an initial resolution authorizing the issuance of general obligation bond. Discussion followed. Roll call vote: Malchetske-yes, Dretske-yes, Burgess-yes, Podoll-yes, Finger-yes, Shattuck-yes, Bartol-yes, Toney-yes, Kujawa-yes. Motion passed.

11. 2023-2024 Open Enrollment Limitations

Burgess/Podoll moved to approve no limits on regular education and no acceptance of any special education students for 2023-2024 open enrollment. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

12. Superintendent Report

i. Communication Plan

Dorreen Dembski was introduced by Dr. Durtschi who will be leading the communication for the referendum. Dorreen shared 2 pages of the Referendum Communication Plan. A video tour will be part of this plan. The timeline was shared with the board from now until April 4th.

Dr. Durtschi went over the Quarles and Brady's do's and don'ts.

13. BASD School Board Member Reports

ii. Board Correspondent Legislative Update

Nick Bartol reported that Joan Ballweg is also on the Joint Finance Committee.

iii. Board President Update

Catherine Kujawa thanked Mark Finger, Dina Dretske, Nick Bartol, Dr. Durtschi, and Ms. Polakowski for attending the WASB convention last week in Milwaukee.

14. Approval to adjourn to closed session for discussion of administrator contracts per State Statute 19.85(1)(c)-1st motion/2nd motion-Roll Call Vote. The Board may reconvene into open session where action may be taken.

Burgess/Dretske moved to approve to adjourn to closed session for discussion of administrator contracts per State Statute 19.85(1)(c). Roll call vote: Malchetske-yes, Dretske-yes, Burgess-yes, Podoll-yes, Finger-yes, Shattuck-yes, Bartol-yes, Toney-yes, Kujawa-yes. Motion passed. Discussion followed.

Finger/Dretske moved to come out of the closed session and return to the open session. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Dretske/Burgess moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Motion was passed by unanimous voice vote.