

Board of Education Meeting Minutes

6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 26, 2023 at Clay Lamberton Board Room
(<https://www.youtube.com/@BerlinSchools/streams>)

1. Meeting Opened by Temporary Chairperson

Temporary Chairperson Catherine Kujawa called the regular April Board of Education meeting to order.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Roll Call

Present: Bartol, Burgess, Gehrke, Krause, Kujawa, Podoll, Shattuck, Toney

Virtual: Malchetske

4. Election of Officers

Temporary Chairperson Kujawa asked for nominations for President. Shattuck moved to nominate Catherine Kujawa as President. There were no other nominations. Bartol-yes, Burgess-yes, Gehrke-yes, Krause-yes, Kujawa-yes, Podoll-yes, Shattuck-yes, Toney-yes, Malchetske-yes. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote. President Catherine Kujawa asked for nominations for Vice-President. Shattuck nominated Nick Bartol for Vice-President. There were no other nominations. Bartol-yes, Burgess-yes, Gehrke-yes, Krause-yes, Kujawa-yes, Podoll-yes, Shattuck-yes, Toney-yes, Malchetske-yes. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote. President Kujawa asked for nominations for Treasurer. Podoll moved to nominate Beth Malchetske for Treasurer. There were no other nominations. Bartol-yes, Burgess-yes, Gehrke-yes, Krause-yes, Kujawa-yes, Podoll-yes, Shattuck-yes, Toney-yes, Malchetske-yes. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote. President Kujawa asked for nominations for Clerk. Gehrke nominated Sara Podoll for Clerk. There were no other nominations. Bartol-yes, Burgess-yes, Gehrke-yes, Krause-yes, Kujawa-yes, Podoll-yes, Shattuck-yes, Toney-yes, Malchetske-yes. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

5. Selection of Board Secretary/Deputy Clerk, Legislative Network Member and CESA Representative

Shattuck/Burgess moved to approve Tricia Polakowski for Board Secretary/Deputy Clerk. Bartol-yes, Burgess-yes, Gehrke-yes, Krause-yes, Kujawa-yes, Podoll-yes, Shattuck-yes, Toney-yes, Malchetske-yes. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Malchetske/Burgess moved to approve Nick Bartol for Legislative Network Member. Bartol-yes, Burgess-yes, Gehrke-yes, Krause-yes, Kujawa-yes, Podoll-yes, Shattuck-yes, Toney-yes, Malchetske-yes. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Gehrke/Burgess moved to approve Sara Podoll as the CESA Representative. Bartol-yes, Burgess-yes, Gehrke-yes, Krause-yes, Kujawa-yes, Podoll-yes, Shattuck-yes, Toney-yes, Malchetske-yes. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

6. Appointment of Committees

President Kujawa discussed how all board members are invited to the Policy committee and Building and Grounds committee meetings.

7. Consent Agenda

Bartol asked to remove Retirements, Resignations & New Hires from the consent agenda. Shattuck/Burgess moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of March 15, 2023 minutes, and vouchers in the amount of \$1,281,904.25. Bartol-yes, Burgess-yes, Gehrke-yes, Krause-yes, Kujawa-yes, Podoll-yes, Shattuck-yes, Toney-yes, Malchetske-yes. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

A. Approval of Agenda

B. Approval of March 15, 2023 Minutes

C. Retirements, Resignations & New Hires

D. Approval of Vouchers

8. Time to Shine

Presentations by the Berlin Middle School Student Council, Berlin High School Music Department, and Spanish Department on their recent trips were shown.

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

Christine Reeves addressed the board on substitute teaching.

10. Retirements, Resignations & New Hires

Bartol/Toney moved to approve the following resignations: Amber Chevalier-Kindergarten Teacher, Anita Gregg-BMS Social Studies Teacher, and Charles Thibodeaux-BHS Business Ed Teacher. The motion also approves the following new hires: Bryan Evans-BHS Tech Ed Teacher, Abbe Lane-BHS Choral Director, Anna Maramonte-BHS Science, Emily Speers-BHS English Teacher, Kaisee Conger-Elementary Special Ed, Brianne Hellmer-4K Teacher, Adam Davis-Elementary Music Teacher, Landri Vogelsang-Special Ed Professional Support Teacher, and Conrad Schnell-BMS Special Ed Teacher. Discussion followed. Bartol-yes, Burgess-nay, Gehrke-yes, Krause-yes, Kujawa-yes, Podoll-yes, Shattuck-yes, Toney-yes, Malchetske-yes. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

11. Monthly Financial Update

i. Budget Timeline

Director of Business Services, Tricia Polakowski, reviewed what the board can expect from now until June for the budget cycle.

12. Approval of 2023-2024 BASD Health and Ancillary Insurance Renewal

Shattuck/Gehrke moved to approve the 2023-24 health and dental insurance renewals as presented with a 6% increase for health and a 2% increase for dental. Discussion followed. Bartol-yes, Burgess-yes, Gehrke-yes, Krause-yes, Kujawa-yes, Podoll-nay, Shattuck-yes, Toney-yes, Malchetske-yes. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

13. Approval of 2023-2024 Professional Staff Contracts

Shattuck/Malchetske moved to approve the 2023-24 staff contracts as recommended. Bartol-yes, Burgess-yes, Gehrke-yes, Krause-yes, Kujawa-yes, Podoll-yes, Shattuck-yes, Toney-yes, Malchetske-yes. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

14. Approval of 2023-2024 Staff Compensation

Malchetske/Bartol moved to approve the 2023-24 staff compensation plans as recommended. Discussion followed. Bartol-yes, Burgess-yes, Gehrke-yes, Krause-yes, Kujawa-yes, Podoll-yes, Shattuck-yes, Toney-yes, Malchetske-yes. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

15. Superintendent Report

Dr. Durtschi updated the board on the SRO process and that Officer Plath has been selected. School Perceptions will be sending out the satisfaction school culture surveys in May. He reminded the Board we are entering the last month of school and there are times to celebrate students and encouraged board members to participate.

16. BASD School Board Member Reports

ii. Board Correspondent Legislative Update

None

iii. Board President Update

President Kujawa welcomed Rick Gehrke and Allison Krause. She also thanked Mark Finger for his 36 years of service and Dina Dretske for her 9 years of service.

17. Adjourn

Podoll/Burgess moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Bartol-yes, Burgess-yes, Gehrke-yes, Krause-yes, Kujawa-yes, Podoll-yes, Shattuck-yes, Toney-yes, Malchetske-yes. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.