



## **Regular Board of Education Meeting**

Date	Time	Location
October 26, 2022	7:00 PM	Media Center, Berlin Community School
	Board of Education	
Mrs. Jocelyn Lewis, President	Mrs. Jeannine Foster	Mrs. Kristen Simone
Mrs. Rebecca Holland, Vice-President	Mrs. Lisa Kehoe	Mrs. Brandy Titus
Mrs. Susan Embrey	Mrs. Alison Moyer	Mr. Joshua Zagorski
Board Solicitor	Superintendent	Interim Business Administrator
Dan Long, Esq	Dr. Joseph Campisi	Mr. John Scavelli
	Mission Statement	

The mission of the Berlin Community School, in an active partnership between school and community, is to provide effective and comprehensive educational opportunities in a nurturing environment designed to challenge all students to strive for personal excellence and responsible citizenship. This will foster the pursuit of lifelong learning while achieving proficiency in the New Jersey Student Learning Standards and meet the challenges of an evolving global society.

#### **REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

### I. PUBLIC SESSION

A. Meeting Called to Order by Board President Jocelyn Lewis at 7:00 p.m.

### **B.** Statement of Open Meeting Compliance

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act was enacted to ensure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meeting of the public bodies at which any business affecting their interest is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this Act, the Berlin Borough Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time, and place published in the Courier-Post and posted in the Berlin Community School, the Berlin Community School Website, (www.bcsberlin.org,) Borough Hall.

### C. Flag Salute

### D. Roll Call

Board Member	Present	Absent
Susan Embrey	X	
Jeannine Foster		X





Rebecca Holland	X	
Lisa Kehoe	X	
Jocelyn Lewis	X	
Alison Moyer	X	
Kristen Simone	X	
Brandy Titus	X	
Joshua Zagorski		X

Anyone who wishes to speak during the public comment portion of the meeting is reminded to sign in at the podium at this time.

### E. STUDENT RECOGNITION presented by Middle School Principal, Therese Bonmati

#### 1. Students of the Month:

5th Grade	6th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade
Michael Sauer	Avani Hatten	Jasmeen Multani	Brayden Mitchell

2. Superintendent's Award: Sean Somers

3. Student Government Report: Joseph Field

President	Vice President	Secretary	Treasurer
Samantha Haughey	Kit Hiltebrand	Joseph Field	Julian Dubray

 Motion to open Public Participation - The sign-in sheet for participation in the public comment portion was collected and comments were heard.

 Motion
 Second
 All in Favor
 All Opposed
 Result of Motion

 Mrs. Kehoe
 Mrs. Embrey
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 Passed

### F. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (Action Items Only)

This meeting will now be open to the public. If your questions or comments pertain to litigation, students, personnel, or negotiations, we would ask that you establish a time to meet with the Superintendent after the meeting since the board will not discuss these items in public.

Complaints stated or actions requested by the public will be taken under advisement by the Board and referred to the Superintendent for investigation, discussion, action, or disposition at a later date or time. Please keep in mind that the public comment session is an opportunity for you to share your opinions and remarks with the Board, and it is not a question and answer session.

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presiding officer; no participant may address or question Board members individually. If personal or discourteous statements are made, the presiding officer may require the speaker to stop; the presiding officer reserves the right to request a recess. The total comment period will be 30 minutes unless extended by a vote of the majority of the Board members present at the meeting.

All public participation is governed by **District Bylaw 0167**.

Leslie Banister, representing the BBEA, commented about substitute shortages and whether alternative solutions are being explored since many special area teachers are being pulled to cover classes. Dr. Campisi will follow-up with the BBEA.

Motion to close Public Participation					
Motion	Second	All in Favor	All Opposed	Result of Motion	
Mrs. Simone	Mrs. Embrey	7	0	Passed	

### II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#	Meeting Date	Type of Minutes	Attach
1.	September 28, 2022	Public	<u>M-1</u>
2.	N/A	Executive (Closed) Session	N/A

<b>Board Member</b>	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain
Susan Embrey			X		
Jeannine Foster (Absent)					
Lisa Kehoe	X		X		
Alison Moyer			X		
Kristen Simone		X	X		
Brandy Titus			X		
Joshua Zagorski (Absent)					
Rebecca Holland			X		
Jocelyn Lewis			X		
Result of Motion				Passed 7-0	

### III. PRESENTATION(S)

NJSLA 2022 Results

Dr. Joseph Campisi, Superintendent

October In-Service Debrief

Mrs. Therese Bonmati & Mrs. Kellilyn Mawson





### IV. CORRESPONDENCE - None

### V. <u>SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT</u> presented by Dr. Joseph Campisi

#	Action Items	Attach
1.	Enrollment Report	<u>SR-1</u>
2.	Student Attendance Report	<u>SR-2</u>
3.	Staff Attendance Report	<u>SR-3</u>
4.	Code of Conduct Report	<u>SR-4</u>
5.	Accept the monthly HIB Report	<u>SR-5</u>
6.	Elementary Principal's Report	<u>SR-6</u>
7.	Middle School Principal's Report	<u>SR-7</u>
8.	Special Education Report	<u>SR-8</u>
9.	PALS/CER Report	<u>SR-9</u>
10.	Health Office Report	<u>SR-10</u>

Motion to approve reports #1-1		-			1
Board Member	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain
Susan Embrey			X		
Jeannine Foster (Absent)					
Lisa Kehoe	X		X		
Alison Moyer			X		
Kristen Simone			X		
Brandy Titus		X	X		
Joshua Zagorski (Absent)					
Rebecca Holland			X		
Jocelyn Lewis			X		
Result of Motion				Passed 7-0	





### VI. FACILITIES - report presented by Lisa Kehoe

			Drills			
#	Туре	Date	Time	Duration	Temp	Police
1.	Fire Drill	10/13/2022	1:40 pm	3 minutes	70	Yes
2.	Evacuation	10/19/2022	9:35 am	5 minutes	47	Yes

#	Action Items	
3.	Use of Facilities	<u>FA-3</u>

<b>Board Member</b>	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain
Susan Embrey		X	X		
Jeannine Foster (Absent)					
Lisa Kehoe			X		
Alison Moyer			X		
Kristen Simone	X		X		
Brandy Titus			X		
Joshua Zagorski (Absent)					
Rebecca Holland			X		
Jocelyn Lewis			X		
Result of Motion				Passed 7-0	•

### **Resolution 10-26-2022-1**

Resolution to approve the submission of the 2021-24 Comprehensive Maintenance Plan to the Camden County Office of Education and the New Jersey Department of Education

Motion to approve Facilities Resolution #10-26-2022-1 as recommended by the Superintendent							
Board Member	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain		
Susan Embrey			X				
Jeannine Foster (Absent)							
Lisa Kehoe			X				
Alison Moyer			X				
Kristen Simone		X	X				





Brandy Titus	X		X		
Joshua Zagorski (Absent)					
Rebecca Holland			X		
Jocelyn Lewis			X		
Result of Motion			Passed 7-0		

### **Resolution 10-26-2022-2**

Resolution authorizing the submission of a Bond Proposal Question to the school district voters at a Special School District Election to be held on December 13, 2022

Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain
X		X		
	X	X		
		X		
		X		
		X		
		X		
		X		
		X	X	X

### VII. FINANCE - report presented by Chairperson, Lisa Kehoe

#	Action Items	Attach
1.	Business Administrator's Report	<u>FI-1</u>
2.	Cash Reconciliation Report for September 2022	<u>FI-2</u>
3.	Report of the Board Secretary for September 2022	<u>FI-3</u>
4.	Monthly Certifications of the Board Secretary and Board of Education for September 2022	<u>FI-4</u>
5.	Appropriation Transfers for September 2022	FI-5.a FI-5.b
6.	Cafeteria Report for September 2022	<u>FI-6</u>





7.	Approval of Bills for October 2022	<u>FI-7</u>
8.	Student Activity Report for September 2022	<u>FI-8</u>
9.	Tobey Education Group, LLC to provide on-site mathematics training for the Berlin Community School staff from February 22-24, 2023 in the amount of \$7,500.00 (20-270-200-320-01-00)	N/A
10.	Acceptance of a donation from Balfour Yearbooks in the amount of \$575 for yearbook supplies	N/A
11.	Funding amendments for federal grants:  • FY23 ESEA and IDEA federal entitlement grants to include carryover funds from FY22  • FY22 ARP ESSER Mandatory Subgrant  • FY22 ARP ESSER Accelerated Learning Coach and Educator Support Grant  • FY22 ARP ESSER NJTSS Mental Health Support Staffing Grant  • FY21 CRRSA ESSER II Grant	FI-11.a FI-11.b FI-11.c FI-11.d FI-11.e
12.	2022-23 Shared Services Agreement for BCBA (Board Certified Behavior Analyst) Services with the Berlin Township Board of Education (11-000-216-100-00-00)  Note: The BCBA will be the employee of the Berlin Borough Board of Education and costs will be shared with the Berlin Township Board of Education on a 60/40% basis	<u>FI-12</u>
13.	2022-23 BCS Cheerleader Fundraising Events	<u>FI-13</u>
14.	2022-23 special education tuition contract agreement with Archway Programs (Upper School) for one student sent in the amount of \$45,641.68 which includes 149 days @ \$306.32/day, effective October 24, 2022 (11-000-100-566-00-30)	N/A

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X, #1-12, 14		X, #13
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	X	





## VIII. CURRICULUM - report presented by Board Member, Kristen Simone

#	Action Items	Attach
1.	Learning FIRST Center for Instructional Coaching (Embedded/Onsite Professional Development) at a cost not to exceed \$90,000 (20-270-200-320-01-00, 20-484-200-300-00-00, 20-488-200-300-00-00, 11-000-221-320-00-10)	<u>CI-1</u>
2.	Nursing Plan 2022-2023	<u>CI-2</u>

<b>Board Member</b>	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain
Susan Embrey			X		
Jeannine Foster (Absent)					
Lisa Kehoe	X		X		
Alison Moyer		X	X		
Kristen Simone			X		
Brandy Titus			X		
Joshua Zagorski (Absent)					
Rebecca Holland			X		
Jocelyn Lewis			X		
Result of Motion				Passed 7-0	·

## IX. POLICY - report presented by Chairperson, Sue Embrey

	Summary of Policies & Regulations							
	Policies & Regulations							
#	No.	Title	Pol	Reg	1st	2nd	Rev	Ab
1.	5512	Harassment, Intimidation, or Bullying (M)	X				X	

Motion to approve Policy Action Item #1 as recommended by the Superintendent						
Board Member	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	
Susan Embrey			X			
Jeannine Foster (Absent)						
Lisa Kehoe			X			
Alison Moyer			X			





Kristen Simone	X		X		
Brandy Titus		X	X		
Joshua Zagorski (Absent)					
Rebecca Holland			X		
Jocelyn Lewis			X		
Result of Motion				Passed 7-0	

- X. AD HOC COMMITTEE CULTURAL PROFICIENCY & EQUITY STAKEHOLDER GROUP Kristen Simone reported that the next meetings will be held in November.
- XI. PERSONNEL report presented by Chairperson, Kristen Simone

	New Hires						
#	Name	Position	Step	Salary	Reason for Vacancy	Effective Date	
1.	*Victoria Conway	Substitute Nurse	N/A	\$250 per diem	N/A	10/27/2022	
2.	*Stephen Bierly	MS Special Education Teacher	1-2, BA	\$57,234	Resignation	10/27/2022	
3.	*Gabrielle Gordon	BCBA (shared)	8, MA	\$64,360	Student Needs	1/1/2023	
4.	*Elizabeth Law	ES Special Education Teacher	4, BA+15	\$57,384	Resignation	1/1/2023	

<sup>\*</sup>Pending completion of all requirements mandated by the NJDOE

	Professional Development							
#	Program	Location	Date(s)	Attendee	Cost (Not to Exceed)			
5.	Best Practices for Students w/ Autism in Spec Ed & ICR	Camden County College	October 25, 2022	Erin Rodriguez	\$149			
6.	Handle w/ Care Instructor- Recertification	Double Tree Cherry Hill	March 2, 2023	Kellilyn Mawson	\$475			





	Resignations/Retirements/Leaves of Absence							
#	Name	Position	Salary	Reason	Effective Date			
7.	Kristen Eckert	Special Education Teacher	\$59,434	Resignation	12/2/2022			
8.	Amber Yoder	Softball Assistant	Stipend - \$2,348	Resignation	Spring 2023			

	Additional Position				
#	Position Reason		Effective Date		
9.	Special Education Teacher	Student Needs	2022-2023		

		2022 - 202	23 Staff In-Service Days		
#	Name	Position	Hours	Hourly Rate	Dates
10.	Deborah Bain	Instructional Aide	Not to exceed 15 Hours	\$21.26	10/7/22, 1/13/23, 2/17/23
11.	Michelle Harris	Instructional Aide	Not to exceed 15 Hours	\$17.29	10/7/22, 1/13/23, 2/17/23
12.	Teresa Hess	Instructional Aide	Not to exceed 15 Hours	\$15.94	10/7/22, 1/13/23, 2/17/23
13.	Linda Jurski	Instructional Aide	Not to exceed 15 Hours	\$21.26	10/7/22, 1/13/23, 2/17/23
14.	Therese Kalberer	Instructional Aide	Not to exceed 15 Hours	\$19.56	10/7/22, 1/13/23, 2/17/23
15.	Amy Keller	Instructional Aide	Not to exceed 15 Hours	\$18.13	10/7/22, 1/13/23, 2/17/23
16.	Zina Leps	Instructional Aide	Not to exceed 15 Hours	\$16.44	10/7/22, 1/13/23, 2/17/23
17.	Janice Mardikian	Instructional Aide	Not to exceed 15 Hours	\$19.99	10/7/22, 1/13/23, 2/17/23
18.	Janice Martin	Instructional Aide	Not to exceed 15 Hours	\$16.44	10/7/22, 1/13/23, 2/17/23
19.	Barbara McGettigan	Instructional Aide	Not to exceed 15 Hours	\$18.13	10/7/22, 1/13/23, 2/17/23
20.	Courtney Murphy	Instructional Aide	Not to exceed 15 Hours	\$15.94	10/7/22, 1/13/23, 2/17/23
21.	Sandra Sama-Miller	Instructional Aide	Not to exceed 15 Hours	\$19.21	10/7/22, 1/13/23, 2/17/23
22.	Stephanie Slater Dawson	Instructional Aide	Not to exceed 15 Hours	\$17.71	10/7/22, 1/13/23, 2/17/23
23.	Gianna Squillace	Instructional Aide	Not to exceed 15 Hours	\$15.94	10/7/22, 1/13/23, 2/17/23
24.	Joann Stepler	Instructional Aide	Not to exceed 15 Hours	\$19.21	10/7/22, 1/13/23, 2/17/23





	2022 - 2023 Staff In-Service Days						
25.	Coleen Viereck	Instructional Aide	Not to exceed 15 Hours	\$19.21	10/7/22, 1/13/23, 2/17/23		
26.	Kathleen Wahl	Instructional Aide	Not to exceed 15 Hours	\$21.26	10/7/22, 1/13/23, 2/17/23		
27.	Jill Weiner	Instructional Aide	Not to exceed 15 Hours	\$14.78	10/7/22, 1/13/23, 2/17/23		
28.	Christine Jewel	Instructional Aide	Not to exceed 15 Hours	\$14.78	10/7/22, 1/13/23, 2/17/23		

	Schedule "B" Position						
#	Name	Position	Stipend	School Year			
29.	Margaret Gibson	Dances/Plays Certified Staff - Chaperone	\$160	2022 - 2023			
30.	Heather Pach	Dances/Plays Certified Staff - Chaperone	\$160	2022 - 2023			
31.	Andrew Snyder	Softball Assistant	\$2,348	2022 - 2023			

	Volunteers					
#	Name	Effective Date				
32.	Maddy Specht	Cheerleading	October 27, 2022			

		Substitute Services Report		
#	Service	Time Frame	Fill Rate	Attach
33.	Kelly Educational Staffing	9/1/2022 - 9/30/2022	60.61%	<u>PR-1</u>

<b>Board Member</b>	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain
Susan Embrey			X		
Jeannine Foster (Absent)					
Lisa Kehoe		X	X		
Alison Moyer			X		
Kristen Simone			X		
Brandy Titus	X		X, #1-31, 33		X, #32
Joshua Zagorski (Absent)					
Rebecca Holland			X		
Jocelyn Lewis			X, #1-4, 6-33		X, #5





Result of Motion	Passed 6-0-1 or 7-0
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#### Resolution 10-26-2022-3

**BE IT RESOLVED,** the Berlin Borough Board of Education appoints Mrs. Donna DiLapo as the Business Administrator/Board Secretary of the Berlin Borough School District beginning on or before 1/1/2023 through 6/30/2023 with an annual salary of \$105,000, prorated, pending the approval of the Executive County Superintendent.

PR-2

<b>Board Member</b>	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain
Susan Embrey		X	X		
Jeannine Foster (Absent)					
Lisa Kehoe			X		
Alison Moyer			X		
Kristen Simone			X		
Brandy Titus			X		
Joshua Zagorski (Absent)					
Rebecca Holland	X		X		
Jocelyn Lewis			X		
Result of Motion				Passed 7-0	

Motion to open Public Participation						
Motion	Second	All in Favor	All Opposed	Result of Motion		
Mrs. Kehoe	Mrs. Embrey	7	0	Passed		

### XII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None

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Motion to close Public Participation						
Motion	Second	All in Favor	All Opposed	Result of Motion		
Mrs. Kehoe	Mrs. Embrey	7	0	Passed		

#### XIII. NEW BUSINESS - None

#### XIV. OLD BUSINESS - None

Motion to enter into executive session at 8:04 p.m. (it was noted that action will not be taken afterwards)					
Motion	Second All in Favor All Opposed Result of Mot				
Mrs. Embrey	Mrs. Moyer	7	0	Passed	

#### XV. NON-PUBLIC EXECUTIVE SESSION

WHEREAS, in accordance with the NJ Open Public Meetings Act, the Berlin Borough School District Board of Education desires to discuss certain matters which are exempted from the public; and

WHEREAS, the Berlin Borough School District Board of Education will disclose the discussion topic of the closed session at a public meeting as soon as permissible; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Berlin Borough School District Board of Education will enter into closed session for approximately 10 minutes for said purposes pertaining to:

	Negotiations	Personnel	Legal	Individual Privacy
X	Security (1)	Student Matters	Litigation	Investment/Property Acquisition

Motion to return to open session at 8:16 p.m.					
Motion	Second	All in Favor	All Opposed	Result of Motion	
Mrs. Titus	Mrs. Simone	7	0	Passed	





## XVI. MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:17 p.m.

Motion to adjourn the meeting						
Motion	Second	All in Favor	All Opposed	Result of Motion		
Mrs. Holland	Mrs. Embrey	7	0	Passed		

BERLIN BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION



John Scavelli, Board Secretary

The next Board of Education Meeting is scheduled for November 16, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.