



**Berlin Borough School District  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education**

**Date:** April 27, 2017  
**Time:** 6:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Media Center  
Berlin Community School  
215 South Franklin Avenue  
Berlin, NJ 08009

**MINUTES  
PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING**

**I. PUBLIC SESSION**

**A. Meeting Called to Order – 6:35 pm** - Mrs. Rebecca Holland Board President presiding.

**B. Statement of Open Meeting Compliance**

The *New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act* was enacted to insure 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 Central Record and posted in the Berlin Community School, the Berlin Community School Website, ([www.bcsberlin.k12.nj.us](http://www.bcsberlin.k12.nj.us)), Borough Hall, and Channels 19 and 38.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the legal voters of the Berlin Borough School District, in the County of Camden, of the State of New Jersey, that a Public Hearing will be held in the Berlin Community School Media Center, of the Berlin Borough Board of Education, 215 S Franklin Ave., Berlin NJ 08009, on April 27, 2017 at 6:30 PM, for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the following budget for the 2017-2018 school year.

**C. Flag Salute**

**D. Roll Call**

Lisa Asare - Absent	Lisa Kehoe
Francis Ballak	Dennis Quinn
Michelle Goshaw	Fran Viscome
Nick Guerere - absent	Linda Welte
Rebecca Holland	

**E. Presentation:**

**2017-2018 Public Budget Presentation: Mrs. Kristen Martello, Superintendent**

**F. Public Participation – Agenda Items Only**

Public Comment – Budget Hearing

Questions were answered by Mrs. Martello Superintendent.



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Jocelyn Lewis -\_Questioned the elimination of the media specialist full time position, when it is required by code.

Answer: The district will be seeking shared services and possible grant monies to provide the services.

Lil Graham – Clarification will there be library services even with the reduction of the position?

Answer: Yes, The Library will be open and students will be able to get books.

Wendy Walters – Can you cut out other services in addition to the sports position before eliminating a library position.

Answer: It was a struggle to get to this point with many other reductions to get to this point.

Mike McGowan – appreciates position school district is in. We are not alone in this budget cutting; we are cutting 4 positions but creating a STEAM Coordinator.

Answer: STEAM position is a restructuring of existing positions not a new hire.

**BUDGET APPROVAL:**

**Motion:** Mr. Quinn, seconded by Mrs. Welte, to approve Resolution #1, 4-17, Approval of the 2017-2018 district budget based on a 2.8% Tax Levy Cap increase of \$195,328.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Berlin Borough School District Board of Education does hereby approve the 2017-2018 budget in the grand total amount of \$12,372,425 which includes a General Fund total of \$11,066,399, a Special Revenue Fund total of \$522,704, and a Debt Service Total of \$783,322; and also includes a General Fund local tax levy of \$7,133,340; and a Debt Service local tax levy of \$196,687.00; and

**BE IT RESOLVED** that this budget will include a Withdrawal from Capital Reserve of \$15,000.00 for Computer Server Room upgrades.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that this budget uses \$56,568 from Health Care Cost Adjustment as part of the Tax Levy Cap Increase.

**Roll Call** - Unanimous yes - Motion Passed

**II. PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED 6:57PM**

A. Next Meeting: Regular Meeting of the Board of Education to follow this hearing.