

BERLIN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS

West Berlin, New Jersey 08091

April 24, 2014

Public Hearing Meeting Minutes

“Educating Today for Tomorrow’s Success”

1. Call Meeting to Order

I, Mary Williams, President, call this meeting to order under the Open Public Meetings Act at 7:00pm. Motion carried, voice vote, all present voting “yes”.

This is to advise the general public and to instruct that it be recorded in the Minutes, that in compliance with Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of 1975, entitled the “Open Public Meetings Act,” the Berlin Township Board of Education on January 2, 2014, caused to be posted at the Business Office of the Board of Education located at 225 Grove Avenue, West Berlin, New Jersey and advertised in the Courier Post on January 10, 2014 and the Central Record the week of January 13, 2014 a meeting notice setting forth the time, date and location of this meeting.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Mr. Jeffrey Souza	<u>present</u>
Mrs. Cynthia Mozee	<u>absent</u>
Mrs. Jocelyn Lewis	<u>absent</u>
Mrs. Melanie Middleman	<u>present</u>
Mr. Keith Jones	<u>present</u>
Mr. Cecil Rodrigues	<u>present</u>
Mr. Brian Davis	<u>present</u>
Mrs. Deanna Reilly, Vice President	<u>present</u>
Mrs. Mary Williams, President	<u>present</u>
Dr. Edythe B. Austermuhl, Superintendent	<u>present</u>
Mrs. Megan Stoddart, Business Administrator	<u>present</u>
Charles Rizzi, Esq., Board Solicitor	<u>present</u>

1. Public Presentation of the 2014-2015 Budget

2. Motion by Jeffrey Souza second by Melanie Middleman RECOMMEND that the Board of Education, on the recommendation of the Superintendent and School Business Administrator, approve the adoption of the presented 2014-2015 Budget for the Berlin Township School District. Motion carried, roll call vote, all present voting “yes”.

3. Public Comments – Open

Recognition of Citizens – for subjects not appearing on agenda
The Public is reminded that they should attempt to resolve problems and/or complaints through initial contact with the staff member or members involved therein and the Chief School Administrator prior to petitioning the Board of

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Education. Complaints should only be brought to the Board after the appropriate school staff have had a reasonable opportunity to resolve the problem at the employee level. Statements should be limited to topics to be addressed on the published agenda and limited in length to 5 minutes.

Motion by _____ seconded by _____ to open the meeting to the public for the discussion of agenda items only. Time in: _____.

4. **Public Comments - Closed**

Motion by _____ seconded by _____ to go close the meeting to the public. Time closed: _____.

5. **Adjournment**

Motion by Jeffrey Souza seconded by Melanie Middleman to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned: 7:20pm. Motion carried, voice vote, all present voting “yes”.

Respectfully submitted,

Megan Stoddart, Business Administrator