

BERLIN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS

West Berlin, New Jersey

January 9, 2013 Re-Org Minutes

Board of Education Meeting

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Huster Administrative Building
Re-Organization Meeting Agenda
7:00 PM

Meeting called to order and flag salute by Megan Stoddart at 7:02pm.

The oath of office will be given by Charles Rizzi, Board Solicitor, to the following elected Board of Education members:

Brian Davis, Cynthia Mozee, Deanna Reilly, Cecil Rodrigues

	<u>Roll Call</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Linda Davis	<u>present</u>	2013
Jocelyn Lewis	<u>absent</u>	2013
Melanie Middleman	<u>present</u>	2014
Keith Jones	<u>present</u>	2014
Mary Williams	<u>present</u>	2014
Brian Davis	<u>present</u>	2015
Cecil Rodrigues	<u>present</u>	2015
Deanna Reilly	<u>present</u>	2015
Cynthia Mozee	<u>present</u>	2015
<i>Dr. Leonard Fitts, Interim Superintendent</i>	<u>present</u>	
<i>Megan Stoddart, Business Administrator</i>	<u>present</u>	
<i>Charles Rizzi, Board Solicitor</i>	<u>present</u>	

This meeting has been advertised in accordance with the regulation of the New Jersey Sunshine Laws. Public notice of these meetings will be placed in the Courier Post and The Record Breeze and posted at the Huster Administrative Building, Dwight D. Eisenhower Middle School, John F. Kennedy Elementary School, Berlin Township Municipal Building and the Berlin Township Post Office. Unless otherwise advertised, the meetings are held in the Huster Administration Building, 225 Grove Avenue, West Berlin. They begin at 6:45 PM with an Executive Session, which is closed to the public, and reconvene at 7:30 PM, during which public input is permitted and encouraged.

Laptops being used by Board members are property of the school district. These laptops were purchased for and are used on a daily basis by the district's students. After Board meetings, these computers are returned to the schools for student use.

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“Educating Today for Tomorrow’s Success”

DISTRICT & BOARD OF EDUCATION GOALS

2012-2013

DISTRICT

1. Supervise the final stages of the construction project improving our facilities’ deficiencies and renovation needs.
2. Focus on maintaining and improving district programs and curriculum offerings in order to retain our current students and attract students from other communities through the school choice program.
3. Maintain a strong focus on and conviction to improving student performance, as measured in various ways, in the belief all students can learn and achieve at high levels.

BOARD GOALS

1. Increase the amount of communication with the superintendent in order to establish more input on decision making.
2. Develop and implement processes to engage and expand community involvement.

DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT

The slogan of the Berlin Township School District of “Educating Today for Tomorrow’s Success” is meant to focus the educational community on the broad goal of giving ALL of our children the necessary skills to be successful in all future endeavors. Student achievement is the major priority; the district prides itself on its creative approach to learning and its emphasis upon helping each student to discover his or her potential. Teachers use a variety of teaching methods to reach students with a wide range of abilities. Student engagement as volunteers in the learning process is our primary focus. It is our responsibility to create structures and systems where students are totally engaged in the instruction, which will then leads to deeper learning and understanding.

The Berlin Township School District commits itself to all children by creating a standards-based school district in which all students receive the very best educational opportunities possible. Each and every student will surpass the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards. To achieve this, the members of the district will focus on:

- Establishing high standards of excellence for both staff and students
- Communicating openly and frequently within the district and with the community to foster a trusting relationship
- Ensuring a safe and orderly environment for staff and students
- Recognizing that a school district serves as a role model and has the responsibility to encourage high quality character behavior

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1. OFFICER AND DELEGATE NOMINATIONS

- a. Motion by Deanna Reilly second by Linda Davis to nominate Mary Williams for school board president. Motion carried, voice vote, all present voting “yes”. Mary Williams accepted nomination.
- b. Motion by Cynthia Mozee second by Deanna Reilly to appoint Mary Williams as school board president. Motion carried, voice vote, all present voting “yes”.
- c. Motion by Linda Davis second by Keith Jones to nominate Deanna Reilly for school board vice president. Motion carried, voice vote, all present voting “yes”. Deanna Reilly accepted nomination.
- d. Motion by Linda Davis second by Cynthia Mozee to appoint Deanna Reilly school board vice president. Motion carried, voice vote, all present voting “yes”.
- e. Motion by Linda Davis second by Deanna Reilly to appoint Melanie Middleman as the delegate to the New Jersey School Boards Association. Motion carried, voice vote, all present voting “yes”.
- f. Motion by Deanna Reilly second by Cecil Rodrigues to appoint Cynthia Mozee as the alternate delegate to the New Jersey School Boards Association. Motion carried, voice vote, all present voting “yes”.
- g. Motion by Cynthia Mozee second by Deanna Reilly to appoint Linda Davis as the delegate to the Camden County School Boards Association. Motion carried, voice vote, all present voting “yes”.
- h. Motion by Linda Davis second by Deanna Reilly to appoint Cecil Rodrigues as the alternate delegate to the Camden County School Boards Association. Motion carried, voice vote, all present voting “yes”.
- i. Motion by Deanna Reilly second by Linda Davis to appoint Brian Davis as the representative to the Camden County Educational Services Commission. Motion carried, voice vote, all present voting “yes”.
- j. Motion by Linda Davis second by Deanna Reilly to appoint Jocelyn Lewis as the Board’s representative to the Pine Hill Board of Education from this date to the date of the next reorganization meeting in 2014. Motion carried, voice vote, all present voting “yes”.

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- k. Motion by Linda Davis second by Cynthia Mozee to appoint the following as members to or advisors of the Board’s negotiations committee:

Keith Jones (chairperson)

Cecil Rodrigues

Motion carried, voice vote, all present voting “yes”.

2. APPOINTMENT OF SCHOOL OFFICIALS

- a. Motion by Linda Davis second by Melanie Middleman to extend the contract for Dr. Leonard Fitts as Interim Superintendent of Schools for the period of January 1, 2013 – June 30, 2013 at the per diem rate of \$500. Motion carried, roll call vote, all present voting “yes”.

3. ESTABLISHMENT OF BOARD PROCEDURES AND POLICIES

- a. Motion by Linda Davis second by Deanna Reilly to resolve that the Berlin Township Board of Education establish the time and date of their regularly scheduled meetings as the 4th Thursday of each month, 7:30p.m. as follows:

January 24, 2013/Action Meeting	July 25, 2013/Action Meeting
February 21, 2013/Worksession Meeting	August 15, 2013/Worksession Meeting
February 28, 2013/Action Meeting	August 22, 2013/ Action Meeting
March 21, 2013/Action Meeting	September 19, 2013/ Worksession Meeting
April 25, 2013/Action Meeting	September 26, 2013/Action Meeting
May 23, 2013/Action Meeting	October 17, 2013/Action Meeting
June 27, 2013/Action Meeting	November 21, 2013/Action Meeting
	December 19, 2013/Action Meeting

Motion carried, voice vote, all present voting “yes”.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS – CLOSE

Motion by Cecil Rodrigues, second by Linda Davis to close the meeting to the public for the discussion of school district issues. Close time: 7:26pm.

Public in attendance:

Ward Walker

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5. EXECUTIVE SESSION-IN

Motion by Linda Davis, second by Deanna Reilly to go into Executive Session to discuss: personnel, legal, contractual and negotiation issues. Time in: 7:26pm. Motion carried, voice vote, all present voting “yes”.

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION-OUT

Motion by Melanie Middleman, second by Cynthia Mozee to come out of Executive Session. Time out: 7:58pm. Motion carried, voice vote, all present voting “yes”.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Melanie Middleman second by Deanna Reilly to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned: 7:58pm. Motion carried, voice vote, all present voting “yes”.

Respectfully submitted,

Megan Stoddart
Business Administrator