

Berlin Board of Education
Finance and Operations Committee Meeting
December 12, 2022
MINUTES

In Attendance: Mathew Tencza, Chair
Julia Dennis
Adam Salina

Also in attendance: Brian Benigni, Superintendent of Schools
Jeffery Cugno, Director of Operations
Ashley Dorsey, Director of Finance

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Tencza at 7:05 a.m. via Zoom.

II. Central Connecticut Transition Academy Per Pupil Expenditure

Mr. Benigni informed committee members that the Board of Finance had inquired regarding the per pupil expenditure for students who attend the Central Connecticut Transition Academy (CCTA). Ms. Dennis requested a formal presentation be made at the Board of Education meeting before submitting the information to the Board of Finance. Ms. Dorsey presented the information pertaining the CCTA per pupil expenditure for the committee's review. Information for the report was pulled from the Education Financial System for the 2022 fiscal year. The per pupil expenditure for the CCTA aligns with other expenditures within the district; however, is significantly less than out-of-district expenditures. The full report will be presented at the Board of Education meeting on December 12, 2022.

III. 2023-2024 Budget

Mr. Benigni and Ms. Dorsey presented initial budget requests for the 2024 fiscal year. The committee reviewed a few options to reduce the initial requests to come to a reasonable increase for the Superintendent's Proposed Budget to be presented to the Board of Education on January 9, 2023. The group discussed major cost drivers to the upcoming budget and expressed concerns that contractual obligations are the main driver of the increase. Mr. Benigni informed the committee that all department supervisors were given the directive of no new staff and to reallocate funding wherever possible. Inflation was also discussed and its impact on the cost of all goods and services.

IV. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:24 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley L. Dorsey
Director of Finance