

BERLIN BOARD OF EDUCATION
Curriculum Committee Meeting
March 9, 2020
MINUTES

Attendance: Mr. Richard Aroian, Mrs. Kari Sassu, Chair

Absent: Mrs. Jaymee Miller

Also in Attendance: Dr. Erin McGurk, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:25 p.m., in the Conference Room at Griswold School.

II. The committee discussed the proposed calendar for 2021-22. Several questions were raised regarding time for professional learning and the number of early release days. No decision was made.

III. Dr. McGurk updated the committee on a number of issues being worked on with teachers and administrators. Dr. McGurk has established a 6-12 Grading Practices Advisory Committee to look at a number of issues, including separating feedback and effort from achievement and a potential shift from a numeric scale to letter grades at the high school. McGee currently uses letter grades and most colleges use letter grades. A committee of middle school and high school mathematics teachers, special education teachers, interventionists, and administrators has begun meeting to review the 6-12 mathematics program and to make recommendations for future programming. At the end of March, a group of teachers and administrators from Berlin High School plan to attend a NEASC workshop on the Vision of the Graduate. The district plans to revise the current Berlin Learner Outcomes and the BHS Statement of Core Values and Beliefs about Learning into a single document reflecting the Berlin Vision of the Graduate.

IV. The committee briefly discussed its goals for the upcoming months.

V. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin K. McGurk, Ed.D.
Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction