

BERLIN BOARD OF EDUCATION
Curriculum Committee Meeting
May 11, 2020
MINUTES

Attendance: Mr. Richard Aroian, Mrs. Kari Sassu, Chair; Mrs. Jaymee Miller

Also in Attendance: Mr. Brian Benigni, Superintendent; Dr. Erin McGurk, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction; Mrs. Eileen Eustis, BHS Principal; Mrs. Kelly Maio, BHS Assistant Principal; Mrs. Patty Pires, Director of School Counseling

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:18 p.m.

II. The committee discussed the procedures in place for credit recovery at Berlin High School. Students who fail high school courses are offered the opportunity to recover credits through an online program called OdysseyWare. In the past two years, between 20 and 27 students have been enrolled in credit recovery over the summer. There are two pathways within the platform. Students who received grades of 50-59 may complete the credit recovery option, which entails a series of pretests and students complete assignments in units in which the pretest showed gaps in knowledge or understanding. Students who received a grade below 50 participate in the origination pathway, which requires students to complete all assignments for the course. In past years, students have participated in credit recovery at the high school under the supervision of proctors/assessors. During the current period of school closure, a small number of students are participating in learning through the OdysseyWare system. The credit recovery program is funded both within the high school budget and is supplemented with fees charged to participating students.

III. The committee discussed some of the ways that the current health situation and school closures may impact curriculum and instruction for the upcoming school year, as well as the anticipated need for additional professional learning and curriculum development time.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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