

BERLIN BOARD OF EDUCATION
Curriculum Committee Meeting
July 12, 2021
MINUTES

Attendance: Mr. Steven Jenkins, Mrs. Kari Sassu, Chair

Also in Attendance: Dr. Erin McGurk, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction; Laurie Gjerpen, Director of Literacy and Social Studies; Danielle McCorkel, McGee English Language Arts teacher.

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:50 p.m.

II. Textbook Adoption Proposal: Mrs. McCorkel presented an overview of the book proposed for adoption as an English Language Arts textbook for McGee. The text, *One for the Murphys*, would be available for use as a whole-class novel for the Grade 6 unit on Realistic Fiction. Mrs. McCorkel described the plot of the text and identified the reasons that the text is being recommended. Dr. McGurk noted that the text is written by a Connecticut author, Lynda Mullaly Hunt. The text supports the language arts standards for Grade 6, which include understanding theme, character development, and the impact of setting on characters. A motion to approve this text will be an action item at the next Board meeting.

III. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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