

BERLIN BOARD OF EDUCATION
Curriculum Committee Meeting
March 11, 2024
MINUTES

Attendance: Jaymee Miller - Chair - absent
Gina Nappi
Brian DeLude

Also in Attendance: Directors of Curriculum Kara Watson and Laurie Gjerpen
Director of Human Resources Denise Parsons

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m. in the BOE Library Conference Room, 238 Kensington Road, Berlin.

II. Proposed Revisions to the 2024-2025 Adopted School Calendar: Two afternoon professional learning days were added to this calendar. The purpose was to support the additional state mandates and to support further learning related to High Quality Instruction and Reading.

- February 13, 2025
- April 2, 2025

III. Proposed 2025-2026 School Calendar: This calendar mirrors the 2024-2025 calendar while adding three additional afternoon professional learning days.

- September 17, 2025
- October 1, 2025
- March 11, 2026

IV. Increasing Educator Diversity Plan: Denise Parsons explained the need for the Increasing Educator Diversity Plan, which is a requirement of the state.

Questions from the committee members included:

- Why are we looking for a diverse population?
- What does an increased presence at career fairs look like?
- Are there other career fairs we should go to?
- What are the opportunities for international outreach? What does that look like?
- What are the next steps?

All of the questions were addressed to the committee members' satisfaction.

V. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Gjerpen & Kara Watson
Directors of Curriculum