

5/28/2010 Special Meeting of the Board of Education of the Berlin Central School District, held at the Berlin Middle School/High School

Present: Frank Zwack, Gina Goodermote, John Greene, Elizabeth Miller, Thomas Morelli, Jeffrey Paine, Beverly Stewart
Absent: No one
Also Present: Charlotte Gregory, Cathie Allain, Michelle Colvin, Cyril Grant, Eileen Leffler, Jennifer Morris, Sandra Owens
Guests included: Approximately 15

President Zwack convened the meeting at 7:00 PM with all seven board members present.

On motion of Jeffrey Paine, second by Gina Goodermote, the following motion was unanimously approved:

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education of the Berlin Central School District hereby awards the bid for the 2009 \$100,000 Capital Improvement Project to Mid-State Industries, Ltd., in the amount of \$58,000.00 for improvements to the Berlin Elementary School building

President Zwack then turned the meeting over to the administration. The administration reported that it had looked at the suggestions that the Leadership Advisory Committee had proposed and the legal/feasible options for each.

The administrations reported the following – using the same information that the LAC had presented.

Subcommittee	Targeted Reductions	Reductions Deemed Feasible	Reduction Review Based on Ed Law and actual expenditures	Reductions BCSD Deemed Feasible with Grafton closed and no modulars
A-Cost of Grafton	(+\$3000,000) Increase	(+\$400,553) Increase	(+637,888) increase	627,888 In defeated budget
B-Modular Installation	400,000	358,160	391,160	391,160
C-BOCES (Questar)	180,000	16,523	16,523	
D-Transportation	50,000	25,000	15,349	15,349
E-Administrative Salary	150,000	44,900	11,845	11,845

F-Non-Admin. Salary	(undecided)	(undecided)	(undecided)	(undecided)
G-Miscellaneous	100,000	20,000	Undetermined	Undetermined
Total (net change, defeated AY10-11 Budget)	\$476,265 or higher for a 0/0 budget (2.53%)	64,030 (-0.34%)	-193,011 2.28% Increase in tax levy	418,354 -4.95% Additional Costs Containment
Total reductions including @ Grafton	\$500,000 - \$1 million	\$691,918		

- Could not select the discussions that involved the use of volunteers
- Closure of Grafton June 2010
- Modulars (\$391,160) have been removed
- Questar – more research needs to be done before reducing
- Took suggestions of LAC to reduce transportation costs – reduced number of half days for MS from 4 to 2
- Returned the salary of the Superintendent to \$115,000
- Possibility of moving the 5th grade the MS/HS or District Offices to the MS/HS
- Principals for the BES, MS and HS (1 each)
- Cost with Grafton open –increase in tax levy

The administration proposed a budget of \$18,281,716 which is a 0% budget-to-budget increase, 0% increase on tax levy, and use of \$368,776 of reserves. The administration also reported that if this budget were to be adopted by the Board and defeated by the voters, the District would go to a contingent budget which will require an additional \$93,043 reduction in equipment.

Discussion occurred on the possibility of moving the 5th grade to the MS, moving the District offices to the MS, possibility of combined position of Principal/Superintendent (legal counsel reported that a waiver from the state is required prior to changing), importance of student programs, lack of consensus between the Board members, closure of Grafton, and contractual agreements.

Discussion also occurred on the proposed budget and the probability of it being passed or defeated.

On the motion of Gina Goodermote, second by Jeffrey Paine the Board of Education of the Berlin Central School District adopted a proposed 2010-2011 budget in the amount of \$18,281,716 which reflects a 0% budget-to-budget increase and a 0% increase on tax levy with

5 YES Votes:

John Greene

Gina Goodermote

Liz Miller

Jeffrey Paine

Frank Zwack

2 NO Votes:

Thomas Morelli

Beverly Stewart

On the motion of Jeffrey Paine, second by Beverly Stewart, the Board of Education unanimously agreed to move the District Offices to the Middle School/High School and keep the 5th grade at Berlin Elementary School.

On the motion of Jeffrey Paine, second by Beverly Stewart, the Board of Education of the Berlin Central School District unanimously agreed to set the vote details the same as the May vote (Berlin Fire Hall, 12-9:00 PM, same election inspectors).

Calendar of Meetings

Tuesday, June 8, 2010 – Budget Hearing – BES – 7:00 PM

Tuesday, June 15, 2010 – Vote – Berlin Fire Hall – 12:00 – 9:00 PM

On motion of Gina Goodermote, second by Liz Miller, executive session for legal advice was entered at 10:10 PM, with public session resuming at 10:22 PM on motion of Jeffrey Paine, second by John Greene.

**On the motion of John Greene, second by Beverly Stewart, the Board of Education unanimously agreed to the following bus proposition:
Resolved: That The Board Of Education Of The Berlin Central School District, Rensselaer County, New York, Is Hereby Authorized To Purchase One (1) School Bus; A 58-Passenger/ 3wc Track Seating School Bus And Is Further Authorized To Expend Therefore An Amount Not To Exceed \$138,000.00, To Be Raised By The Levy Of A Tax Upon The Taxable Property Of Said School District And Collected In Annual Installments As Provided By Section 416 Of The Education Law; And In Anticipation Of Such Tax, Obligations Of Said School District Shall Be Issued.**

**On the motion of Tom Morelli, second by Jeffrey Paine, the Board of Education unanimously agreed to the following capital improvement proposition:
Resolved: That The Board Of Education Of The Berlin Central School District, Rensselaer County, New York, Is Hereby Authorized To Reconstruct, And Construct Improvements To District Buildings, Including**

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All Original Furnishings, Equipment, Machinery, Apparatus, Appurtenances, Site Improvement, And Incidental Improvements And Expenses In Connection Therewith, And Is Further Authorized To Expend Therefore An Amount Not To Exceed \$100,000, To Be Raised By The Levy Of A Tax Upon The Taxable Property Of Said School District And Collected In Annual Installments As Provided By Section 416 Of The Education Law; And In Anticipation Of Such Tax, Obligations Of Said School District May Be Issued.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:29 PM on motion of Jeffrey Paine, second by Liz Miller.

Mary M. Grant, District Clerk