



**Berlin Borough School District
215 South Franklin Ave
Berlin, NJ 08009**



Special Board of Education Meeting

Date	Time	Location
May 4, 2023	7:00 PM	Media Center, Berlin Community School

Board of Education

Mrs. Jocelyn Lewis, President	Mrs. Jeannine Foster	Dr. Jeremy Cohen
Mrs. Rebecca Holland, Vice-President	Mrs. Lisa Kehoe	Ms. Brandy Titus
Mrs. Susan Embrey	Mrs. Alison Moyer	Mr. Joshua Zagorski

Board Solicitor Superintendent Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Dan Long, Esq	Dr. Joseph Campisi	Mrs. Donna DiLapo
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Mission Statement

The mission of the Berlin Community School, in an active partnership between school and community, is to provide effective and comprehensive educational opportunities in a nurturing environment designed to challenge all students to strive for personal excellence and responsible citizenship. This will foster the pursuit of lifelong learning while achieving proficiency in the New Jersey Student Learning Standards and meet the challenges of an evolving global society.

Special Meeting Minutes

I. PUBLIC SESSION

A. **The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Rebecca Holland, Vice-President, at 7:11 p.m.**

B. Statement of Open Meeting Compliance

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act was enacted to ensure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meeting of the public bodies at which any business affecting their interest is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this Act, the Berlin Borough Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time, and place published in the Courier-Post and posted in the Berlin Community School, the Berlin Community School Website, (www.bcsberlin.org) Borough Hall.

C. **Flag Salute**

D. **Roll Call**



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Board Member	Present	Absent
Dr. Jeremy Cohen	✓	
Mrs. Susan Embrey	✓	
Mrs. Jeannine Foster	✓	
Mrs. Lisa Kehoe	✓	
Mrs. Alison Moyer	✓	
Ms. Brandy Titus	✓	
Mr. Joshua Zagorski	✓	
VP: Mrs. Rebecca Holland	✓	
Pres: Mrs. Jocelyn Lewis	A 8:03 p.m.	✓

A = Arrived

Anyone who wished to speak during the public comment portion of the meeting was reminded to sign in at the podium.

No motion was made to open Public Participation as no comments were requested - The sign-in sheet for participation in the public comment portion was collected.

F. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None

This meeting was open to the public. If your questions or comments pertaining to litigation, students, personnel, or negotiations, we would ask that you establish a time to meet with the Superintendent after the meeting since the board does not discuss these items in public.

Complaints stated or actions requested by the public will be taken under advisement by the Board and referred to the Superintendent for investigation, discussion, action, or disposition at a later date or time. Please remember that the public comment session is an opportunity for you to share your opinions and remarks with the Board, and it is not a question-and-answer session.

Please be aware that all district employees retain the right to privacy. Please also be reminded that any individuals who may be the subject of public comments, including district employees, shall retain all rights against defamation and slander according to the laws of New Jersey. The Board will not be held liable for comments made by members of the public.

Any person wishing to participate in the public Board meeting must register prior to the conclusion of the presentations section of the meeting and will be recognized by the presiding officer when it is time to speak. Please state your name and address for the record. Comments will be limited to 3 minutes per person. All statements shall be directed to the presiding officer; no participant may address or question Board members individually. If personal or discourteous statements are made, the presiding officer may require the speaker to stop; the presiding officer reserves the right to request a recess. The total comment period will be 30 minutes unless extended by a vote of the majority of the Board members present at the meeting.

All public participation is governed by District Bylaw 0167.

II. PRESENTATION(S)

Jesse Adams, NJSBA Representative presented the Ethics Training Workshop to the Board.



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IV. NON-PUBLIC EXECUTIVE SESSION

WHEREAS, in accordance with the NJ Open Public Meetings Act, the Berlin Borough School District Board of Education desires to discuss certain matters which are exempted from the public; and

WHEREAS, the Berlin Borough School District Board of Education will disclose the discussion topic of the closed session at a public meeting as soon as permissible; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Berlin Borough School District Board of Education will enter into a closed session for approximately 20 minutes for said purposes pertaining to:

X	Negotiations (1)		Personnel		Legal		Individual Privacy
	Security		Student Matters		Litigation		Investment/Property Acquisition

Motion to enter into executive session at 8:30 p.m. (it was noted that action will not be taken afterward)				
Motion	Second	All in Favor	All Opposed	Result of Motion
Dr. Cohen	Mrs. Embry	✓	0	Passed

Motion to return to open session at 8:49 p.m.				
Motion	Second	All in Favor	All Opposed	Result of Motion
Ms. Titus	Mrs. Embry	✓	0	Passed



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V. MEETING ADJOURNED

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m.				
Motion	Second	All in Favor	All Opposed	Result of Motion
Mrs. Foster	Dr. Cohen	✓	0	Passed

BERLIN BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION

Donna DiLapo

Donna DiLapo, Board Secretary

The next Regular Board of Education Meeting is scheduled for May 23, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.