



**Berlin Borough School District
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education**

Date: May 1, 2014
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Location: Media Center
Berlin Community School
215 South Franklin Avenue
Berlin, NJ 08009

**MINUTES
PUBLIC HEARING**

I. PUBLIC SESSION

A. Meeting Called to Order – 6:30 pm Mr. Quinn, Board Vice President presiding

B. Statement of Open Meeting Compliance

The *New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act* was enacted to insure 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 Central Record and posted in the Berlin Community School, the Berlin Community School Website, (www.bcsberlin.k12.nj.us), Borough Hall.

C. Flag Salute

D. Roll Call

Present

Dennis Quinn
Susan Bobb
Karen Costanzo
Kristine Height
Rebecca Holland
Fran Viscome

Absent

Nick Guerere
Linda Welte
Kristin Braidwood

E. Presentation:

2014-2015 Public Budget Presentation: Mr. Tony Trongone, Superintendent.

Handouts were provided. Board Discussion ensued. Mr. Trongone started his presentation with a synopsis of how the District has grown during years of State Fiscal declines. Most notably the District has continued to reduce class size. Berlin has hired teachers to maintain smaller class sizes and adds an additional teacher this year in the third grade. It was also noted that the district continues to maintain its technology infrastructure to support the recent purchase of 300 Dell Net Books and 50 I-Pads. In just three years the District has grown from 265 computers to over 720 computers available for student use.

F. Public Participation – No one came forward



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MOTION: Mrs. Bobb, seconded by Mrs. Holland to approve Resolution 1, 5-14; Approval of the 2014-2015 district budget based on a 2.2% Tax Levy Cap increase of \$145,316.

Roll Call - Unanimous yes - Motion passed

Resolution 1, 5-14

BE IT RESOLVED that the Berlin Borough School District Board of Education does hereby approve the 2014-2015 budget as presented in the grand total amount of \$11,952,198 which includes a General Fund total of \$10,408,150, a Special Revenue Fund total of \$512,744., and a Debt Service Total of \$770,928; and also includes a General Fund local tax levy of \$6,608,384; and a Debt Service local tax levy of \$618,685; and

BE IT RESOLVED that this budget will include a Withdrawal from Capital Reserve of \$61,000 and a Withdrawal of \$ 86,247 from Maintenance Reserve for repairs to the library/media center.

G. Other Discussion:

- Security – use of cameras
- Proposed 470 unit apartment complex.

MOTION: Mrs. Constanzo, seconded by Mrs. Bobb to adjourn the meeting.

Call Vote - Unanimous yes - Motion passed

II. MEETING ADJOURNED 7:30 PM

Next Meeting: Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Date: May 15, 2014
Location: Media Center
Time: 7:00 p.m.

Attest: