



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

**Date:** October 9, 2014  
**Time:** 5:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Media Center  
Berlin Community School  
215 South Franklin Avenue  
Berlin, NJ 08009

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

**I. PUBLIC SESSION**

**A. Meeting Called to Order** – Mr. Guerere 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 Camden Courier Post and posted in the Berlin Community School, the Berlin Community School Website, ([www.bcsberlin.k12.nj.us](http://www.bcsberlin.k12.nj.us)), and Borough Hall.

**Mr. Dzwilewski Board solicitor read the advertised special meeting notice:**

The Berlin Borough Board of Education will hold a special meeting on Thursday October 9, 2014 at 5:30 PM. The meeting will be held in the Community School Board Office. The meeting is called to review current litigation. Action may or may not be taken.

**C. Flag Salute**

**D. Roll Call**

**Present**

Kristin Braidwood  
Karen Costanzo  
Nick Guerere  
Rebecca Holland  
Kristine Height  
Dennis Quinn  
Fran Viscome  
Linda Welte

**Absent**

Susan Bobb



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**III. NONPUBLIC EXECUTIVE SESSION**

1. Motion: Mr. Quinn, seconded by Mrs. Height to move to NonPublic Executive Session at 5:32pm.

**Call Vote - Unanimous yes - Motion passed**

In accordance with the NJ Open Public Meetings Act, the Berlin Borough School District desires to discuss certain matters in closed session described in the aforementioned law, pertaining to litigation. The Berlin Borough School District Board of Education will disclose the discussion topic of the closed session at a public meeting as soon as possible. The Berlin Borough School District shall now enter a closed session for an approximate time limit of 30 minutes.

**Resolution #1, 10-14 Non Public Executive Session**

WHEREAS; Matters pertaining to sensitive personnel issues, negotiations, student discipline issues and litigation are proper topics for closed sessions under the Public Meetings Act, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: to hold a Closed Meeting of the Berlin Borough Board of Education for said purposes of litigation matters. Action may be taken as a result.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; to make available the results of the Closed Meeting in the minutes of this meeting or in subsequent actions of the Board.

BERLIN BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Frank J Domin Jr., Secretary

**School Board Attorney reviewed the Settlement agreement.**

**IV. RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION 5:51 PM**

**Motion:** Mr. Quinn, seconded by Mrs. Height Welte to return to regular session.

**Call Vote – unanimous yes (8 members present) - Motion passed**

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

**Motion:** Mr. Quinn, seconded by Mrs. Welte to approve Settlement Agreement.

**Call Vote – unanimous yes (8 members present) - Motion passed**

Settlement Agreement.

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Berlin Borough Board of Education hereby approves the Settlement Agreement and Release in the matter docketed before the Office of Administrative Law as K.L. o/b/o R.L. and K.L. v. Berlin Borough. Bd. of Educ., OAL Dkt. No.: EDS 03372-2014S; Agency Ref. No.: 2014-20784, and authorizes the Superintendent to sign same on behalf of the Board, and that the Administration to take all necessary and appropriate steps to implement the aforesaid Settlement Agreement.



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**VII. MEETING ADJOURNED**

**MOTION:** Mr. Quinn, seconded by Mrs. Viscome to Adjourn Meeting at 5:57pm.

**Call Vote – unanimous yes - Motion passed**

Next Meeting: October 16, 2014  
Location: Media Center  
Time: 7:00 p.m.

Attest: