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BERLIN-BOYLSTON REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Tuesday, June 10, 2025, 5:00 pm
Tahanto Regional Middle/High School
Multi-Purpose Room

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The items listed on the agenda may be discussed out of order as the Chair decides due to potential scheduling and timing requirements.

Present: School Committee: Mr. Michael Totman, Chair, Mrs. Meagan Grill, Vice-Chair; Mrs. Lori Hart, District Clerk, Mrs. Jessica Degliaberti, Mrs. Lisa Mair, Mrs. Elisabeth Mancini

Administration: Mr. Albert G. Ganem Jr., Interim Superintendent; Ms. Lynnette Gross, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent; Ms. Jannel Fitzpatrick, Director of Pupil Personnel Services; Ms. Renee Legendre, Assistant Principal; Mr. Aaron Osborne, Director of Finance and Operations; Ms. Lisa Sequeira, Tahanto Middle/High School Principal; Mr. Joseph Sposato, Interim Director of Technology; Ms. Sally Stukuls, Director of Curriculum and Grants 6-12

- **Call to Order** -Mr. Totman called the meeting to order at 5:00pm
- **Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Public Comment-** Julie Lee read a statement about how school choice is decided. Amanda Baberkova would like her upcoming K student to be accepted to BMS through school choice because she already has a sibling in the district. Jason Carroll also spoke about school choice. He's concerned about low enrollment.

- **Consent Agenda** A motion to approve the consent agenda made by Lori Hart, and

seconded by Jessica Deglialberti. All in favor, Vote 6-0, motion passed

o Open Meeting Minutes 5.13.2025

o Open Meeting Minutes 5.19.2025

● School Committee Reports

o Chair Report - *Mr. Michael Totman*

■ School Committee Self-Evaluation and Goals -Mr. Michael Tottman shared that the committee had done self-evaluation and goals in the past. Members agreed that Mrs. Jessica Deglialberti and Mrs. Meagan Grill will work on this together over the summer, possibly incorporating MASC, and bring back to the committee to discuss in August. Also, Mrs. Lisa Mair and Mrs. Elisabeth Mancini will work on school choice recommendations.

■ Sub Committees

o Moses Reed Tyler Scholarship Recipients - *Ms. Elisabeth Mancini*

Ms. Elisabeth Mancini reported that the Moses Reed Tyler Scholarship recipients received \$21,000 in scholarships and she is very thankful to the volunteers who helped read through the applications.

• Superintendent of Schools Report - *Mr. Albert Ganem Jr.*

o Student Council Representative - *Matthew Dowd*- Not present

o Introduction of Boylston Elementary School Principal, Mr. Robert Pelczarski- Mr Albert Ganem Jr. introduced Mr. Robert Pelczarski as the new principal at Boylston Elementary School.

o Staffing Updates- Mr. Ganam stated that all contracts will be vetted by the district's attorney moving forward and that staffing letters would be coming from the district. Mr. Totman reminded the committee that they should not participate in the rumor mill, as he has been approached several times recently by people who want to discuss staffing concerns. Mr. Ganem announced that Ms. Sally Stukuls, Director of Curriculum and Grants 6-1 will be moving on to another district as the Assistant Superintendent. The new Director of Curriculum and Grants 6-12 will be Ms. Renee Legendre. The job of Assistant Principal at Tahanto will be posted on 6/11/25. Mr. Ganem introduced the new Athletic Director at Tahanto will be Ms. Julie Lee

o Tahanto Graduation- Tahanto graduation was held on 6/1/25. There were 56 graduates. Mr. Ganem stated that it was a wonderful event and that Lisa Sequeira and her team did a wonderful job. In August the Guidance Counselor will come to meet with the committee to talk about the 2026 Seniors.

● Administrator Updates

o Director of Finance and Operations - *Mr. Aaron Osborne* -**Mr.** Osborne discussed the possible implementation of a new software solution called PaperCut. It is intended to have cost savings and reduce waste. Mr. Totman expressed concerns over security. Mrs. Deglialberti expressed concerns

over lost time for staff. There will not be student access at this time, but has the capability to in the future if needed.

■ **Printing and Copying Services - Vote needed motion to approve the Director of Finance and Operations to enter into the referenced 5 year lease contract with Xerox resulting in a monthly cost of \$2,650 by Mrs. Lori Hart and seconded by Mrs. Lisa Mair. All in favor, Vote 6-0, motion passes**

o Director of Curriculum and Grants, Grades 6-12 - *Ms. Sally-Ann Stukuls*

■ **Strategic Plan - The Teaching Learning Alliance will come in and work with Mr. Ganem and Ms. Renee Legendre to put together some focus groups to collect feedback and input from stakeholders about what people feel is needed for the strategic plan at a cost of \$18,750.**

Vote needed motion to authorize \$18,750 to do the strategic plan as presented by Mrs. Lori Hart and seconded by Mrs. Deglialberti. Discussion: Mrs. Deglialberti and Mrs. Grill expressed concern over the time commitment from the committee given there are already many commitments for the superintendent search. Mr. Ganem believes there will be strong community/volunteer involvement. Community events have the possibility of overlapping.
All in favor, Vote 6-0, motion passes

● **Subcommittee Updates**

- o Student Success and Technology Subcommittee - Mrs. Jessica Deglialberti - The Cell Phone and Social Media Tool Kit from the attorney general suggests appointing an advisory committee on this topic. Mr. Totman suggests making this a part of the Strategic Plan emphasizing the need for parent support. This will be put on the next agenda and included in the policy meeting over the summer.
- o Budget and Facility Subcommittee - Mrs. Meagan Grill - No update
- o Superintendent Search Subcommittee - Mrs. Lori Hart
- o Policy Subcommittee - Mr. Michael Totman
- o Tahanto Parking Lot - Working on adding parking at Tahanto. OCR says we can move forward but still need some deliverables from an engineer to get final approval. Will need financial approval soon.

● **Business Items**

o School Choice 2025-2026

Part 1: Vote needed motion to open one spot in the incoming Kindergarten class at Berlin Memorial School for one seat with preference given to an existing sibling by Lori Hart, seconded by Meagan Grill. All in favor, 6-0, motion passes.

Part 2: Administration recommendation to add 4 school choice seats in grade 7 for a total of 80 students and 3 school choice seats to grade 10 for a total of 80 students. Elisabeth Mancini expressed concern over the small size of the rising grade 9 class and the effects it will have on the students well

being. Jessica added that more students could provide more opportunity for clubs, AP classes, etc. that might not be available with lower numbers. Mike Totman suggested the idea that expanding the region could be a solution. Discussion moved to how the middle school operates with the high school.

Vote needed motion to approve school choice seats, 4 for seventh grade and 3 for tenth grade as suggested by Meagan Grill and seconded by Lori Hart. Discussion: Elisabeth Mancini asked Al Ganem how many requests there were for school choice. His answer was grade six-3, grade seven-3, grade eight-2, grade 9-2. **Motion to amend the motion to add 4 seats to grade nine and 2 seats to grade eleven by Elisabeth Mancini, seconded by Jessica Degliaberti. Discussion:** Lisa Sequeira indicated it would not be her preference to accept school choice in eleventh grade and reiterated that her recommendation for ninth grade was O school choice seats for ninth grade. **All in favor, 1-5, amendment does not pass.**

The original motion, all in favor, 6-0, motion passes.

- o School Committee 2025-2026 Dates - **Vote needed motion to set the next school committee meeting for August 12, 2025 as needed and August 26, 2025 regular meeting by Lori Hart and seconded by Lisa Mair. Discussion:** Committee members agree to put Public Comments on the agenda before Business items going forward to give people time to get to the meeting. **All in favor. 6-0, motion passes.**
- o Boylston Representative to Boylston Master Plan Implementation Committee - **Vote needed motion to appoint Jessica Degliaberti as the Boylston Representative to the Boylston Master Plan Implementation Committee by Lori Hart and seconded by Jessica Degliaberti All in favor, 6-0, motion passed.**
- o Marion Hoffman award \$50 given as two \$25 gift cards to the 2024-25 Marion Hoffman Award recipients - **Vote needed motion to approve the use off unds for the Marion Hoffman award in the amount of \$50 given as two \$25 gift cards to the 2024/2025 Mary Hoffman award recipients by Elisabeth Mancini and seconded by Lori Hart. All in favor, 6-0, motion passes.**

● Future Agenda Items

- o Cell phones
- o School committee goals and operating protocols
- o Tahanto parking lot
- o Tahanto fields

● Executive Session, will possibly return to Open Session

- o Executive Session pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30A, Section 2 I(a), Purpose (3), to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining (BBEA CBA) if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body and the chair so

declares.

- o Executive Session pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30A, Section 21(a), Purpose (2), to conduct strategy session in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel and to conduct contract negotiations with nonunion personnel, Interim Superintendent of Schools.
Motion to enter into executive session by Meagan Grill, seconded by Lori Hart. Roll call, Meagan-aye, Elisabeth-aye, Lori-aye, Lisa-aye, Jessica-aye, Mike is also aye. Executive session entered at 7:42pm.

- **Possible Return to Open Session**

- Interim Superintendent Contract - *Vote if needed*

- **Upcoming Meeting**

- o June 24 (if needed)
- o August 12