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**BERLIN-BOYLSTON REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

Tuesday, May 12, 2026 | 5:00 PM  
Tahanto Regional Middle/High School  
Multi-Purpose Room

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Present: School Committee: Mr. Michael Totman, Chair; Mrs. Elisabeth Mancini, Vice Chair; Mrs. Jessica Degliaberti, Mrs. Meagan Grill, Mrs. Lisa Mair, Mrs. Jackelyn Hoffses

Administration: Mr. Albert G. Ganem, Jr., Interim Superintendent; Ms. Jennifer Fortune, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent; Ms. Lisa Sequeira, Director of Curriculum & Grants Gr. 6-12; Mr. Robert Pelzarski, Boylston Elementary Principal; Mr. Richard Cameron, Tahanto Regional Middle/High School Principal; Mr. John Campbell, Berlin Memorial Principal; Mr. Joseph Sposato, Director of Technology

**I. Call to Order** Mr. Totman called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

**III. Nashoba Alpine Ski Team** Miss Bradford was stuck at an away game.

- Jillian Bradford

**IV. Mable Felton Marble Scholarship** - Mrs. Elisabeth Mancini

Mrs. Mancini held on this as the Selectboard was meeting to discuss this scholarship.

**V. Public Comment**

**VI. Consent Agenda** -A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Mrs. Mair and seconded by Mrs. Mancini. - Vote, 6-0, all in favor. Motion passes.

- 04/07/2026 Meeting Minutes

- 04/10/2026 Meeting Minutes
- 04/30/2026 Meeting Minutes
- Warrants

## **VII. School Committee Chair Report - Mr. Michael Totman**

- State Response regarding Open Meeting Law complaint filed by Lindsay Tierney ○ We received a response from the state on 04/13/2026 finding the District as not violating any open meeting law.
- Town Meeting Update regarding Budget
  - Mr. Totman stated that the Budget was passed in both Towns.
- November 2026 Election
  - November 2026 Elections, there will be 3 seats open. 1 in Berlin and 2 in Boylston. Candidates can pick up nomination paperwork from either Town Clerk or from Jenn Fortune, District Clerk, Monday-Thursday from 9:00am until 2:30pm. Nomination papers need to be given to the Town Clerks for certification by July 21st and to the District Clerk by August 18, 2026.

## **VIII. Floating .2 FTE Band at Boylston Elementary - Mrs. Jessica Degliaberti**

● Mrs. Degliaberti spoke about how she would like to look at options for BES to keep the Band. ● Berlin keep .4 Band Director and BES does not have a Band.

- Keep .1 or .2 float the cost to keep joint band then next year we can bring it back ○ Would like to use E&D or School Choice money for 1 year to cover
- Guesstimate
  - i. .1 = \$7,683 (½ day @ BES)
  - ii. .2 = \$15,366 (1 day a week @ BES)
- Requested to have Mrs. Tracy Novick to come in and talk about an override.
- Spoke about Michelle Griffin and Jay Sullivan both from DESE to attend.
- Recommended to extend the invite to the Selectboard and FinComm

## **IX. Student Liaison Report - Mr. Matthew Dowd**

- Mr. Dowd was acknowledged for his Worcester County Superintendents' Association Scholarship Winning.

## **X. Superintendent of Schools Report - Mr. Albert Ganem Jr.**

- Retirement Recognition
  - Mr. Campbell was recognized for his upcoming retirement after 13 years of service in the District.
- Town Meetings (schools)
  - Mr. Ganem gave an update on the town meetings and those held at the schools.
- Strategic Plan Update
  - Will be planning to present something to the Committee at the June meeting.
- Nature's Classroom Update
  - Nature's classroom will be taking place next week.
- Staffing Updates
  - We are starting to post for open positions getting ready for the FY27 school year.

**XI. Director of Finances - Mr. Aaron Osborne**

- FY24 Audit Update
  - Mr. Osborne gave an update on the FY24 Audit.
- FY26 Budget Report
  - Mr. Osborne gave an update on the FY26 Budget Report.
- FY27 Adult Meal Prices **A motion for the BBRSD School District adult meal price from \$5.25 to \$6.00 beginning July 1, was made by Mrs. Mair and seconded by Mrs. Mancini. - Vote, 6-0, all in favor. Motion passes.**

**XII. Stipend Proposals - Mr. Richard Cameron**

- Mr. Cameron presented 3 stipend positions that they are interested in getting an MOU open for.

**XIII. Second Public Comment**

**XIV. Future Agenda Items**

- Strategic Plan
- Tracy Novick, Michelle Griffin/Jay Sullivan (MASC/DESE)

**XV. Business Items**

- FY27 School Committee Meeting Dates - **A motion to approve the FY27 School Committee Meeting dates was made by Mrs. Mair and seconded by Mrs. Mancini. This has been tabled until the June 9th meeting.**
- Marion Hoffman Award - **A motion to award 2 \$25.00 gift certificates at the BMS 5th grade recognition ceremony was made by Mrs. Mair and seconded by Mrs. Mancini. - Vote, 6-0, all in favor. Motion passes.**
  - 2 - \$25.00 gift certificates to be awarded at the BMS 5th grade recognition ceremony
- Moses Reed Tyler Scholarship - **A motion to award the Moses Reed Tyler Scholarship was made by Mrs. Deglialberti and seconded by Mrs. Mair. - Vote, 6-0, all in favor. Motion passes.**

**XVI. Upcoming Meeting**

- June 9, 2026

**XVII. Adjournment - A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mrs. Hoffses and seconded by Mrs. Mancini at 6:49pm. - Vote, 6-0, all in favor. Motion passes.**

*The listing of items is those reasonably anticipated by the Chair which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may, in fact, be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.*

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