

**Town of Berlin-Joint Meeting with Berlin School Board
Held at Berlin Elementary School
338 Paine Turnpike North**



Special Meeting

Monday, November 9, 2015

6:00 PM

Selectboard Members: Ture Nelson, Chair; Jeremy Hansen, Vice Chair; Roberta Haskin, Secretary; Brad Towne and Pete Kelley. Present: Dana Hadley, Town Administrator. All items are unanimous unless otherwise noted.

APPROVED MINUTES¹

Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Chair Nelson at 6:20 p.m.

The Board met in a joint session with the Berlin Elementary School Board. There was discussion on the topic of school funding. Selectboard chair Nelson said there have been concerns raised by citizens due to the fact that the residential tax rate for school funding is higher than the non-residential rate. Washington School District Superintendent Bill Kimball advised that school funding is a product of the legislature and is very difficult to understand. He stated that in order to explain the funding process as it relates to Berlin he would need to prepare for that in advance. He suggested that perhaps he could attend a Selectboard meeting in the future. He gave an outline in generalities what items impact the rate using a visual overhead which prompted further discussion. The Board thanked the School Board for the opportunity for the joint session. Vera Frazier, the Chair of the Berlin Elementary Schoolboard advised the Selectboard that they looking for a community member to serve on the Act 46 study committee. She asked if the Board could get the word out to solicit for candidates to serve on the committee.

Hansen motion to adjourn, Second by Kelley. Selectboard members left the meeting at 7:24

Meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,

Dana I. Hadley

¹ Minutes for this meeting were also taken by Schoolboard staff and recorded on Orca Media.