

BCSD PTO Meeting Agenda 11/17/25

Attendance:

Rachel Turetsky, Matt Turetsky, Courtney Sroka, Ariel Gilbert, Elaine Smith, Jodi Cataldo, Luke Turetsky, Taylor Sroka, Levi Sroka, Andrea Kozel, Courtney Bersaw, Gretchen Reubel, James Taylor Shaw, Meghan Reynolds, Renee VanKeuren, Kenneth Rizzo, Rachel Smith, Gabe Smith, Pennie Eggswere, Brandon Kinnon,

Introduction of Title I Presentation: This month's PTO meeting we are featuring a Title Funds presentation by BCSD Technology and Instructional Support Coordinator Mrs. Gilbert, BES Building Principal Mrs. Cataldo, and Berlin Middle High School Assistant Principal/ Athletic Director Mrs. Reynolds.

Title funds refer to federal grants for elementary and secondary levels. The funding originated in 1965 in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act to provide equal access to education funding to states and local school districts. The most common are Title I, which supports high-poverty schools, and Title II A, which funds professional development for teachers and leaders.

Thank you to our board of education members, staff and students who took time during a very busy month to join us this evening for this important presentation.

Please welcome Mrs. Gilbert, Mrs. Cataldo and Mrs. Reynolds to present more on these important grants.

Presentation

 Berlin updated Title I Presentation 2025-2026.pptx

Agenda Items:

Thank you to Stephanie Scanlon and Courtney Bersaw for creating the t-shirts for BOE appreciation and the PTO for sponsoring them. They were a hit and were appreciated by the board members.

Thank you to the Fraternal Order of the Eagles Aerie # 2467 for making another very generous donation to Helping Hands. A special thank you to Berlin Elementary first-grade teacher Ms. Kelly Berkau, who is on the board of Aerie # 2467 as Conductor, for her role in securing this donation.

Shutterfly Check from Picture Day - \$480

Carrie will be sending a treasurer report in the coming days.

Picture Retake Day is December 2nd

The Monster Mash & STEAM Night was a big success with so many families coming out for the event. Thank you to Courtney Bersaw, Stephanie Scanlon, Megan Laz, Carol Winner, Deanna Baker, Karen Day, Renee van Keuren, Jen Seitz, Courtney Sroka, and Jodi Cataldo for spearheading the event and all the volunteers and staff who made it such a great night. Between the door donations and concession a total of \$562 was raised. The original plan was to split the earnings equally between BES Drama Club and Helping Hands but both are insisting the other takes a bigger portion or some goes directly to the PTO fund. Can we please vote how we would like to distribute the funds as a group?

The Holiday Shop is next on the calendar- Update- Is Building Use in- confirm dates - Rachel can update past flyer and information. Need to firm up date and get orders in.

Yankee Trails - Berlin Central School District PTO at our Santa's Magical Express Night!

Sunday, November 30th

Show Time: 3:00pm | Use Code: BERLIN- bus is fully booked.

The next community event we will participate in is the Holiday Fest on December 6th. The PTO will be helping to support the Silent Auction run by Helping Hands and BES Drama/OoTM. We will be looking for auction item donations.

Mrs. Cataldo: BES attendance celebration took place, a school wide dance party was celebrated. Each month will continue with this getting students excited to participate and engage in attendance. Monster Mash dance was well attended and a great family event. Enjoyed the Stem activities and gave kids opportunities to move around.

Mrs. Reynolds: report cards are heading out soon. Winter sports started today. Drama Club is underway getting ready for upcoming plays. Jazz Cafe tomorrow at MS/HS

Fundraisers

Spring Mountaineer Umbrellas?

Popcorn again?

Venmo- We are looking into how we can get a Venmo account set up through Broadview. I need to sit down with Carrie at Broadview to see if this is an option.

Field Trip Requests

- 4th 5th Grad -UAlbany Education Day - February 5, 2026, in Broadview Center, \$5 a student
- 4th Grade - Hudson Crossing Park - Study of the Erie Canal - \$2 per student-32 students= \$64 - DATE TBD

Contract Renewal

BES Yearbook Contract Renewal Request - Matt Turetsky