

*THE BERLIN BOARD OF EDUCATION*

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*A SUMMARY OF THE SEPTEMBER 12, 2018 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING*

The Berlin Public Schools □ 238 Kensington Road □ Berlin, CT 06037 □ (860) 828-6581

**Board President Matthew Tencza welcomed new student board representative Jenna Smalley, Grade 11.**

**Student Presentation** □ Fifth grade students in Miss Pesavento's class shared the components of Morning Meeting. Morning Meeting is a part of Responsive Classroom that supports social and emotional learning and promotes a joyful learning experience by building and maintaining strong peer relationships. Morning Meeting is a time where students greet one another, read and respond to a morning message, partake in a class activity, and are afforded an opportunity to share their ideas or thoughts about classroom, school, or community issues. Morning Meeting takes place every day in all classrooms at Willard Elementary School from 8:45-9:00 a.m. Student presenters were Kaley Alkas, Sofia Calabrese, Michael DeNardo and Collin Sullivan.

**Monthly Budget Report – Period Ending August 31, 2018** □ Director of Business Operations Jeffrey Cugno updated the Board on the new monthly budget report format. The report for August was distributed at the meeting. Approval of the monthly budget report will take place at the next Board meeting.

**New Staff Orientation 2018** □ Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction Erin McGurk reported on the New Teacher Orientation Program that took place on August 22-23, 2018. Included in the discussion was a summary of the seminar sessions and feedback from the teachers regarding the orientation and their introduction to the Berlin Public Schools.

**Facilities Related Updates – Summer Maintenance/Project Updates – District** □ Director of Business Operations Jeffrey Cugno reported that the school security vestibules at McGee and the elementary schools were not completed over the summer. He anticipates completion in one or two schools during the school year with the remainder being completed at the end of the school year. 3M security film has been placed on school windows and the district will be implementing the Raptor program for visitors entering the schools beginning on October 1. A new rug will be installed in the McGee auditorium; the Willard library is being remodeled and will receive new furniture; schools received various new furniture, fixtures and equipment; and normal facility and custodial maintenance occurred over the summer.

**Berlin Learner Outcomes** □ Superintendent of Schools Brian Benigni shared the Berlin Learner Outcomes video, which was viewed by all staff at convocation. This video was created as a way to convey the Berlin Learner Outcomes to others. Berlin staff and students created the video.

**Updated Berlin Public Schools Logo** □ Superintendent of Schools Brian Benigni and Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction Erin McGurk shared a suggested update to the Berlin Public Schools logo and the greater meaning behind Purpose, Passion and Pride.

**Negotiations – Teachers** □ The Board entered into executive session to discuss teacher negotiations.

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**The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, September 24, 2018, beginning at 7:00 P.M., in the auditorium at Catherine M. McGee School, 899 Norton Road. The agenda will be available online at [www.berlinschools.org](http://www.berlinschools.org).**

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