

# **THE BULLETIN BOARD**

**A SUMMARY OF THE OCTOBER 22, 2018 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

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

**Student Presentation – Mary E. Griswold School** □ Mrs. Larsen’s 4<sup>th</sup> grade class initiated a school-wide project this fall called Start With Hello Week. Student presenters Audrina Baggiero, Marni Heeps, Owen Holland, and Addison Watson shared the process of initiating the project and shared a video that chronicled the week. Board members and the audience participated in one of the activities.

**Committee Reports/Correspondence to the Board** □ Report of Student Representative: Miss Smalley reported that, during spirit week, students participated in the annual color wars, with the seniors winning with a *Stranger Things* theme; the BHS ECE UCONN Drawing Class participated in the “Memory Project”; NEASC visitors will arrive on Sunday, October 28, 2018; and Saturday, November 3, 2018, will be cabaret night at Berlin High School with students singing their favorite songs from their favorite musicals.

**Audience of Citizens** □ Mr. Jon Peyton addressed the Board concerning the status of the school security vestibules. Superintendent Benigni responded that the school security vestibules have been approved, materials have been ordered, and the intent is to have one school completed prior to the summer and the others completed during the summer. Mr. John Markowski addressed the Board regarding the HVAC systems in the schools. Mr. Tencza responded that the town is responsible for the maintenance of school buildings and suggested that Mr. Markowski attend the next Board of Finance meeting, on November 13, 2018, to address this item with them. Superintendent Benigni also suggested that Mr. Markowski speak with Doug Solek, facilities director for the town of Berlin.

**Discussion on Security and Safety** □ The Board discussed current safety and security concerns and needs including hiring of a security director, hiring security personnel (unarmed security guards and/or armed retired law enforcement officers as security guards), cameras, and other safety needs. Mr. Tencza suggested that a survey be sent to parents and staff. A draft will be prepared and sent to the Communications Committee for review.

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**The next meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, November 26, 2018, beginning at 7:00 p.m., in the auditorium at Berlin High School, 139 Patterson Way, Berlin. The agenda will be available online at [www.berlinschools.org](http://www.berlinschools.org).**

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