

THE BERLIN BOARD OF EDUCATION

THE BULLETIN BOARD

A SUMMARY OF THE DECEMBER 10, 2018 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

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

Special Student Presentation – Berlin High School Madrigal Singers □ The Berlin High School Madrigal Singers performed under the direction of Tyler Boyle, BHS music teacher. They have earned both silver and gold awards at music festival competitions and perform in period costumes. The group is chosen by audition and features many of the most talented young vocalists from Berlin High School. Singers were Nathaniel Burgos, Tori Cascone, Olivia Dybinski, Abby Ferland, Meghan Fox, Nathaniel Hansen, Ryan McGowan, Kyle Parisi, Emma Roski, Anna Sarrazin, Jake Skinner, and Dawson Trotman.

Committee Reports/Correspondence to the Board □ Committee Appointments for 2018-2019: Mr. Tencza made appointments for each Board member to serve on a Board committee and requested that the superintendent, assistant superintendent, and an administrator from BHS, McGee, the elementary schools, and PPS serve on the Ad-Hoc Committee for Policy Review/Revision. Student Achievement Committee Report: Mr. Aroian, committee chair, reported that the committee met to review the BHS Program of Studies for 2019-2020. Another meeting will be held to discuss the impact of the new graduation requirements on electives and how to get students enrolled in the electives. CABE/CAPSS Convention: Board members Aroian, Dennis, Fisher and Tencza reported on their attendance at the CABE/CAPSS Convention. Mr. Tencza highly recommended that Board members attend next year.

Facilities Related Updates □ Director of Business Operations Jeffrey Cugno reported that the district applied for the School Security Competitive Grant Program, Round 4, for security improvements to McGee and Griswold.

Report on District Test Results □ Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction Erin McGurk, K-12 Director of Literacy and Social Studies Laurie Gjerpen, and K-12 Director of Mathematics and Science Kara Watson reviewed the results from the spring testing. The results included the SBAC scores for students in Grades 3-8 and 11, 5th and 8th Grade Science CMT, 10th Grade Science CAPT, SAT, ACT and Advanced Placement results. The information shared will help to explain trends in the student performance data, the impact on planning for continuous improvement, professional development offerings and curriculum to be reviewed. These results will also help to determine future resource allocations.

Policy Review/Revision – Policy 5141 – Wellness – Second Reading/Adoption □ A second reading of revised Policy 5141 – Wellness took place. Revisions have been made to this policy based on an evaluation of the policy by the Connecticut State Department of Education as part of the local school wellness policy review process. Revisions reflect new requirements updating the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010. This policy was reviewed by the Ad-Hoc Committee for Policy Review/Revision at their meeting on November 26, 2018, and a first reading took place at the November 26 Board meeting. After a lengthy discussion, this item was tabled until the next Board meeting to allow the superintendent to obtain clarification of two items.



The next meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, January 14, 2019, at the Berlin Board of Education, beginning at 7:00 P.M., in the Board Meeting Room, 238 Kensington Road. The agenda will be available online at www.berlinschools.org.

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