

THE BERLIN BOARD OF EDUCATION

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A SUMMARY OF THE SEPTEMBER 23, 2013 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

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

Student Presentation – Catherine M. McGee School □ Assistant Principal Barbara Ventura, along with six students, provided information concerning the McGee Milers Program. The McGee Milers have competed in fifteen Hartford Marathons since 1998 and have raised over \$75,000 for charity. Students train throughout the fall and also form relay teams where individual students each run one mile of the actual race. The student presenters were Cenzo Dastoli, Julia Dowd, Alyssa Dumont, Dan Cervoni, Matt Lavoie and Maggie Yacovino.

Audience of Citizens □ Ms. Cynthia Kobus, of Fairview Drive, gave credit to the administrators at Willard School for an amazing beginning to the new school year.

Personnel □ The Board appointed Timothy A. Grady to the position of assistant principal at Berlin High School effective September 30, 2013.

Facilities Related Updates □ Director of Business Operations Roman J. Czuchta reported on the status of facilities projects: Berlin High School Code Renovations: Mr. Czuchta provided Board members with the latest update from Gilbane Building Company for the three week period ending Friday, September 20, 2013. Mr. Czuchta reported there have been a couple of complaints concerning smells and dust. To the credit of FIP Construction and the construction manager, these complaints were addressed in a timely fashion. Mr. Czuchta is attempting a recertification of the Tools for Schools Program, an indoor air quality program, which will involve staff and parents. Mr. Czuchta provided Board members with an update of the PCB removals. He received communications from the construction manager concerning some floor tile removal containing asbestos and indicated the district needs to receive permission from the state to do the removal while school is in session. Once the proper approval is received, he will attempt to have this work done over the Berlin Fair weekend while no one is in the building. There will be a meeting with Gilbane Building Company’s project manager and Silver Petrucelli + Associates on September 24, 2013, and there will be a site walk through of Phase II within the Berlin High main building prior to the Public Building Commission meeting on Thursday, September 26, 2013. Willard School Roof: The roof itself is completed; however, the metal work still continues, and it is anticipated this will be finished by the end of this week. Kindergarten Modifications: The kindergarten modifications at the elementary schools are down to punch list items. The tinted glass windows have not been changed out, but that is scheduled to be done. There is some testing that will need to be done on the heaters, but that will not occur until the colder weather arrives.

Ratification of Contracts □ Negotiations with clerical personnel and head custodians were recently completed and a tentative agreement was reached with each group. The Board approved the tentative agreements reached between the Berlin Board of Education and the Berlin Association of Educational Clerical Personnel and the Berlin Association of Head Custodians.

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The next meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, October 15, 2013, 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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