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A SUMMARY OF THE OCTOBER 28, 2013 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

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

Student Presentation – Mary E. Griswold School □ First grade teacher Danielle DeMaio wrote and received a grant through the Marjorie Moore Foundation. With the money from the grant, she was able to purchase four iPad Minis for use in her classroom. She shared how students use the technology to read, retell stories, and explain their thinking in math, all aligned with the Common Core State Standards and the school’s goal to build a self-guided community. Student presenters were Thomas Andersen, Charley (Charlotte) Carlson, Jonathon Cugno, Brooks Ellis and William Weber.

Facilities Related Update – Berlin High School Code Renovations □ Mr. Richards reported the list for FF&E is close not only in being ready but in the budget amount that was set aside for furniture. In terms of technology, there will be more discussion. The goal right now is to take the document for FF&E to the state for their review and approval, which will allow the Board to continue to move forward and be ready to purchase items that will go into the new building as it is made ready in late March/early April. Asbestos found at the stairs that led to the backside of the UpBeat room was removed on October 19, 2013; however, another patch of asbestos was found within the building that needs to be removed. So far these findings have not slowed the job down.

Policy Review/Revision – Second Reading/Adoption – Policy 1330 – Use of School Facilities □ The Board approved the revisions to Policy 1330 as recommended by Shipman & Goodwin, LLP. It was recommended that this policy be revised to explicitly reference the Boy Scouts of America Equal Access Act. The law prohibits schools from discriminating against the Boy Scouts of America with respect to the use of facilities; therefore, the addition of such language and legal references was recommended. The recommended revisions were reviewed and discussed by the Ad-Hoc Committee for Policy Review/Revision at their meeting on October 15, 2013, and a first reading of the revised policy was conducted at the Board meeting on October 15, 2013.

Superintendent’s Report on the Strategic School Profiles for 2011-2012 □ As required by CGS 10-220 (c), the superintendent presented the Strategic School and District Profile reports to the Board of Education. The release of the reports was delayed due to significant data and technological problems experienced by the state. These reports are derived from several annual state reports submitted by the district, including, but not limited to, the ED001 Fall School Report, the ED006 Student Census/Racial Survey Report, and the ED163 Teacher Certification Report.

Textbook Adoption □ The Board approved adoption of the textbook, *Glencoe Accounting Real-World Applications & Connections* by Guerrieri, Haber, Hoyt and Turner, published by McGraw Hill 2012, as recommended by Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction Brian Benigni. This textbook will be the primary text for students in grades 10-12 accounting classes. The textbook was reviewed by the textbook adoption committee, the Council for Curriculum and Instruction, and the Student Achievement Committee.

Appointment of Principal of Catherine M. McGee School □ The Board appointed Salvatore Urso as principal of Catherine M. McGee School effective July 1, 2014.



The next meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, November 25, 2013, beginning at 7:00 p.m., at Catherine M. McGee School, 899 Norton Road, Berlin. The agenda will be available online at www.berlinschools.org.

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