

*THE BERLIN BOARD OF EDUCATION*

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*A SUMMARY OF THE FEBRUARY 10, 2014 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING*

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

***Berlin Bravos*** □ Berlin Bravos is a program where the BOE recognizes students, staff, parents, and volunteers who have had a significant achievement, gone well above and beyond, or have overcome a significant challenge or obstacle. The Board of Education acknowledged the following individuals: James Dwyer, grade 12 student at Berlin High School, for being conscientious about everything that he does and devoting a generous amount of his time to our community; Katie Amenta, teacher of English at Berlin High School, for distinguishing herself as a highly-respected member of the English Department and integral part of the Berlin High School community; Abigail Wendehack, student at Catherine M. McGee School, for being a thoughtful and caring student who reaches out to help others whenever possible; and Phillip Kielbowicz, student at Catherine M. McGee School, for being an admirable young man who takes pride in his school work. He comes to school each day striving to be the best that he can be.

***Facilities Related Updates – Code Renovations – Berlin High School*** □ Director of Business Operations Roman J. Czuchta reported he has been working with the Ad-Hoc Committee for the high school regarding the status of the furniture, fixtures and equipment (FF&E) proposal that will go forward to the Public Building Commission and eventually to the state for approval. The Ad-Hoc Committee met on February 10 to look at some of the numbers that have been provided by the architect as well as discuss what the Committee believes should and should not be in the FF&E proposal. Mr. Czuchta reported last week he sat in on a meeting with the high school administration, representatives from FIP Construction and Gilbane Building Company, the architect, police department, New Britain Transportation, and the fire marshal concerning the schedule for the phasing for the 2014-2015 construction. Work will occur in the A gym, media center, areas below the media center, and the southwest corner of the building where math and science are located. There will be sections of the parking area that will be under construction and used as staging areas. Approximately one-third of the staff parking area will be lost as well as a portion of the student parking area as buses will need to be re-routed.

***CHOICE Update*** □ Brian Benigni, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, presented results from a survey given to all Berlin CHOICE students earlier this year. Focus groups were recorded and a few brief segments from each group were shared with the Board.

***Adoption of Proposed Board of Education Budget for 2014-2015*** □ The Board of Education spent the last month reviewing and discussing the Superintendent's Proposed 2014-2015 Budget. The Board's Educational Resources Committee met on February 10 to review the budget details, including information from presentations by the principals and central office administration. The Board approved the Board of Education 2014-2015 Operating Budget at a level of \$41,356,160, an increase of 2.69%. The Site and Building Budget was approved at a level of \$693,230 and the Capital Budget was approved at a level of \$821,210. The budget will now be forwarded to the Town Council. A complete copy of the Board of Education's Adopted Budget for 2014-2015 is available on the district's website.

***Discussion/Action Regarding a Claim Concerning a Board Member's Alleged Conduct and Discussion/Action Regarding Appointment of Legal Counsel to Advise the Board Regarding a Claim Concerning a Board Member's Alleged Conduct*** □ The Board authorized the superintendent of schools, in coordination with the secretary of the Board, to engage legal counsel to advise the Board with respect to a claim concerning a Board member's alleged conduct.



**The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, February 24, 2014, 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](http://www.berlinschools.org).**

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