

THE BERLIN BOARD OF EDUCATION

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A SUMMARY OF THE JUNE 22, 2015 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

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

Berlin Visiting Nurse Association Service Agreement with the Board of Education for July 1, 2015-June 30, 2016 □ The Board approved the annual agreement between the Board of Education and the Berlin Visiting Nurse Association for 2015-2016.

Reorganization □ The Board appointed Francis Kennedy, Kelly Maio, Barbara Ventura and Denise Parsons as assistant treasurers of the Berlin High School Enterprise Fund.

State Healthy Food Certification Statement for July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 □ The Board approved participation in the optional Healthy Foods Certification Program, under Section 10-215f of the Connecticut General Statutes, for the 2015-2016 school year, and certified that all food items offered for sale to students in the schools under their jurisdiction will meet the Connecticut Nutrition Standards published pursuant to Section 10-215-e of the Connecticut General Statutes.

School Lunch Pricing □ Director of Food Services Timothy Prosinski discussed, and the Board approved, his recommendation to increase the lunch prices by five cents at each level for the 2015-2016 school year.

Proposal to Eliminate the Reporting of Student Class Rank on Transcripts □ Berlin High School Principal Francis Kennedy explained how eliminating class rank on transcripts would benefit BHS students and provided information about class ranking practices in Connecticut. The practice of reporting rank significantly disadvantages students who are not ranked amongst the top twenty students in their class, even though the numeric difference in the GPAs of our top ranked students and those below the top twenty often differ by as little as a hundredth of a point. Less than half of American high schools still report class rank on student transcripts. The board approved the elimination of class rank on Berlin High School student transcripts effective for the 2015-2016 school year.

Facilities Related Updates – Code Renovations – Berlin High School □ Director of Business Operations Roman J. Czuchta reported he toured the high school today, and the sections scheduled for renovations over the summer are already under renovation and work is occurring in the sections that have been renovated. Approximately eighty percent of the building is under renovation. At the end of the summer, the office areas, the temporary media center area and the hallway will continue to be under construction. Although Mr. Czuchta was told the administrative offices would be ready for occupancy, as of today, they are not so staff has been relocated to McGee School. In response to Ms. Bryers' questions concerning the gymnasium floor and the skylight, Mr. Czuchta reported a light sanding was done to remove the finish to allow the floor an opportunity to breathe and dry. The pads are still on the floor to remove moisture. The issue with the skylight has been resolved.

Policy Review/Revision – First Reading – Policy 6144.1 – Curricular Exemptions □ The Board reviewed the suggested revisions to be made to this policy pursuant to Public Act 14-196, which effective by October 1, 2015, allows parents/guardians to exempt their child from participation in the sexual abuse and assault awareness and prevention program. The revisions were reviewed by the Ad-Hoc Committee for Policy Review/Revision at their June 22 meeting. This was a first reading; the second reading/approval will take place at the July 13, 2015 meeting.

Unaffiliated Administrators' Contracts and Personnel Not Covered by Collective Bargaining □ The Board approved changes to the contracts for (1) the Director of Human Resources, Director of Pupil Personnel Services, and Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction; and (2) personnel not covered by collective bargaining.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, July 13, 2015, 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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