

THE BERLIN BOARD OF EDUCATION

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A SUMMARY OF THE SEPTEMBER 8, 2014 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

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

Audience of Citizens □ John Richards of Hawthorne Drive and Jan Zagorski of Grandview Avenue, addressed the Board concerning the district's new website.

New Staff Orientation 2014 □ Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction Brian Benigni reported on the New Teacher Orientation Program that took place on August 20-21, 2014. Included in the discussion was a summary of the seminar sessions. Upon receipt of the survey results, Mr. Benigni will provide feedback from the teachers regarding the orientation and their introduction to the Berlin Public Schools.

Summer Program Update □ Director of Pupil Personnel Services Linda Holian and Supervisors of Special Education Michelle Zeuschner and Kelly Maio reported on the Extended School Year (ESY) Program offered to students qualifying for these services. Sixty-six students participated in summer school. There were twelve teachers, twenty-five paraprofessionals, an occupational therapist, physical therapist, speech therapist, Jan Zagorski provided PE/movement at the elementary level, a reading teacher, a social worker, and the board certified behavioral analyst, which began on July 1, 2014. On the secondary level, this was the first year that students continued doing work study out in the community to maintain their ability levels on the jobsite after taking time off in the summer.

Facilities Related Updates – Code Renovations – Berlin High School □ Director of Business Operations Roman J. Czuchta reported progress has begun on the next phase of the renovations. The start of school was successful. Furniture has been arriving and continues to arrive. The equipment for the Technology Department is arriving, and some concerns still remain over the lack of wiring in certain areas. Mr. Brochu requested a meeting be scheduled with the design team to address questions pertaining to work that has been done and will be done. The morning of Saturday, September 27, 2014, was discussed as a possible date to open the new section of the high school to the Berlin community.

Textbook Adoption □ The Board adopted the textbook, *American Polity – Fifth Edition* (The Lanahan Readings) by Ann G. Serow and Everett C. Ladd, published by Lanahan Publishers, Inc., Copyright 2011. This textbook will be used by students in grades 11 and 12 AP Government and Politics class.

Negotiations – Association of Berlin Administrators □ The Board entered into executive session for discussion regarding negotiations with the Association of Berlin Administrators.

Discussion of Freedom of Information Request for Investigation Document regarding Board Member □ The Board entered into executive session for discussion of a Freedom of Information Request for an investigation document regarding a Board member.

The next meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, September 22, 2014, at Catherine M. McGee School, beginning at 7:00 P.M. in the Library/Media Center, 899 Norton Road. The agenda will be available online at www.berlinschools.org.

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