

THE BERLIN BOARD OF EDUCATION

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A SUMMARY OF THE SEPTEMBER 22, 2014 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

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

Student Presentation – Catherine M. McGee School □ Students in physical education, health and wellness classes at McGee are learning how to make healthy choices. Topics including healthy diet and regular exercise are part of the curriculum. The students in the wellness classes have been learning to identify appropriate available exercise equipment, safely use the resources, and implement a program to achieve a healthy lifestyle. In order to ensure that their specific programs are rigorous and safe, students are using heart rate monitoring technology. Mr. Plona and his students demonstrated the use of these devices as well as the way that students are using their time in class. The student presenters were Emelia Arroyo, Jeffrey Bengiovanni, Daniel Cervoni, John Downes, McKenna Evans, Emily Hyjek, Thomas Hyjek, Nancy Ingenito, Matthew Lavoie, Ian Mannings, Camden Murphy, Carly Urso, Sierra Villella, Shane Walowski, and Kelsei Zliczewski. Principal Urso shared correspondence received from Dr. Jan Bishop, associate professor in the Physical Education and Human Performance Department at Central Connecticut State University (CCSU), thanking Mr. Plona for providing graduate students from CCSU with an excellent presentation of the wellness program and use of technology. She commended Mr. Plona and his colleagues for putting together a “cutting edge” middle school program.

Personnel □ The Board accepted the resignation, into retirement, of Roman J. Czuchta, director of business operations, effective June 30, 2015. The Board thanked Mr. Czuchta for the twenty-five years of service he has provided to the Berlin Public Schools and wished him a long, healthy and happy retirement.

Facilities Related Updates – Berlin High School Renovations □ Superintendent of Schools David B. Erwin reported there were some issues with some of the classrooms and some issues still remain with the public address system. These issues are being addressed as quickly as possible. Mr. Erwin reported he has made the Board aware of these situations and has contacted Public Building Commission Chairman Jim Ouellette, Mayor Rachel Rochette, and Town Manager Denise McNair to ensure they are informed of them as well.

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The next meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, October 14, 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.

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