

THE BULLETIN BOARD

A SUMMARY OF THE JUNE 8, 2015 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

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

Special Presentations □ Superintendent of Schools David B. Erwin announced that Brendan Rush, teacher of social studies at Berlin High School, was selected as Berlin's 2016 Teacher of the Year and Courtney Caswell of Emma Hart Willard School, was selected as Paraprofessional of the Year. Garrett Kenny, of Garrett's Barber Shop, presented the Community Initiative Award "Unsung Hero Award" to Briana Beach from Catherine M. McGee School. The following Berlin High School students were recognized: Valedictorian, Daniel Paszkowski; Salutatorian, Alexandra Schulz; CAS Scholar Athletes, Alexandra Schulz and Daniel Paszkowski; CAS Art Awards, Logan Kissane (performing) and Lillian Peccerillo (visual); Silver Key Art Award, Abigail Underwood (drawing & illustration); CABE Student Leadership Awards, Alexandra Schulz and Matthew Cohen (BHS) and Siobhan Dornfried and Benjamin Labadia (McGee); 2015 Class Officers – President, Suleyman Bozal; Vice Presidents, Cara Johnson and Daniel Paszkowski; Treasurer, Courtney Nelson; and Social Chair, Gabriella Strain; 2015 Student Government Officers – President, Mackenzie O'Connor; Secretary, Zachary Veleas; 2015 National Honor Society Officers – President, Kaitlyn Guild; Vice President, Anthony Sisti; Secretary, Megan Leary; and Treasurer, Matthew Cohen. The following students were recognized as Capstone Project exemplars: Megan Leavenworth, Brittany Vannuccini, Adam Rustico and Jacob Guart.

Berlin Bravos □ Berlin Bravos is a program where the Board of Education 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 Jennifer Vitelli, teacher of special education at Berlin High School, Berlin High School students Kaitlin Guild, Alyssa Gable, Jacob Salee, and Christopher Robitaille, the Guild family, and Peter Agostini, president & CEO of New Britain Transportation Company; and students Mikaela Reyes and Daria Szarwacki, from Catherine M. McGee School.

Personnel □ The Board accepted the retirement of Jane Hubbard, teacher of grade 3 at Richard D. Hubbard School, effective June 30, 2015. The Board thanked her for the thirty years of service she has provided to the youth of Berlin and wished her good health and happiness in her retirement years. The Board accepted the resignations of Amanda Gagnon and Timothy Grady, assistant principals at Berlin High School, effective June 30, 2015.

Facilities Related Updates – Code Renovations – Berlin High School □ Director of Business Operations Roman J. Czuchta reported the high school had to close early on Monday, June 1, 2015, due to leaks in the roof, the majority of which were in the old section of the school, caused by a blockage in the drainage. There was some damage to the new section of the school and several pin holes were found throughout the new science rooms. The contractor will make the necessary repairs to the sections that were damaged. The administrative offices and media center are ready for furniture, which has started to arrive; however, these spaces will not be occupied until mid-August due to the parking lot construction and the lack of access to the building. The staff will be relocated to McGee School. The antenna has been installed and the radio station is broadcasting. Patterson Way will revert back to a two-way traffic pattern when school concludes.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, June 22, 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.