

THE BERLIN BOARD OF EDUCATION

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A SUMMARY OF THE JUNE 13, 2016 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 Dara Flom, teacher of Grade 1 at Emma Hart Willard School, was selected as Berlin's 2017 Teacher of the Year and Wendy Falck of Berlin High School, was selected as Paraprofessional of the Year. The following Berlin High School students were recognized: Valedictorian, Michelle Grieco; Salutatorian, Nicole Flaherty; CAS Scholar Athletes, Evan Cornwall and Nicole Flaherty; CAS Art Awards, Alec Rich (performing) and Nathan Baretta (visual); All-State Chorus, Ethan Hansen and Benjamin Shemeth; CABE Student Leadership Awards, Jamie Kasulis and Evan Cornwall (BHS) and Emma Roski and Justin Chyra (McGee); 2016 Class Officers – President, Charles Esposito; Vice President, Ethan Hansen; Secretary, Angelique Perrone; Treasurer, Emma Wade; and Social Chair, Jillian Ruscito; 2016 Student Government Officers – President, Megan Waldrop; Secretary, Ashley Rutledge; 2016 National Honor Society Officers – President, Evan Cornwall; Vice President, Alan Guild; Secretary, Alexandria Perrone; and Treasurer, Jody DiCicco. The following students were recognized as Capstone Project exemplars: Nicholas Baruffi, Lindsey Brochu, Jamie Kasulis, and Angie Perrone.

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 Niro, technology integration specialist at Berlin High School; Jonathan Jahn, Grade 12 student at Berlin High School; Isabella Black, Grade 8 student at McGee School; and Marigrace Inzero, secretary at McGee School.

Audience of Citizens □ Mr. Dean Dumas, of Cornfield Drive, requested the Board of Education consider recognizing students who have attained the achievement of Eagle Scout within the Boy Scouts and the Gold Award within the Girl Scouts at this end of school year meeting.

Facilities Related Updates – Berlin High School Code Renovations □ Director of Business Operations Eva Gallupe reported the project is moving forward. Once school ends, FIP Construction will be working in the building. 1,600 chairs will be removed and replaced by August 2, 2016. The substantial completion date remains September 30, 2016. Superintendent Erwin suggested the Board begin discussing a date and time for a formal ribbon cutting ceremony.

State Healthy Food Certification Statement for July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 □ The Board approved participation in the optional Healthy Foods Certification Program, under Section 10-215f of the Connecticut General Statutes, for the 2016-2017 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.

Berlin Visiting Nurse Association Service Agreement with the Board of Education for July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017 □ The Board approved the annual agreement between the Board of Education and the Berlin Visiting Nurse Association for 2016-2017.

Consolidation of Bus Stops □ The Board approved consolidation of bus stops, as requested by New Britain Transportation, effective for the 2016-2017 school year, for consistency and safety reasons.

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

Executive Session □ Personnel Matters - The Board approved extending sick leave to one employee and allowing another employee the use of sick leave to care for a family member. Pending Claim and Litigation – FOIA Complaint – the Board authorized the superintendent to approve the law firm's continuance to address the FOIA case, both in writing and in a court appearance.

The Board meeting scheduled for Monday, June 27, 2016, has been cancelled. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, July 11, 2016, 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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