

***THE BERLIN BOARD OF EDUCATION***

***THE BULLETIN BOARD***

***A SUMMARY OF THE AUGUST 17, 2015 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING***

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

***Superintendent's Report: District's Readiness for the Opening of School*** □ Superintendent of Schools David B. Erwin reported the district is in good shape for the opening of school on Wednesday, August 26, 2015, for students in PK-8 and on Monday, August 31, 2015, for Berlin High School students. Because of the roofing project at Griswold School (which went fairly well) and summer school held at Willard School, there remains a little more work to be done at these schools. There are no concerns at Hubbard School or McGee Middle School. Mr. Erwin reported that he spoke with Tom Smith last week and Mr. Smith is optimistic for the start of school at Berlin High School on Monday, August 31, 2015. The staff will report to the high school on Wednesday, August 26, 2015, and freshman orientation is scheduled for Friday, August 28, 2015.

***Facilities-Related Updates – Code Renovations – Berlin High School*** □ Director of Business Operations Eva Gallupe reported that the Police Commissioner approved Patterson Way for two-way traffic for the school year. John Richards provided Board members with an update on the furniture deliveries prior to the start of the school year.

***Staffing Update*** □ Superintendent Erwin reported that he received a resignation Friday afternoon from a special education paraprofessional at Berlin High School, and Principal Urso informed him today that there may be some teachers out on extended leave, including a mathematics teacher, which will necessitate substitutes for the opening of the school year.

***Final Financial Report – 2014-2015 Fiscal Year*** □ Director of Business Operations Eva Gallupe reported that the 2014-2015 fiscal year ended with a positive, unaudited balance of \$15,703.93. The Board approved returning the balance to the Town of Berlin General Fund.

***ED-099 Agreement for Child Nutrition Programs – Motion to Revise Authorized Signers*** □ The Board designated Eva Gallupe as an authorized signer of the ED-099 Agreement for Child Nutrition Programs for the purpose of signing claims for reimbursement.

***Policy Review/Revision – Second Reading/Adoption – Policy 6144 – Curricular Exemptions*** □ The Board approved the revised Policy 6144.1 – Curricular Exemptions, which was revised pursuant to Public Act 14-196, to allow parents/guardians to exempt their child from participation in the sexual abuse and assault awareness and prevention program.

***Pending Claim and Litigation – FOIA Complaint*** □ The Board entered into executive session to discuss the pending claim/litigation.

***Superintendent's Evaluation and Contract*** □ The Board entered into executive session to discuss the superintendent's evaluation and contract.

**The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, September 14, 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](http://www.berlinschools.org).**