

***THE BERLIN BOARD OF EDUCATION***

***THE BULLETIN BOARD***

***A SUMMARY OF THE DECEMBER 14, 2015 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING***

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

***Special Student Presentation – Berlin High School Madrigal Singers*** □ The Berlin High School Madrigal Singers performed under the direction of Kathryn Scherer, BHS music teacher. They have earned both silver and gold awards at music festival competitions and perform in period costumes. The group is chosen by audition and features many of the most talented young vocalists from Berlin High School. Singers were Mark Bosse, Claire Christiana, Mariel Christiana, Alexa Crowley, Nicole Foertsch, Noah Gilbert, Ethan Hansen, Chris Hauptfeld, Jessica Jha, Jeremy Kinney, Joey Leary, Maeve McQuillan, Joe Pagliaruli, Greg Parisi, Theo Reed, Benjamin Shemeth, Valerie Sternberg, Stephanie Trevethan, Nicole Vasil, Megan Waldrop, Sammi Whitehill, Caylie Whiteside, Maya Wolanin, Anna Woodin and Melody Zielke.

***Berlin Bravos*** □ Berlin Bravos is a program where the BOE 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 the following individuals: Nicole Cyr, student from Berlin High School, for her determination, passion, and perseverance since starting at Berlin High School over two years ago; Eileen Thurston, math department supervisor at Berlin High School, for being an asset to students, parents and teachers; Gwen Tighe, student at McGee School, for successfully adapting to a new environment as she transitioned to McGee School; and Taylor Despres, student at McGee School, for her hard work, determination, and perseverance to become successful as a student at McGee School.

***Audience of Citizens*** □ Scott Melville, Old Farms Road, addressed the Board concerning the Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference's report released last month.

***Personnel – Retirement – Berlin High School – UpBeat Director*** □ The Board accepted the retirement of Alice Mitchell, director of the Berlin UpBeat Program, effective June 30, 2016. The Board thanked Ms. Mitchell for the 49 years of service she has provided to the students, staff and Berlin community and wished her a long, healthy, and happy retirement.

***Facilities Related Updates*** □ Director of Business Operations Eva Gallupe reported the substantial completion date of September 30, 2016, is still on target. The erection of the new auditorium has moved forward and the completion date is also on target. The furniture, fixtures and equipment transition from John Richards to Silver Petrucelli + Associates was approved by the Public Building Commission at its meeting on December 10, 2015. Power will be turned off on December 29, 2015, to help expedite the completion of work on the B-Gym.

***Policy Review/Revision – Second Reading/Adoption*** □ The Board adopted a new policy and revisions to existing policies as suggested by Shipman & Goodwin LLP, pursuant to the 2015 legislative session. The revisions and new policy were reviewed by the Ad-Hoc Committee for Policy Review/Revision at their meeting on November 23, 2015, and a first reading was done at the Board of Education meeting on November 23, 2015.

***Educational Specifications (Statement of Need) – Total Roof Replacement – Richard D. Hubbard School*** □ The Board approved the Educational Specifications (Statement of Need), dated December 14, 2015, for a total roof replacement project at Richard D. Hubbard School, as presented, and approved forwarding the Educational Specifications (Statement of Need) to the town manager for action.

**School Resource Officer – Memorandum of Understanding** □ The Board approved the Memorandum of Understanding regarding the role and responsibilities of the school resource officer, as mandated by Public Act 15-168 and Special Session Public Act 15-5, Section 342.

**Appointment of Board of Education Member** □ The Board appointed William Rasmussen to the Board of Education.



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

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