

***THE BERLIN BOARD OF EDUCATION***

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***A SUMMARY OF THE MARCH 28, 2016 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING***

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

***Facilities Related Updates – Berlin High School Code Renovations*** □ Director of Business Operations Eva Gallupe reported there is a workable solution for the chairs. Before any chairs are shipped, the plastic utilized for the chairs is being tested by an independent third party. The results should be received in a couple of days. There is potential that the chairs may not be delivered in time to be utilized in the new classrooms on the Monday after the spring break. The substantial completion date remains September 30, 2016.

***Roof Replacement – Richard D. Hubbard School – Re-approval of Educational Specifications (Statement of Need)*** □ The Board re-approved the Educational Specifications (Statement of Need) for the total roof replacement at Richard D. Hubbard School. Due to the Office of School Construction tightening regulations for applying for grants, three resolutions needed to be completed by the Town before approval by the Board. The three resolutions were approved on March 15, 2016.

***Revisions to the 2016-2017 School Calendar*** □ The Board approved revising the 2016-2017 school calendar to add additional elementary conference dates in December and March and middle school conference dates in November and February, change conferences on November 30, March 8 and February 22 from evening to after school, and remove the early release professional development day on Wednesday, October 5, making it a regular full day of school for all students.

***Report on Status of the 2015-2016 Board of Education Budget/Approval of Adjustments*** □ Superintendent of Schools David B. Erwin reported the Board adopted a budget on February 22, 2016, of \$42,637,433 (2.86%). The Town Council Budget Committee, at its meeting on March 14, 2016, voted to reduce the Board's budget an additional \$200,000. The Board approved the following reductions totaling \$200,000: Benefits – renewal deduction from 8.5% to 5% (\$137,570); Athletic Director – reduction in salary (\$8,000); Professional Services (\$5,000); Custodial Contract (\$30,000); and Magnet School Tuition – reduced based on actuals (\$19,430). Modifications to Department 61 were accepted to transfer electricity out of the Board's budget and transfer pension and unemployment into the Board's budget as follows: Electricity to Dept. 61 (\$972,443); Pension from Dept. 61 (\$508,902); and Unemployment from Dept. 61 (\$35,000). The Board of Education's 2016-2017 Operating Budget, with these reductions and modifications, is \$42,008,892 or 1.34%.

***Setting of Berlin High School Graduation Date*** □ Berlin High School graduation is held on the Sunday following the 180<sup>th</sup> day of school. The Board set the Berlin High School graduation date for Sunday, June 19, 2016. The ceremony will be held at Central Connecticut State University beginning at 1:30 p.m.

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**The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, April 25, 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).**