

THE BERLIN BOARD OF EDUCATION

THE BULLETIN BOARD

A SUMMARY OF THE MAY 9, 2016 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

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

Berlin Bravos □ Berlin Bravos is a program whereby 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 for their accomplishments: Rolando Crespo, a grade four student at Mary E. Griswold School, for showing a lot of effort in his academics while making great choices throughout the school day; Katrina Chorzepa, Chloe Loehr, Laura Munch and Madison Starace, grade five students at Mary E. Griswold School, for participating in the Griswold School All-Stars Virtual Book Club; Paolo Cultrera, a grade two student at Richard D. Hubbard School, for being a model student who demonstrates all of Hubbard's Husky Pride character traits on a daily basis; Dominic Ricupero, a grade three student at Richard D. Hubbard School, for being a respectful, caring young man who brings a smile to the classroom each day; Liz Guidone, a grade one teacher at Emma Hart Willard School, for working with younger learners to teach foundational literacy and mathematic skills for the past 30 years at Willard School; and Sarah Kania, literacy specialist at Emma Hart Willard School, for serving as a leader to the reading department, a coach and mentor to educators, and a friend to classroom teachers and staff during her four years at Willard School.

Personnel □ The Board appointed Jeff Mauri to the position of athletic director, effective July 1, 2016. The Board also accepted the retirement of Valerie Romano, teacher of mathematics at Berlin High School, effective June 30, 2016, and expressed their gratitude for her sixteen years of service to the district.

Facilities Related Updates – Code Renovations – Berlin High School □ Director of Business Operations Eva Gallupe reported the substantial completion date remains September 30, 2016. Unfortunately, the glass doors on some of the cabinets have fallen and shattered. This will be discussed at the owners' meeting on May 10.

Discussion/Action Regarding the 2016-2017 Board of Education's Operating Budget □ Superintendent of Schools David B. Erwin updated the Board of Education on the status of the 2016-2017 Board of Education budget, following the Town Council's action to reduce the Board of Education's budget an additional \$50,000.00 at its meeting on April 5, 2016. Superintendent Erwin proposed and the Board approved the following reductions: (1) a .5 FTE English certified teacher at Berlin High School; and (2) a .6 FTE science certified teacher at Berlin High School. Mr. Rasmussen expressed his concern that this budget does not support any contingency funds for an unforeseen expense. Superintendent Erwin reported if the administration does not find this budget sustainable, they will come to the Board immediately.

Policy Review/Revision – Policy 4118.3 (New) – Sudden Cardiac Arrest Awareness for Intramural and Interscholastic Athletes – Second Reading/Adoption □ The Board adopted this policy which was developed to codify certain statutory requirements for coaches and school districts relating to obtaining a signed informed consent form regarding sudden cardiac arrest (developed by the state) prior to each athletic season and other related responsibilities.