

THE BULLETIN BOARD

A SUMMARY OF THE JUNE 12, 2017 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 Katie Amenta, teacher of English at Berlin High School, was selected as Berlin's 2018 Teacher of the Year and Sheryl Desroches, of Richard D. Hubbard School, was selected as Paraprofessional of the Year. The following Berlin High School students were recognized: Valedictorian, Jessica Jha; Salutatorian, Hannah Schulz; CAS Scholar Athletes, Hannah Schulz and Steven Bordonaro; CAS Arts Awards, Hannah Schulz (visual) and Mark Bosse (performing); All-State Chorus, Mark Bosse, Kate Rochette, Lauren Salee, Dawson Trotman, Caylie Whiteside and Anna Woodin; All-State Orchestra, Theodore Reed; All-State Band, Mariel Christiana; CABE Student Leadership Awards, Hannah Schulz and Theodore Reed (BHS) and Alison Cavanagh and Michael Vignone (McGee); NSDC/NESDEC Academic Growth and Student Leadership in Learning Awards, Alena Kittleman and Kyle Chant; 2017 Class Officers – President, Benjamin Kall; Vice President, Evan Hilbie; Secretary, Hannah Schulz; Treasurer, Maeve McQuillan; and Social Chair, Julia Swiatek; 2017 Student Government Officers – President, Kara Boninsegna; Vice President, Mark Bosse; Co-Secretary, Paulina Chorzepa; and Treasurer, Maya Wolanin; 2017 National Honor Society Officers – President, Caylie Whiteside; Vice President, Claudia Zovich; Secretary, Samantha Bengiovanni; and Treasurer, Hannah Schulz. The following students were recognized as Capstone Project exemplars: Sam Barton, Sarah Daddario, Theo Reed, and Caylie Whiteside. Alexander Paul Dumas was recognized for receiving the rank of Eagle Scout, scouting's highest rank, by the Boy Scouts of America; and Jasmine Nappi and Steven Bordonaro were thanked for serving as student representatives on the Board of Education this school year.

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 Brianna Lennehan, Grade 11 student at Berlin High School; Lauren Ferraguto, Grade 11 student at Berlin High School; Meredith Gendreau, Grade 6 student at McGee School; and Kaitlyn Deshaies, Grade 8 student at McGee School.

School Breakfast and Lunch Pricing □ The Board approved Superintendent Erwin's recommendation to increase breakfast and lunch prices for the 2017-18 school year as follows:

Breakfast: BHS & McGee from \$1.95 to \$2.00; and elementary schools from \$1.50 to \$1.55

Lunch: BHS from \$3.00 to \$3.40; McGee from \$2.80 to \$3.10; elementary schools from \$2.50 to \$2.80; and adult lunches from \$3.60 to \$4.00.

Facilities Related Updates – School Security Vestibules □ Director of Business Operations Eva Gallupe reported that the Town Council will approve or deny funding for the school security vestibules at its meeting on June 20, 2017. A public hearing was held on Tuesday, June 6, 2017, at which there was no objection.

State Healthy Food Certification Statement for July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 □ The Board approved participation in the optional Healthy Foods Certification Program, under Section 10-215f of the Connecticut General Statutes, for the 2017-2018 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. The Board also approved food and beverage exemptions with conditions.

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 2017-2018.

Contract Ratification – Food Service Workers □ The Board approved the tentative agreement reached with the United Public Service Employees Union (UPSEU), Local 424 – Unit 40 – Food Service Workers.

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The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, July 10, 2017, at the Berlin Board of Education, beginning at 5:30 P.M., in the Board Meeting Room, 238 Kensington Road. The agenda will be available online at www.berlinschools.org.

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