

THE BERLIN BOARD OF EDUCATION

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A SUMMARY OF THE SEPTEMBER 12, 2016 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

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

New Staff Orientation 2016 □ Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction Brian Benigni reported on the New Teacher Orientation Program that took place on August 23-24, 2016. Included in the discussion was a summary of the seminar sessions and feedback from the teachers regarding the orientation and their introduction to the Berlin Public Schools.

Facilities Related Updates □ Director of Business Operations Eva Gallupe reported on the status of facilities projects. Code Renovations – Berlin High School: The substantial completion date has been changed to October 31, 2016. The laminate on the paneling in the auditorium was falling off and the manufacturer has accepted responsibility. The chorus and jazz rooms will be utilized for classroom space due to the delay in the construction of the auditorium. All deliveries were received and all the chairs are back. There continues to be issues with the chiller. A few minor punch list items remain. Summer Maintenance/Project Updates – District: Doug Solek reported all efforts this summer were focused on the roof replacement and mechanical equipment upgrades at Hubbard School. Upgrades to the indoor air quality at the elementary schools will begin this year with Willard School. Over the summer, the high school had some issues with the mechanical system, which the contractor addressed and repaired. Willard School received sidewalk repairs just before the start of the school year to address grading for handicapped accessibility. The NORESCO project, undertaken by the town, has fallen behind due to equipment procurement and scheduling labor. The solar panels were scheduled to be in place on school roofs prior to the start of school; however, that deadline has passed and a new date has not been scheduled. The town is working with NORESCO and Eversource to get back on schedule. It's anticipated that bids for the resurfacing of the tennis and basketball courts will be presented to the Town Council at their September 20, 2016 meeting.

Policy Review/Revision □ A first reading was done on a new policy regarding student representation on the Board of Education and revisions to the policy regarding high school graduation requirements. Since this was a first reading, no action was required; the second reading/adoption will take place at the September 26, 2016 meeting.

Contract Ratification – Clerical Association □ The Board approved the tentative agreement reached between the Berlin Board of Education and AFSCME Council 4, Local #1278 (Clerical).

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