

*THE BERLIN BOARD OF EDUCATION*

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*A SUMMARY OF THE MARCH 13, 2017 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING*

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

***Board Member Appreciation Month*** □ Superintendent David B. Erwin recognized March as “Connecticut Board of Education Member Appreciation” month. Each Board member received a gift as a token of appreciation for the time and effort they devote to Board business during the course of the 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 the following individuals: Sydelle Holland, grade two student at Griswold School, for being a hard worker who is responsible, caring, and always willing to help anyone who needs it; Josh Gardner, grade three student, for his amazing focus, attention to his work, and responsibility; Maureen DeLude and Anne Henriques for being selected by Hubbard staff as CAS Parent Volunteer Award recipients; Johnathan Perzanowski, kindergarten student at Willard School, for being a dedicated student who works diligently to build upon his reading, writing, and math skills; and Emma Toce, grade three student at Willard School, for being kind to her peers and always willing to help a friend in need.

***Audience of Citizens*** □ Laura Michaud, Kim Simone, and Rebecca and Gregory Starr, addressed the Board in support of the Effective School Solutions (ESS) program. They shared their experiences with the program and requested that the Board reconsider continuing to support this program, which is no longer included in the 2017-2018 budget.

***Facilities Related Updates*** □ Director of Business Operations Eva Gallupe reported that the Public Building Commission, at its meeting on March 9, 2017, approved the refurbishment of the display cases and the auditorium entrance at Berlin High School.

***Proposed School Calendar 2018-2019*** □ The Board adopted the 2018-2019 School Calendar as proposed. The calendar is based on recommendations made by the CREC Uniform Regional Calendar Committee and the State Task Force. The adopted calendar allows for twelve early release days for afternoon professional development. *Superintendent Erwin provided an update on this year's school calendar. This year's calendar, with snow dates identified, and the adopted 2018-2019 school calendar can be viewed on the district's website.*

***Budget Update*** □ Superintendent of Schools David B. Erwin reported the original budget request submitted to the town manager had a recommended 4.7% increase. The Board's presentation to the Town Council went well; however, there was a request for a reduction to anywhere from a 2.35% increase to a zero percent increase. It is anticipated that the Budget Committee will provide the Town Council with its recommended final budget number on the evening of March 16. The Educational Resources Committee will meet on the morning of Friday, March 17, to discuss the budget and Peter Agostini, from New Britain Transportation, has been asked to attend as the bus contract is up for renewal. Superintendent Erwin reported on the meeting he attended with State Representative Joseph Aresimowicz concerning the state's budget.

***District Profile & Performance Reports for 2015-2016*** □ Superintendent of Schools David B. Erwin presented the District Profile & Performance Reports for 2015-2016 to the Board. These reports are derived from several annual state reports submitted by the district. The reports are available at the Board of Education office and on the district's website.



**The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, March 27, 2017, 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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