

THE BERLIN BOARD OF EDUCATION

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A SUMMARY OF THE DECEMBER 11, 2017 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

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

Mr. Tencza acknowledged that this was Superintendent Erwin's last Berlin Board of Education meeting and congratulated him on his upcoming retirement.

Special Student Presentation – Berlin High School Madrigal Singers □ The Berlin High School Madrigal Singers performed under the direction of Tyler Boyle, BHS music teacher. They have earned both silver and gold awards at music festival competitions and perform in period costumes. The group is chosen by audition and features many of the most talented young vocalists from Berlin High School. Singers were Claire Christiana, Mariel Christiana, Sarah Crabtree, Caroline Daigle, AJ DelGiorno, Samantha Fasciano, Rebecca Ferrero, Meghan Fox, Phil Kielbowicz, Nicole Pinto, Aidan Rich, Katie Rochette, Emma Roski, Jake Skinner, Dawson Trotman, and Anna Woodin.

Berlin Bravos □ Berlin Bravos is a program where 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: Isabella Boisvert, student at Berlin High School, for not only being committed to her academics but to contributing to a positive school culture as well; Michele Pitkin, secretary at Berlin High School, for being a consummate team player and always thinking about others and how the entire office can run more smoothly throughout the year; Noah Melnyk, Grade 6 student at McGee School, for being a great collaborator who utilizes resources and opportunities to grow as a learner; and Kalyssa Williams, Grade 6 student at McGee School, for being a champion in the classroom, on the cross country course and in the gym (gymnastics).

Committee Reports/Correspondence to the Board □ Correspondence to the Board: Mr. Tencza reported he received a letter from the Commissioner of Education's office certifying Brian Benigni as Berlin's superintendent of schools, effective January 3, 2018. Mr. Tencza reported that the Educational Resources Committee will consist of Board members Timothy Oakes, Richard Aroian and Matthew Tencza, with Timothy Oakes serving as the chair of the committee; the Student Achievement Committee will consist of Board members Kari Sassu, Julia Dennis and Jaymee Miller, with Kari Sassu serving as the chair of the committee; and the Communications Committee will consist of Jake Fisher, Jeff Cugno and Frederick Morley, Jr., with Jake Fisher serving as the chair of the committee. Superintendent Erwin shared correspondence received from Griswold's Teacher of the Year Jason Miller.

Personnel □ The Board accepted the retirement of Sally Grady, social worker at Berlin High School, effective June 30, 2018, and thanked her for the thirty years of service she has provided to the youth of Berlin and wished her good health and happiness in her retirement years.

ED-099 – Agreement for Child Nutrition Programs – Change of Authorized Signers □ The Board designated Brian Benigni as the authorized signer of the ED-099 Agreement for Child Nutrition Programs and claims for reimbursement, effective January 2, 2018.

Review of Current Facilities Planning □ During the 2017-2018 budget deliberations, the Board discussed facilities and wanted to continue studying the possibilities of what type of programming the Board can offer in the existing buildings or determine if there is a more cost effective way to deal with the current and projected enrollment. Three proposals to study the facilities were procured and during an Educational Resources Committee meeting on November 20, 2017, the proposals were discussed and the Committee recommended that the proposals be reviewed by the full Board. The full Board discussed moving forward with the study, including the entire district in the study, capacity at the schools, and

defining the scope. It was the consensus of the Board that the motion be tabled until January with a directive for the Educational Resources Committee to work with the superintendent, assistant superintendent and business manager to prepare a formal draft Requests for Proposal (RFP).

Executive Session □ The Board entered into an executive session to discuss a matter of personnel.



The next meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, January 8, 2018, 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.

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