

***THE BERLIN BOARD OF EDUCATION***

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***A SUMMARY OF THE MARCH 26, 2018 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING***

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

***Student Presentation – Richard D. Hubbard School*** □ Kindergarten students and staff at Hubbard were excited to present their work from the Columbia Writing Unit: *Writing for Readers*. In this unit, kindergarteners used a combination of drawing, dictating, and writing to narrate a single, true event, with a beginning, middle and end to their story. Kindergarteners learned to use writing as a way to make/communicate meaning and an avenue to share their own important stories. They generated ideas for writing and crafted stories that stretch across several pages. With the help of Ms. Lamond, Hubbard’s technology integration teacher, the young authors converted their stories into e-books on iPads using the apps "Drawing Pad," "Book Creator," and “Seesaw.” The students were proud to share a true story that they wrote all on their own! Teacher presenters were Katie Heacox and Katie Wasilewski; and student presenters were Avery Bacon, Charlotte Brasile, Isabella Carling, Bryce Carlson, Leo Morisse-Corsetti, and Joseph Vasi.

***Personnel*** □ Appointment of Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction – The Board appointed Erin K. McGurk to the position of assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction, effective July 1, 2018. Appointment of Berlin High School Principal – The Board did not move forward with the appointment of a principal at Berlin High School.

***Discussion of the 2019-2020 School Calendar*** □ The Board discussed four calendar scenarios for the 2019-2020 school year: two with 180 student days - one with and one without afternoon professional development; and two with 183 student days - one with and one without afternoon professional development. The 2019-2020 school calendar will go back to the Student Achievement Committee for further discussion and review and it is anticipated it will come before the Board for adoption at its next meeting.

***Revision to the 2017-2018 School Calendar*** □ The Board amended the 2017-2018 school calendar by reducing the number of student days from 183 to 180, making the tentative last student day Wednesday, June 20. Teachers will work through June 25, having three additional days of professional development on June 21, 22 and 25. Any additional closings would alter this calendar.

***Establishment of Berlin High School Graduation Date (effective after April 1)*** □ Berlin High School graduation is held on the Sunday following the 180<sup>th</sup> day of school. The Board set the Berlin High School graduation date for Sunday, June 24, 2018. The ceremony will be held at Central Connecticut State University beginning at 1:30 p.m.

***Budget Update*** □ Board President Matthew Tencza reported that on February 12, 2018, the Board adopted the Board of Education’s Budget for 2018-2019 in the amount of \$44,872,536. After it was adopted, it was discovered that there was a miscalculation that resulted in an overestimation in the employee benefits cost. The Board discussed this finding at a special meeting on March 16, 2018, and the Board of Finance was notified of the issue and agreed to postpone their budget discussion. The Board amended the Board of Education’s Adopted 2018-19 Budget (adopted on February 12, 2018) in the amount of \$43,880,980. Mr. Tencza and Superintendent Brian Benigni presented the Board of Education’s amended budget to the Board of Finance on March 20, 2018, and the Board of Finance will recommend the Board’s budget as presented (with no additional reductions).

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



**The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, April 23, 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](http://www.berlinschools.org).**

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