

THE BERLIN BOARD OF EDUCATION

THE BULLETIN BOARD

A SUMMARY OF THE JUNE 11, 2018 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

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

Special Presentations □ Superintendent of Schools Brian Benigni announced that Katie Wasilewski, teacher of kindergarten at Richard D. Hubbard School, was selected as Berlin's 2019 Teacher of the Year and Eric Horton, of Richard D. Hubbard School, was selected as Paraprofessional of the Year. The following Berlin High School students were recognized: Valedictorian, Ashley Bryant; Salutatorian, Sarah Bengiovanni; CAS Scholar Athletes, Sara Bengiovanni and Billy Hagmeier; CAS Arts Awards, Jillian Balaban and Mariel Christiana; All-State Chorus, Tori Cascone, Jilian Price, Lauren Salee and Dawson Trotman; All-State Band, Mariel Christiana; CABE Student Leadership Awards, Sara Bengiovanni and Noah Seguljic (BHS) and Molly Szczesniak and Jonathan D'Amore (McGee); 2018 Class Officers – President, Brianna Lennehan; Vice President, Julia Sisti; Secretary, Will Salwocki; Treasurer, Jilian Price; and Social Chair, Hetal Patel; 2018 Student Government Officers – President, Morgan O'Connor; Vice President, Hetal Patel; Secretary, Emily Kozon; and Treasurer, Danielle Taglucop; 2018 National Honor Society Officers – President, Sara Bengiovanni; Vice President, Gabe Ramsey; Secretary, Jennifer Errico; and Treasurer, Jilian Price. The following students were recognized as Capstone Project exemplars: Charles Blake, Ashley Bryant, Michelle Cohen, Jacob Giuliano, Toni Grant, Hetal Patel, Jilian Price, and Julia Sisti. Jasmine Nappi and Alexander Halkias were thanked for serving as student representatives on the Board of Education this school year. Art awards were presented to two artists who were unable to receive their award at the May 29, 2018 Board of Education meeting. Lillian Bierwirth, Grade 10, received the Berlin High School Principal's Choice Award for "Calm Before Chaos" and Julia Kielbowicz, Grade 6, received the McGee Principal's Choice Award for "Feathers."

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 McKenna Evans, Grade 11 student at Berlin High School; and Tyler Chamberland, Connor Reed and Leigha Woodward, Grade 8 students at McGee School.

Facilities Related Updates □ Superintendent of Schools Brian Benigni reported that the school security vestibules will not be completed for the start of the school year. Entrances will be inspected to ensure the safety of students. A third-party engineering company was hired to determine whether the ductwork at the high school was installed properly; however, no additional updates have been received. Minutes from the last Public Building Commission meeting do not reflect that a report was received.

State Healthy Food Certification Statement for July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 □ The Board approved participation in the optional Healthy Foods Certification Program, under Section 10-215f of the Connecticut General Statutes, for the 2018-2019 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, 2018-June 30, 2019 □ The Board approved the annual agreement between the Board of Education and the Berlin Visiting Nurse Association for 2018-2019.

2018-2019 Budget Update □ Board President Matthew Tencza reported that although the Board of Finance reinstated the \$250,000 reduction to the Board's operating budget, the Town Council reduced it by \$300,000. Superintendent Benigni will inform the Board of what impact the reduction will have on programs and services. The Capital Budget was reduced by \$155,000, which eliminates the replacement of the phone system at four schools and one van.

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The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, July 9, 2018, at the Berlin Board of Education, beginning at 6:00 P.M., in the Board Meeting Room, 238 Kensington Road. The agenda will be available online at www.berlinschools.org.

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