

3/5/2009 Special Meeting of the Board of Education of the Berlin Central School District, held at the Berlin Jr/Sr High School

**Present:** Frank Zwack, Julie Darling (arrived 6:55 PM), Donald French, Elizabeth Miller (arrived 6:50 PM), Thomas Morelli, Jeffrey Paine, Beverly Stewart

**Absent:** No one

**Also Present:** Charlotte Gregory, Cathie Allain, Michelle Colvin, Cyril Grant, Dennis Healy, Scott Hunter, Eileen Leffler, Jennifer Morris, Sandra Owens

**Guests included:** Diane Paine, Doug Dickinson

President Zwack convened the meeting at 6:05 PM with five board members present.

The meeting was immediately turned over to the administration for a report on Draft #2 of the 2009-2010 budget that shows a 1.11% increase in the tax levy and includes:

- Additional reduction of K-6 teacher
- Reduction in ERS rates
- Verification of contractual renewals
- Continuation of Priority 1 items

Discussion on the following occurred:

- Removal of NYSSBA membership dues
- On motion of Bev Stewart, second by Tom Morelli, the Board of Education agreed to take the NYSSBA membership dues out of the 2009-2010 budget.
- Possibility of moving the District Offices to GES
  - Possibility of the reduction of another principal
  - Possibility of moving GES 3<sup>rd</sup> grade to BES
  - Reduction of additional teacher
  - Redeployment of money to Middle School and High School programs
  - Pay freezes for employees
  - Need for formal written response from unions
- On motion of Tom Morelli, second by Jeff Paine, the Board of Education agreed to request a formal written and/or verbal response from the CSEA, BTA, and administration regarding pay freezes for the 2009-2010 school year with 4 YES votes (Donald French, Tom Morelli, Beverly Stewart, Frank Zwack) and 1 ABSTENTION (Jeff Paine).

Doug Dickinson from CS Arch presented information on possible building project options.

Berlin Elementary School

\$100,000 Option A – \$100,166

- Provide accessible entry at North Entrance
- Masonry restoration
- Replace partition at Main Electrical Room
- Provide smoke detectors in storage room

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- **Emergency Lighting**

**\$100,000 Option B - \$100,000**

- **Radon remediation in Basement**
- **Provide smoke detectors in storage rooms**
- **Emergency Lighting**

**Excel Project – Option A - \$765,600**

- **Provide elevator for ADA compliance**
- **Replace single phase electric service with 3 phase service**
- **Provide new 3 phase service to building – Exterior**
- **Renovation of spaces at elevator (ADA Toilet Rooms)**

**Excel Project – Option B \$1,084,600**

- **Provide elevator for ADA compliance**
- **Replace single phase electric service with 3 phase service**
- **Provide new 3 phase service to building – Exterior**
- **Renovation of spaces at elevator (ADA Toilet Rooms)**
- **Provide second boiler for 100% back up capacity**

**Excel Project – Option C - \$995,280**

- **Replace ventilation system in 1936 building**
- **Asbestos Abatement**
- **GC Work associated with mechanical systems**
- **Electrical work associated with mechanical systems**

**Excel Project – Option D - \$2,786,146**

- **Provide elevator for ADA compliance**
- **Replace single phase electric service with 3 phase service**
- **Provide new 3 phase service to building – Exterior**
- **Renovation of spaces at elevator (ADA Toilet Rooms)**
- **Provide second boiler for 100% back up capacity**
- **ADA Compliant door hardware**
- **Asbestos Abatement**
- **Replace ventilation system in 1936 Building**
- **GC work associated with mechanical systems**
- **Electrical work associated with mechanical systems**
- **Replace original 1936 cloth wiring**
- **Replace original 1936 domestic water piping**

**Renovate Art/Maintenance Areas (\$100/SF) - \$366,850**

**Clarification on what Excel Aid is was given; a written explanation of this was requested.**

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**Beverly Stewart updated the Board on the Superintendent Search. Reporting that a firm from Syracuse is available to come to the March 17 meeting; a firm from Buffalo can come out in early April; one firm pulled out.**

**The Board agreed to bring in the Syracuse firm at 6:30 PM on March 17 with the regular meeting to begin at 7:00 PM.**

**Don French requested that the Program Analysis and Review for Geometry and Algebra be done at the next meeting.**

**Discussion on possible changes to the current Board of Education email system occurred.**

**Calendar of Meetings**

**Tuesday, March 17, 2009 – Regular Meeting – 7:00 PM – HS Auditorium**

**The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 PM on motion of Julie Darling, second by Liz Miller.**

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**Mary M. Grant, District Clerk**