

1/19/2010 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Berlin Central School District, held at the Berlin Middle School/High School

- Present:** Frank Zwack, Gina Goodermote, John Greene, Elizabeth Miller, Thomas Morelli, Jeffrey Paine, Beverly Stewart
- Absent:** No one
- Also Present:** Charlotte Gregory, Cathie Allain, Michelle Colvin, Cyril Grant, Dennis Healy, Eileen Leffler, Jennifer Morris, Sandra Owens
- Guests included:** Heinz Noeding, Robert C. Miller, Diane Paine, Andy Zlotnick, Ariel Hodges, Phoebe Paine, Frank Giumarra, Glenn Giumarra, Joshua Santarcangelo, Christine Walsh, Emily Walsh, Susan Hoffman, William Lawrence, Audrey Vanderhoef, Leslie Wright, Dianne Mosher, Beth Bourassa and several others.

President Zwack convened the meeting at 7:00 PM with all seven board members present.

On motion of Thomas Morelli, second by Elizabeth Miller, minutes of the 12/15/2009 meeting were approved.

On motion of Jeffrey Paine, second by Gina Goodermote, the following Consent Agenda Items (1,3,4,6,7,8 & 9) were unanimously approved:

- Treasurer's Reports from 12/01/09 – 12/31/09 – General Fund, Trust & Agency Fund, School Lunch Fund, Special Aid Fund, Capital Fund

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION

- Approval of the following recommendations of the Committee on Special Education: 000070413, 29651,102423, 103738, 000000001, 000086812, 102099

- RESOLVED: That the Board of Education of the Berlin Central School District hereby accepts the December 2009 Claims Audit as submitted

- RESOLVED: That the Board of Education of the Berlin Central School District hereby certifies as correct the 2009-2010 unpaid tax list from Rensselaer County and directs that it be signed by three Board of Education members and returned to Rensselaer County.

Town	Amount
Berlin	\$179,069.79
Grafton	\$207,867.12
Petersburgh	\$154,925.14
Poestenkill	\$18,290.16
Stephentown	\$242,529.35
Grand Total	\$802,681.56

1/19/2010 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Berlin Central School District, held at the Berlin Middle School/High School

- RESOLVED: That the Board of Education of the Berlin Central School District hereby declares the following items as surplus, with such items to be appropriately disposed of:

Qty	Description	Copyright	Bldg
21	Understanding Mass Media ISBN: 0-844258318	1996	HS

- RESOLVED: That the Board of Education of the Berlin Central School District hereby accepts, with appreciation, the following donations:

- 1 French Horn, Conn, Serial #M76141 from Jennifer Burhans – approximate value of \$600
- 1 Tenor Trombone, Convair Mark II, Serial #88108 from John Alexander Brooks – approximate value of \$125

- RESLOVLED: That the Board of Education of the Berlin Central School District hereby sets the Budget Hearing for May 11, 2010 at 7:00 PM and the Budget Vote for May 18, 2010 from Noon to 9 PM.

In the Superintendent's Report, Ms. Gregory gave a power point presentation for Math that included improvement figures for Geometry, Algebra, NYS Math Assessments for Grades 6, 7, & 8. Also included in the presentation were goals, implementation of new assessments, and recommendations.

The Oral Communications portion included the following:

1. Medieval Times Trip Request – Eighth Grade Teacher, Christine Walsh spoke about upcoming trip on March 11, 2010 with travel by Yankee Trails buses to Lyndhurst, New Jersey. The trip for 8th and 9th graders will give them the experience of The Middle Ages or the Dark Ages. The trip also applies to Spanish class as one of the NYS standards for study of the culture and history of Spain. Also included in the presentation was trip cost (can be deferred by fundraising), number of chaperones, number of buses.
 - On motion of Jeffrey Paine, second by Beverly Stewart, The Board of Education of the Berlin Central School District unanimously approved the request from Eighth Grade Teacher, Christine Walsh for the Medieval Times Trip on March 11, 2010.
2. New York City Trip Request – Dianne Mosher's Housing, Event Planning and Catering classes will travel to New York City on April 1, 2010 for an education field trip. Visits to several sites are planned. The cost of the trip can be defrayed by various planned fundraisers.
 - On motion of Elizabeth Miller, second by Gina Goodermote the Board of Education of the Berlin Central School District unanimously approved the request from Dianne Mosher for a trip to New York City on April 1, 2010.

1/19/2010 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Berlin Central School District, held at the Berlin Middle School/High School

3. Niagara Falls and Toronto, Canada Trip Request -Joshua Santarcangelo spoke about trip planned for May 13-16, 2010. Fundraisers will be done to cover cost of trip.

- On motion of Thomas Morelli, second by Elizabeth Miller, The Board of Education of the Berlin Central School District unanimously approved a request from Student Council for a trip to Niagara Falls, and Toronto May 13-16, 2010.

4. Seventh Grade Science Presentation. – Audrey Vanderhoef talked about course offerings and preparing students for the Sciences, NANO Sciences, Tech Valley, and National Lab Day in May. She also mentioned the possible increase of students taking Chemistry and Physics, as well as distance learning in the future.

The Public Comment portion included:

- 1. Concerns from a resident regarding academic plans of the school district. Also stressed need for school district to cut their budget.**
- 2. Concerns from another resident regarding separation of church and state and the district's policy regarding performance of religious songs at school.**

Old Business:

The Board of Education reviewed the following policies:

- A. Board Policy 8.250-09 Advertising Materials & Announcements Policy – 2nd Reading**
- B. Board Policy 5.190-02 Student Absences & Excuses – 2nd Reading**
- C. Board Policy 5.190-02R Student Absences & Excuses Regulations – 2nd Reading**
- D. Board Policy 6.260-07 Homework – 2nd Reading**
- E. Board Policy 5.140-08 Student Attendance – 2nd Reading**

- On motion of John Greene, second by Jeffrey Paine, the Board of Education unanimously passed policies A-E.

It was agreed upon that policies F & G would have a third reading at the February 23, 2010 Board of Education Meeting.

On motion of Beverly Stewart, second by Elizabeth Miller, executive session began at 9:10 p.m. to discuss Personnel Action Items.

Adjournment from executive session was 10:03 p.m.

Appointments were unanimously approved by all seven Board of Education members with Thomas Morelli making the motion and second by Elizabeth Miller.

1/19/2010 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Berlin Central School District, held at the Berlin Middle School/High School

The following new appointments are contingent on passing the fingerprinting mandates:

Upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent to appoint the following person to the 2009-2010 Non-Instructional Substitute List – effective 1/20/2010

Greeley, Wanda – Bus Driver

Upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent to appoint the following people to the 2009-2010 Instructional Substitute List – 1/20/2010

Christian, Lori – Non-Certified

Noles, Samantha – Certified

Robichaud, Kevin – Non-Certified

APPOINTMENTS:

Upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent to appoint Kasson Sauer, Physical Education Teacher, to tenure – effective 1/29/2010

Upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent to appoint Karen Day, Spanish Teacher, to tenure – effective 1/20/2010

Upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent to appoint Stacy Etman as a Physical Education Teacher (replacing Sandra Honsinger while on special assignment) @ MS Step 1 \$40,853 - .6FTE (pro-rated to \$13,971.71) – Initial Physical Education Certification – effective 1/21/2010 - 6/30/2012

Upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent to appoint Cindy Minkler as Alternate Claims Auditor @ \$25 per hour – effective 12/30/2009

Upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent to appoint Robert Smith – Bus Driver (replacing Richard Jones) 6.25 hours per day , 5 days per week @ \$21.43 per hour – effective 1/5/2010

Upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent to appoint the following people to coaching positions for the 2009-2010 school year – effective 1/20/2010

Position	Name	Stipend
Boys Varsity Baseball Coach	Kasson Sauer	\$3218
Girls Varsity Softball Co-Coach	Art Schmich	\$1609
Girls Varsity Softball Co-Coach	Paul Slaver	\$1609
Varsity Track Coach	Jennifer Burhans	\$3218
Assistant Track Coach	Kaitlyn Klobus	\$1916

1/19/2010 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Berlin Central School District, held at the Berlin Middle School/High School

RESIGNATION:

Upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent to accept the resignation of Sally Maxon, Teaching Assistant – effective 1/05/2010

- RESOLVED: That the Board of Education of the Berlin Central School District hereby approves the following amendments to the 2009-2010 Questar III Final Service Request:

- **Addition of 46608 to a ½ day GED Program – effective 1/13/2010**
- **Addition of 32410 to a ½ day GED Program – effective 1/13/2010**
- **Deletion of 36410 from ½ day GED Program – effective 1/13/2010**
- **Deletion of 29688 from ½ day GED Program – effective 1/13/2010**
- **Addition of 29617 to Full Day ALP Program – effective 1/13/2010**
- **Deletion of 51811 from Automotive Technology Program – effective 1/13/2010**
- **Addition of 51811 Automotive Services Program – effective 1/13/2010**
- **Addition of 51410 to Challenge Intensive Program with Career Studies – effective 1/7/2010**
- **Addition of 104399 to AIM Program – effective 1/4/2010**
- **Deletion of 32110 from Construction I Program – effective 12/15/2009**

Calendar of Meetings

Budget Workshop Meeting – January 26, 2010, 7:15 PM @ Middle/High School library.

Next regular Board of Education Meeting: February 23, 2010, 7:00 PM @ Middle/High School auditorium.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05PM on motion of Jeffrey Paine, second by Beverly Stewart

Rebecca Giumarra, District Clerk