

3/2/10 Meeting of the Board of Education of the Berlin Central School District, held at the Berlin Middle School/High School

Present: Frank Zwack, John Greene, Elizabeth Miller, Thomas Morelli, Jeffrey Paine, Beverly Stewart
Absent: Gina Goodermote
Also Present: Charlotte Gregory, Cathie Allain, Michelle Colvin, Cyril Grant, Eileen Leffler, Sandra Owens
Guests included: Debbie Gallucci, Heinz Noeding, Nettie Rathbun, Becky Baldwin, Andy Zlotnick, Larry Eckhardt, Patty Nash, Frank Giumarra, Glenn Giumarra, Donna Kelly, Robert C. Miller, Linda Blake, Louise Meyers, Mary Lou Hunt, Beth Bourassa, and several others.

President Zwack convened the meeting at 7:15 PM with six board members present.

On motion of Liz Miller, second by Jeffrey Paine, minutes of the 1/19/2010 meeting were approved.

The Public Comment portion included:

1. Concerns regarding upcoming school budget, and state and federal aid cuts to the school. Suggestions were made of a 0% tax increase, reductions in staff, health insurance benefits, transportation and fuels costs, BOCES expenses, and sharing of services with other schools.
2. Questions regarding use of the former Stephentown Elementary School building for youth services, soccer and other activities. Appreciated efforts of B.O.E. in looking for uses of building as well as the sale of building. Requested that Stephentown Town board be kept informed to help in planning for upcoming summer season.
3. Resident spoke on behalf of TRACs – Together Reducing Alcohol and Drugs in our Communities. Spoke of TRACs mission to build community partnerships to reduce alcohol, drug and tobacco use among youth in the communities. Would like B.O.E. support and wanted at least one board member to join group and act as legislative liaison.

On motion of Jeffrey Paine, second by Beverly Stewart, the following Consent Agenda Items 1,3,4,5,6,7,8,9 & 10 were unanimously approved:

- Treasurer's Reports from 1/01/10 - 1/31/10 – General Fund, Special Aid Fund, School Lunch Fund, Capital Fund, Trust & Agency

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION

- **Approval of the following recommendations of the Committee on Special Education: 000063311, 000077315, 000047312, 102800, 103959, 102871, 101644, 102089, 103960, 102095, 000086812, 000083014, 000061310, 104458, 104318, 104280, 103498, 101813, 103760, 102009, 104399, 103879**

In the Superintendent’s Report, Ms. Gregory spoke about budget impacts on schools and changes in the ways school education may be delivered in the future. Also mentioned were declining school enrollments, and reductions in staff in the Berlin Central School District., mandated and non-mandated programs, as well as the possible savings of approximately \$500,00 with the closure of Grafton Elementary. The closure of Stephentown Elementary the previous school year, plus other state aid money saved the district approximately \$560,000 which resulted in a 0% tax increase. The goal for tax increase this upcoming school year is 0% - 3%. The \$1.4 million dollar state aid cut will result in an approximately \$988,000 budget gap for the upcoming school year. The Superintendent has in place restrictive spending, which has helped with expenditures and surplus monies. Review of portions of the budget are included in this meeting and will also be included in the upcoming March 9, 2010 Budget Workshop Meeting.

- RESOLVED: That the Board of Education of the Berlin Central School District hereby accepts the January 2010 Claims Audit as submitted.

- 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:

- Deletion of 036210 from Challenge Program – effective 1/19/10

- 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
1	Woodrow Wilson – Helen Monsell	1950	Grafton
1	The American Southeast – Herbert Zim	1959	Grafton
1	The Pacific Northwest – Herbert Zim	1959	Grafton
1	Death: Prentice-Hall	1975	Middle/High
1	Acceptable Risks – James P. Imperato	1985	Middle/High
1	Smoking & Health – Brian Ward	1986	Middle/High
1	The Teahouse of August Moon – Sneider	1951	Middle/High
1	Dr. Atkin’s Diet Revolution – R. Atkins	1972	Middle/High
1	The Teahouse of August Moon – J. Goggan	1954	Middle/High
1	Coping through Friendship – Sharon Carter	1988	Middle/High
1	Drugs, Steroids & Sports – Janet Mohun	1988	Middle/High
1	Coping With Your Inner Critic – M. Ignoffo	1989	Middle/High

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1	Coping With Sibling Rivalry – Shari Cohen	1989	Middle/High
1	Smoking – Lila Gano	1989	Middle/High
1	Coping With Failure – Shari Cohen	1988	Middle/High
1	Feeling Fit – Alicia Martinez	1991	Middle/High
1	Smoking – Bonnie Szumski	1989	Middle/High
1	The Dragons of Eden - Carl Sagan	1977	Middle/High
1	In the Hall of Dragon King – S Lawhead	1982	Middle/High
19	Heath Mathematics: Connections – Heath	1994	Middle/High
	ISBN # 0-669-30918-4		
13	Heath Mathematics: Connection – Heath	1992	Middle/High
	ISBN # 0-669-11905-9		
1	The Story of Mount Vernon – N. Miller		GES
	ISBN # LCCC65-1221		
1	The Story of White House – N. Miller		GES
	ISBN # LCCCCAC 66-10305		
1	Lafayette – C.H. Bishop	ISBN# LCCC60-6467	GES
1	The Spanish Armada	ISBN#LCCC62-8729	GES
1	Indians of the Eastern Woodlands	ISBN#0-8167-0118-0	GES
1	The Story of the Capitol – Marilyn Prolman		GES
	ISBN# LCCC69-14681		
1	Yosemite National Park – Ruth Radlauer		GES
	IBSN# 0-516-07486-5		
1	Everglades National Park – Ruth Radlauer		GES
	IBSN# 0-516-07488-1		
1	Olympic National Park – Ruth Radlauer		GES
	IBSN# 0-516-07494-6		
1	Mesa Verde National Park – Ruth Radlauer		GES
	IBSN# 0-516-07490-3		
1	The Story of Monticello – Norman Richards		GES
	ISBN#LCCC370-100699		
1	The Mississippi – Lauber	ISBN#LCCC61-11146	GES
1	Mexico in Pictures – Barbara Hall	ISBN#0-8069-1013-5	GES
1	Famous Frontiersmen – John Moyer	ISBN#LCCC76-13740	GES
1	The Value of Responsibility – A.D. Johnson		GES
	ISBN#0-916392-29-5		
1	The New Enchantment of America Series:		GES
1	Oregon – Allen Carpenter	ISBN#0-516-04137-1	GES
1	Idaho – Allen Carpenter	ISBN#0-516-04112-4	GES
1	Washington – Allen Carpenter	ISBN#0-516-04147-9	GES
1	Alaska - Allen Carpenter	ISBN#0-516-04102-9	GES
1	Arizona – Allen Carpenter	ISBN#0-516-04103-7	GES
1	Utah – Allen Carpenter	ISBN#0-516-04144-4	GES
1	Nevada – Allen Carpenter	ISBN#0-516-04123-2	GES
1	California – Allen Carpenter	ISBN#0-516-04105-3	GES
1	Alabama – Allen Carpenter	ISBN#0-516-04101-0	GES
1	Delaware – Allen Carpenter	ISBN#0-516-04108-8	GES

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1	Maryland – Allen Carpenter ISBN#0-516-04120-7	GES
1	North Carolina – Allen Carpenter ISBN#0-516-04133-9	GES
1	Georgia – Allen Carpenter ISBN#0-516-04110-X	GES
1	West Virginia – Allen Carpenter ISBN#0-516-04148-7	GES
1	South Carolina – Allen Carpenter ISBN#0-516-04140-1	GES
1	Virginia – Allen Carpenter ISBN#0-516-04146-0	GES
1	Pennsylvania – Allen Carpenter ISBN#0-516-04138-X	GES
1	Kansas – Allen Carpenter ISBN#0-516-04116-9	GES
1	Mississippi – Allen Carpenter ISBN#0-516-04124-X	GES
1	Louisiana – Allen Carpenter ISBN#0-516-04118-5	GES
1	Texas – Allen Carpenter ISBN#0-516-04143-6	GES
1	Oklahoma – Allen Carpenter ISBN#0-516-04136-3	GES
1	Arkansas – Allen Carpenter ISBN#0-516-04104-5	GES
1	Tennessee – Allen Carpenter ISBN#0-516-04142-8	GES
1	Kentucky – Allen Carpenter ISBN#0-516-04117-7	GES
1	Ohio – Allen Carpenter ISBN#0-516-04135-5	GES
1	Indiana – Allen Carpenter ISBN#0-516-04114-2	GES
1	Illinois – Allen Carpenter ISBN#0-516-04113-4	GES
1	Michigan – Allen Carpenter ISBN#0-516-04122-3	GES
1	New Mexico – Allen Carpenter ISBN#0-516-04131-2	GES
1	Wisconsin – Allen Carpenter ISBN#0-516-04-49-5	GES
1	Minnesota – Allen Carpenter ISBN#0-516-04123-1	GES
1	Iowa – Allen Carpenter ISBN#0-516-04115-0	GES
1	Missouri – Allen Carpenter ISBN#0-516-04125-8	GES
1	North Dakota – Allen Carpenter ISBN#0-516-04134-7	GES
1	Montana – Allen Carpenter ISBN#0-516-04126-6	GES
1	Wyoming – Allen Carpenter ISBN#0-516-04150-9	GES
1	Colorado – Allen Carpenter ISBN#0-516-04106-1	GES
1	South Dakota – Allen Carpenter ISBN#0-516-04141-X	GES
1	New York City – Ted Smart ISBN#0-8317-6362-0	GES
1	Story of the Liberty Bell – N. Miller ISBN#LCCC65-12215	GES
1	The Hudson River – Carl Carmer ISBN#LCCC62-11172	GES
1	The Pennsylvania Colony – H. Neal ISBN#LCCC67-23996	GES
1	Meet the Pilgrim Fathers – Elizabeth Payne ISBN#LCCCAC66-10428	GES
1	Super Bowl XVI – Don Ward ISBN#0-89813-138-3	GES
1	Super Bowl XVII – Don Ward ISBN#0-89813-139-1	GES
1	The Super Bowl – Julian May ISBN#0-87191-446-8	GES
1	I Took My Frog to the Library – Eric Kimmel ISBN#0-14-050916-X	GES
1	Planets and the Solar System – Keith Brandt ISBN#0-8167-0300-0	GES
1	Ichabod Crane – Washington Irving ISBN#0-89375-316-5	GES
1	Discovering the Stars – Laurence Santrey ISBN#0-89375-568-0	GES

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1	Stones, Bones & Arrowheads – Shannon Terry ISBN#LCCC62-11072	GES
1	The Mound Builders – William Scheele	GES
1	The Story of Jamestown – Marilyn Prolman ISBN#LCCC73-82963	GES
1	The Bears Vacation – Stan & Jan Berenstain ISBN#0-394-90052-9	GES
1	Hop on Pop – Dr. Seuss ISBN#LCCC63-9810	GES
1	The Sneetches & Other Stories – Dr. Seuss ISBN#0-394-90089-8	GES
1	Scrambled Eggs Super! – Dr. Seuss ISBN#0-394-80085-0	GES
1	Marvin K. Mooney Will You Please – Dr. Seuss ISBN#0-394-82490-3	GES
1	Great Day for Up – Dr. Seuss ISBN#0-394-82913-1	GES
1	The Three Sillies – Troll Assoc. ISBN#0-89375-486-2	GES
1	How Far is Far – Alvin Tresselt ISBN#LCCC66-16163	GES
1	Earthlets as Explained by Professor – Jeanne Willis ISBN#0-522-44465-3	GES
1	The Trouble With Alaric – Jane Williamson ISBN#0-374-37777-4	GES
1	A thousand Lights & Fireflies – Alvin Tresslet ISBN#LCCC65-11652	GES
1	Favorite Poems Old & New – Helen Ferris (no markings)	GES
1	I Like Trains – Catherine Woolley ISBN#LCCC65-10727	GES
1	Steve’s First Pony ride – Leonard Shorttall ISBN#LCCC66-14749	GES
1	Obadiah the Bold – Briton Turkle ISBN#LCCC65-13350	GES
1	Thy Friend, Obadiah – Briton Turkle ISBN#670-71229-9	GES
1	Kitty, A Cat’s Diary – Robyn Supraner ISBN#0-8167-0574-7	GES
1	No Room for a Sneeze – Robyn Supraner ISBN#0-8167-0656-5	GES
2	Molly’s Special Wish – Robyn Supraner ISBN#0-8167-0660-3	GES
1	No Nap for Me – Theresa Zagone ISBN#0-525-35982-6	GES
1	Transportation – Keith Brandt ISBN#0-8167-0172-5	GES
1	Hair – Christine Sharr ISBN#0-448-09650-1	GES
1	Clothes – Christine Sharr ISBN#0-448-09657-9	GES
1	The Secret Garden – Frances Burnett ISBN#0-440-47706-9	GES
1	The Three Sillies – Troll Assoc. ISBN#0-89375-486-2	GES
1	Where is My Monster? – JB Victor ISBN#0-517-502887	GES
1	My Mamma Says There Aren’t Any....-Judith Viorst ISBN#0-689-30102-2	GES
1	The Electric Radish & Other Jokes – Susan Thorndike ISBN#0-385-06401-2	GES
1	Eloise – Kay Thompson ISBN#0-671-22350-X	GES
1	There Are Rocks In My Socks – Patricia Thomas ISBN#0-688-51851-6	GES
1	The Horse that Liked Sandwiches – Vivian Thompson ISBN#LCCC62-8718	GES

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1	Tractors – Graham Thompson ISBN#1-55532-127-5	GES
1	Diggers & Loaders – Graham Thompson ISBN#1-55532-126-7	GES
1	Cars & Trucks – Graham Thompson ISBN#1-55532-125-9	GES
1	What Can A Hippopotamus Be? – Mike Thaler ISBN#0-8193-0810-2	GES
1	The Audubon Illustrated Handbook of American Birds – Reilly ISBN#LCCC68-22765	GES
1	The Story of Richard Bonhomme – Norman Richards ISBN#LCCC76-82961	GES
1	The Story of Old Ironsides – Norman Richards ISBN#LCCC67-20099	GES
1	The Cowboy Encyclopedia – Bruce Grant ISBN#LCCC51-10382	GES
1	Famous American Cowboys – Bern Keating ISBN#0-528-80250X	GES
1	Indians of the West – Rae Bains ISBN#0-8167-0134-2	GES
1	Indians of the Plains – Rae Bains ISBN#0-8167-0188-1	GES

The Oral Communications portion included the following:

- 1. Power point presentation proposal given by Steve Justa from NERIC – Northeastern Regional Information System. He spoke of “Nutri-Kids” which is a computerized point of sale system for the cafeteria, which is aidable. It only serves K-12 schools, and is currently in over 1,600 school districts. Touch screen capability depicts only to cashier if student is paying for full, reduced or free meal, thus keeping transactions private to others. With this system most money accounting would be handled by the Business Office. Prestige Food Service guarantees a yearly minimum \$5,000 profit. Profit so far this year is \$9.800. One B.O.E. member suggested looking at other systems as well. Profit money from the lunch program would be used to purchase this system, which was bid out by NERIC on state contract to be cost effective. The board agreed to obtain more information and act on the proposal at their March 16, 2010 meeting.**
- 2. Sandra Owens did a power point presentation of items pertaining to the budget. They are as follows: Operations, Maintenance, Transportation, Utility Savings Summary, Interscholastic Sports, Retirement Contributions, District Health Insurance, Debt Service**
- 3. Modular classroom presentation was given by Sandra Owens. Classrooms have ADA compliant bathrooms, and are about 750 square feet per room. They would be located at Berlin Elementary School. Buildings would be obtained through a 5-year lease that would include site set-up, mechanicals including water, sewer, electric, HVAC, architects and engineers, all of which would be bid out. If modular buildings are still needed after end of 5-year least, voter approval would be needed.**

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Old Business:

The Board of Education reviewed the following policies:

A. Board Policy 4.250-08 Procurement – 3rd Reading

On motion by Liz Miller, second by Thomas Morelli the 3rd reading of Board Policy 4.250-08 was approved.

B. Board Policy 4.250-08R Purchasing Regulation – 3rd Reading

On motion by John Greene, second by Thomas Morelli the 3rd reading of Board Policy 4.250-08R was approved.

Calendar of Meetings

Budget Workshop Meeting – March 9, 2010, 7:15 PM @ Middle/High School library.

Next regular Board of Education Meeting – March 16, 2010, 7:00 PM @ Middle/High School auditorium.

On motion of Beverly Stewart, second by Liz Miller, executive session to discuss personnel items was entered at 9:15 PM.

Vote to come out of Executive Session by Tom Morelli and seconded by Jeffrey Paine at 10:14 PM. Acceptance of the Personnel items under consent agenda except for the resignation of Dennis Healy and the recommendation of Maria (Toni) Diamond. Motion by Jeffrey Paine and second by Liz Miller to approve the list except for the item of Dennis Healy resignation and recommendation of Maria (Toni) Diamond as Interim High School Principal. Vote: 6 – Ayes; Nay - none

Motion to accept the resignation of Dennis Healy from the position of High School Principal, effective February 26, 2010. Vote: 5 – Ayes; 1 – Nay, Tom Morelli.

Motion to appoint Maria (Toni) Diamond as Interim High School Principal retroactive from February 26, 2010 to August 31, 2010 as needed at \$450.00 per diem. Vote: 4 – Ayes; 2 - Nay, Tom Morelli & Beverly Stewart.

Motion to adjourn at 10:25 PM. Vote: 6 – Ayes; Nay - none

PERSONNEL ACTION:

POSITION CREATION:

Upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent to create one Temporary Teaching Assistant position for 6.5 hours per day – effective 2/3/2010 – 3/16/2010.

POSITION CHANGE:

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Upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent to change one Senior Typist position from 12 months per year to 11 months per year, 7 hours per day – effective 7/1/2010.

APPOINTMENTS:

Upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent to appoint Luisa Volpi – Bus Driver (replacing Robert Smith) 2.75 hours per day, 5 days per week @ \$16.23 per hour – effective 1/21/2010.

Upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent to appoint Debbie Gallucci Probationary Teaching Assistant (replacing Sally Maxon) 6.5 hours per day @ \$15.80 per hour – effective 1/25/2010.

Upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent to appoint Laura Hunt – 30-day Temporary Teaching Assistant – 6.5 hours per day @ \$15.80 per hour – effective 2/3/2010 – 3/16/2010.

Upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent to appoint Karen Day as an Administrator in Charge for extracurricular events at the Middle/High School – effective 2/24/2010.

RESIGNATION:

Upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent to accept the resignation of Dennis A. Healy, High School Principal – effective 2/26/2010.

APPOINTMENT:

Upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent to appoint Maria A. Diamond as Interim High School Principal @ \$450.00 per day – effective 2/24/2010.

Rebecca A. Giumarra, District Clerk