

6/8/2010 Special Meeting of the Board of Education of the Berlin Central School District, held at the Berlin Elementary School

Present: Frank Zwack, Gina Goodermote (7:15 PM), John Greene (7:30 PM), Elizabeth Miller, Thomas Morelli, Beverly Stewart

Absent: Jeffrey Paine

Also Present: Charlotte Gregory, Michelle Colvin, Cyril Grant, Eileen Leffler, Jennifer Morris, Sandra Owens

Guests included: Approximately 25

President Zwack convened the Budget Hearing at 7:02 PM with five board members present. President Zwack announced June 15, 2010 as the day of the vote at the Berlin Fire Hall from 12:00 – 9:00 PM. He also reminded everyone that the purpose of the meeting was limited to the budget hearing.

The meeting was then turned over to the administration for a presentation of the proposed 2010-2011 budget.

The administration reported that with the Board of Education's decision to present a budget for voter consideration with a 0% increase, the \$18,281,716 spending plan would include the following:

Appropriations - \$18,281,716 for central services, instruction, transportation, benefits, community service, debt service, and interfund transfers

Revenues - \$18,218,716 in state aid, tax levy, other revenue, reserve, and appropriated fund balance

Three-Part Budget consists of: Capital – 12.60%, Administrative – 8.04%, and Program – 79.36%

A second defeated budget would mean additional \$93,043 in reductions.

Business Manager, Sandy Owens, further explained the Bus Proposition that has been approved by the Board; reporting that the district is aided at 77% for bus purchases, that two bus routes could be consolidated into one with this purchase saving approximately \$25,000.

Ms. Owens also explained the \$100,000 Capital Improvement Proposition that was started in 2008; reporting that \$75,000 comes back to the district in the form of aid the following year.

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**Questions and concerns were raised regarding a long-term plan,
transportation, equalization rates, debt service, and building repairs vs.
building new.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 PM on motion of Gina Goodermote,
second by John Greene.**

Mary M. Grant, District Clerk