

8/18/2009 Meeting of the Board of Education of the Berlin Central School District, held at the Berlin Jr/Sr High School

Present: Frank Zwack, Gina Goodermote, John Greene, Elizabeth Miller, Jeffrey Paine, Beverly Stewart
Absent: Thomas Morelli
Also Present: Charlotte Gregory, Cathie Allain, Cyril Grant, Dennis Healy, Eileen Leffler, Jennifer Morris,
Guests included: Lauren Nichols, Donald French, David Flint, Becky Giumarra, Jane Halleck, Diane Paine, Dawn Demick, Bob Miller, Beth Bourassa and Warren French

President Zwack convened the meeting at 7:03 PM with six board members present.

On motion of Liz Miller, second by Jeffrey Paine, minutes of the 7/21/2009 and 7/29/2009 meetings were approved.

On motion of Jeffrey Paine, second by Liz Miller, the following Action Items (#1-15) were unanimously approved:

- Treasurer's Reports from 7/1/2009 – 7/31/2009 General Fund, Trust & Agency Fund, Special Aid Fund, School Lunch Fund, and Capital Fund

APPOINTMENTS

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

Upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent to appoint Kaitlyn Klobus as Modified Cross Country Coach @ \$1073 - effective 8/19/2009

Upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent to appoint the following person to the 2009-2010 Instructional Substitute List – effective 8/19/2009

Zema, Teresa – Certified

Upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent to appoint Brandon Lyon – Technology Teacher (replacing Allan Goodrich) @ MS Step 3 \$44,312.00 - Initial Certification Technology Education – effective 9/1/2009 – 9/1/2012

Upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent to appoint Kristen Montgomery Breh English Teacher (replacing Robert C. Miller) @ MS Step 5 \$46,163 – Professional Certification English Language Arts 7-12 – effective 9/1/2009 – 9/1/2011

POSITION CREATION

Upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent to create one .5 FTE Physical Education Teacher position – effective 9/1/2009

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APPOINTMENTS

Upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent to appoint the following people to the 2009-2010 Instructional Substitute List – effective 8/19/2009

- Gaillard, Jeremy - Certified
- Grant, Janice – Non-Certified
- Springer, Michelle - Certified

Upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent to appoint the following people to the 2009-2010 Non-Instructional Substitute List – effective 8/19/2009

- Bink, Chantel – Aide, Monitor, TA
- Grant, Janice – Aide, Monitor, Typist, TA
- Legg, Annette – Aide, Monitor, TA
- Morine, Elizabeth – Aide, Monitor, TA

Upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent to appoint the following people as 2009 – 2010 advisors/coaches/coordinators/team leaders – effective 8/19/2009

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Grades K-1 Team Leader	Katie Bryce	\$3257
Grades 2-3 Team Leader	Deanna Quandt	\$3257
Grades 4-5 Team Leader	Annette Bell	\$3257
6 th Grade Team Leader	Kim Bugbee	\$3257
7 th Grade Team Leader	Walt Knightes	\$3257
8 th Grade Team Leader	Christine Walsh	\$3257
Secondary Special Education Coordinator	Michelle Baldwin	\$2529
Academic Chair for Math	Lauren Nichols	\$3908
Academic Chair for Science	Audrey Vanderhoef	\$3908
Academic Chair for Social Studies	Josh Santarcangelo	\$3908
Athletic Director	Art Schmich	\$3908
Boys Varsity Soccer Coach	Art Schmich	\$3218
Boys JV Soccer Coach	Jennifer Burhans	\$2529
Boys Modified Soccer Coach	Ray Nelson	\$2299
Girls Varsity Soccer Coach	Fleda Berschwinger	\$3218
Girls JV Soccer Coach	Amber Maxon	\$2329
Girls Modified Soccer Coach	Trish Weber	\$2299
Varsity Cross Country Coach	Rick Ingraham	\$2682
Girls JV Volleyball Coach	Paul Slaver	\$2107
Varsity Volleyball Coach	Paul Slaver	\$2797
Director of Physical Education	Sandra Honsinger	\$1839
Assistant Supervisor for Student Activities	Becky Giumarra	\$12.12
	Delinda Goyer	per hour
Mentor Program Co-Coordinator	Lauren Nichols	\$2529
	Debbie Huskie	\$2529

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<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Senior Class Co-Advisor	Fleda Berschwinger	\$766.50
	Lisa Dooley	\$766.50
Junior Class Advisor	Dianne Mosher	\$1456
HS Drama Club Advisor	Dianne Mosher	\$1456
FCCLA Advisor	Dianne Mosher	\$1801
Masterminds Advisor	Matt Christian	\$1456
Marching Band Advisor	Dan Byron	\$203
Assistant Musical Advisor	Karen Webster	\$996
HS Student Council Advisor	Josh Santarcangelo	\$1801
Technical Director	Dianne Mosher	\$1456
Yearbook Advisor	Sarah Rezey	\$2529
Web Master	Ann Hayes	\$2874

Upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent to appoint Sandra Honsinger as a Teacher on Special Assignment – PEAK Project Coordinator (.6FTE) @ MS Step 16 \$62,966 – with no loss of tenure or seniority - effective 7/1/2009 – 6/30/2012

Upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent to appoint Kayla Murdie – Math Teacher (replacing Robert A. Miller) @ BS Step 1 \$38,315 – Initial Certification Mathematics 7-12 – effective 9/1/2009 – 9/1/2012

Upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent to appoint Lauren Nichols as a Teacher on Special Assignment – Math Curriculum Coordinator @ MS Step 18 \$65,884 - effective 9/1/2009 – 6/30/2010

CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS

Upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent to approve the contractual agreement with Stephanie Hover, Occupational Therapist @ \$68 per hour, new evaluations @ \$155 – effective 7/1/2009 – 6/25/2010

Upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent to approve the contractual agreement with Hilary Ferris, Certified Occupational Therapist Assistant @ \$27 per hour – effective 7/1/2009 – 6/25/2010

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION

- Approval of the following recommendations of the Committee on Special Education: 103264, 102915, 102085, 102087, 102088, 102423, 102891, 103738, 102343, 102638, 102848, 102095, 102832, 103279, 103278, 103739, 102713, 103498, 103760, 102099, 103114, 102913, 102711, 103459, 102714, 103201, 102088, 102093, 102837, 103498, 103458, 000011709, 000029601, 000066512, 63711, 102800, 102799, 000062508, 7771161, 000029661, 103699, 000019109, 000028611, 000050709, 000100094, 000100110, 000100111, 000030313, 100789, 000081016, 101719, 000029249, 000081011, 000070413, 000030010,

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- 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 011512 to Challenge Program Coser #232.010 – effective 9/1/2009**
- **Addition of 66512 to ALP Program – effective 9/1/2009**
- **Addition of 63711 to Challenge Intensive Program Coser #232.033 – effective 9/1/2009**

- RESOLVED: That the Board of Education of the Berlin Central School District hereby approves the contract with Wildwood Program in the amount of \$7,136.00 for 028613 – effective 7/6/2009 – 8/14/2009

- RESOLVED: That the Board of Education of the Berlin Central School District hereby approves the Food Service Contract with Prestige Food Service in the amount of \$2.17 per meal – effective 8/19/2009

- RESOLVED: That the Board of Education of the Berlin Central School District hereby accepts the bid of Don Brown Bus Sales in the amount of \$79,994 for two (2) van-style buses and the State Contract of Leonard Bus Sales in the amount of \$294,615.88 for three (3) 65-passenger buses

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- BOND RESOLUTION OF THE BERLIN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, RENSSELAER COUNTY, NEW YORK, ADOPTED AUGUST 18, 2009, AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF FIVE SCHOOL BUSES (TWO VANS AND THREE 65-PASSENGER BUSES), STATING THE ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST OF SAID PURCHASE, TOGETHER WITH CERTAIN COSTS PRELIMINARY AND INCIDENTAL THERETO, IS \$374,609.88 AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF UP TO \$374,609.88 SERIAL BONDS OF THE DISTRICT TO FINANCE SAID PURCHASE.

RECITALS:

WHEREAS, on April 2, 2009 the Board of Education (the "Board") of the Berlin Central School District (the "District") adopted a resolution (the "April 2009 Resolution") approving a proposition to the May 19, 2009 budget vote to purchase 5 school buses (2 vans and three 65-passenger buses)(collectively, the "School Buses"); and

WHEREAS, the proposition was approved by the voters of the District on May 19, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the Board has previously adopted a resolution authorizing the acceptance of bids totaling \$374,609.88 for the purchase of the School Buses and desires to provide for the issuance of obligations to provide funds for said purchase and for costs preliminary and incidental thereto;

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE BERLIN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Board finds and determines that the purchase of the School Buses referred to in the Recitals hereof (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "School Buses") is a Type II action within the meaning of the State Environmental Quality Review Act and the regulations promulgated thereunder (collectively, "SEQRA") and no further action under SEQRA is required with respect to such purchase.

Section 2. (A) The estimated maximum cost of purchasing the School Buses, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and the financing thereof, is \$374,609.88 and said amount is hereby appropriated therefore.

(B) To finance said purchase, serial bonds of the District (in one or more series) are hereby authorized to be issued in the aggregate principal amount of \$374,609.88 pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of the Local Finance Law, constituting Chapter 33-a of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York (the "Law").

Section 3. (A) The plan of financing the cost of the purchase of the School Buses (including costs preliminary and incidental thereto) consists of issuing bonds and/or bond anticipation notes in the aggregate principal amount of up to \$374,609.88.

(B) The serial bonds may (but need not) be issued in the form of one or more bonds, known as a statutory installment bond, in accordance with Section 62.10 of the Law. The annual debt service on the

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bonds may (but need not) be substantially level or declining annual debt service as provided in Section 21.00(d) of the Law.

Section 4. The following additional matters are hereby determined and stated:

(A) The period of probable usefulness of the specific objects or purposes for which the bonds authorized by this resolution are to be issued is five (5) years, within the limitation of Section 11.00(a)(29) of the Law.

(B) The requirements of Section 37.00 of the Law and Section 416 of the Education Law have been met.

(C) The District, including any subordinate entity of the District (within the meaning of Section 265(b)(3)(E) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), is not expected to issue more than \$10,000,000.00 of "qualified tax-exempt obligations" (as defined in Section 265(b)(3) of the Code) during the 2008 calendar year.

(D) The bonds authorized by this resolution are not private activity bonds as defined in Section 141 of the Code.

(E) All of the proceeds of the bonds authorized by this Resolution and any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds shall be used to pay for the purchase of the School Buses and to pay costs incidental and preliminary thereto (including, without limitation, costs relating to the issuance of the bonds and any notes issued in anticipation of the issuance of said bonds).

(F) The Recitals set forth at the beginning of this resolution are hereby incorporated in this resolution as if set forth in full in this place.

Section 5. Each of the bonds authorized by this resolution and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds shall contain the recital of validity prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Law, shall be issued in fully registered form and shall be general obligations of the District. The faith and credit of the District are hereby irrevocably pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds and any notes issued in anticipation of said bonds.

Section 6. The temporary use of available funds of the District, not immediately required for the purpose or purposes for which the same were borrowed, received or otherwise created, is hereby authorized, ratified and confirmed, pursuant to, and subject to the restrictions of, Section 165.10 of the Law, for the purchase of the School Buses. As provided in Section 165.10 of the Law, the Board intends to reimburse such funds from the proceeds of the bonds or notes authorized hereby. The March 2008 Resolution was the Board's declaration of official intent within the meaning of Section 1.150-2 of the Treasury Regulations issued pursuant to the Code.

Section 7. The Board hereby covenants and agrees with the holders from time to time of the bonds authorized hereby, and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation thereof, that the Board will duly

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and faithfully observe and comply with the provisions of the Code relating to actions which the Board must take or cause to be taken to ensure the status of the interest on the bonds authorized hereby, and any notes issued in anticipation thereof, is and remains excludable from federal income taxation.

Section 8. The President of the Board is hereby authorized to designate as a "qualified tax-exempt obligation" pursuant to and within the meaning of Section 265(b) of the Code the bonds authorized hereby and any notes issued anticipation thereof.

Section 9. Subject to the provisions of this resolution and the Law, including, without limitation, Sections 50.00, 55.00, 56.00 and 60.00 of the Law, the powers and duties of the Board relative to prescribing the terms, form and content as to the sale and issuance of any notes issued in anticipation of the bonds authorized by this resolution and the renewals of such notes (if any) are hereby delegated to the President of the Board, as the chief fiscal officer of the District. Notwithstanding the foregoing, all such notes and any renewals thereof shall mature within one (1) year of the date of their issuance and the interest rate on such notes and renewals thereof shall not exceed five percent (5%) per annum without further authorization from the Board.

Section 10. The validity of the bonds authorized by this resolution and of any notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, may be contested only if:

(A) such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the District is not authorized to expend money; or

(B) the provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of the publication of such resolution or summary thereof, are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication; or

(C) such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the constitution.

Section 11. The District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish the foregoing bond resolution, or a summary thereof, in the Eastwick Press, the official newspaper of the District, said bond resolution or summary to be published together with the District Clerk's statutory notice provided by Section 81.00 of the Law.

Section 11. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

- RESOLVED: That the Board of Education of the Berlin Central School District hereby authorizes an increase in the 2009-2010 general fund budget appropriation in the amount of \$100,000 for a capital outlay project approved by the voters on May 19, 2009

- RESOLVED: That the Board of Education of the Berlin Central School District hereby approves the Five (5) year term proposal from Fair Point

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Communications for the 10 Meg Carrier Ethernet Proposal in the amount of \$1,232 per month plus \$759 for installation – effective 8/19/2009

- RESOLVED: That the Board of Education of the Berlin Central School District hereby approves the 2009-2010 Professional Development Plan as submitted

- RESOLVED: That the Board of Education of the Berlin Central School District hereby approves the late transportation request for 050792JI to Catholic Central for the 2009-2010 school year

- RESOLVED: That the Board of Education of the Berlin Central School District hereby approves the Five (5) year term proposal from Fair Point Communications for the 10 Meg Carrier Ethernet Proposal in the amount of \$720.00 per month plus \$884.80 for installation from Berlin Elementary School to the MS/HS – effective 8/19/2009

- RESOLVED: That the Board of Education of the Berlin Central School District hereby approves additional funding, not to exceed \$6,500, for the completion of the outside basketball court – effective 8/19/2009

- On the motion of John Greene, second by Jeffrey Paine, the Board unanimously approved the following:

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education of the Berlin Central School District hereby approves the construction of a Distance Learning Classroom at the MS/HS through NERIC at a cost not to exceed \$120,000

In the President's Report, Mr. Zwack reported out on some of the items that were discussed at the Board Retreat.

- **Development of a Building Referendum**
- **Superintendent Search**
- **On-going Fiscal Planning**
- **Distance Learning**
- **Establish Gains – Report out**
- **Shared Services through out the district**

President Zwack appointed John Greene to the Audit Committee.

In the Superintendent's Report, Ms. Gregory reported that the District has been notified that it is a recipient of the Carol White, PEAK Grant in the amount of \$1,368,932 over three years that will be shared with Troy.

Ms. Gregory also reported that she had spoken with Tim Kremer from the New York State School Boards Association. Mr. Kremer will be presenting at the September meeting on working relations; the Role of the Board & Superintendent.

Administrative members gave a report out on the 2008-2009 Educational Results.

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Under Old Business, the Board discussed the July motion regarding the Superintendent Search. On the motion of Liz Miller, second by Jeffrey Paine, the Board of Education agreed to re-visit the Superintendent Search and commence with a tentative schedule as of January 2, 2010 with 4 YES votes (Goodermote, Miller, Paine, Zwack) and 2 NO votes (Greene, Stewart).

- On the motion of Liz Miller, second by Jeffrey Paine, the Board unanimously approved the following:

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education of the Berlin Central School District hereby adopts the tax levy for the 2009-2010 school year in the amount of \$8,317,221 and directs the tax warrant for 2009-2010 to be signed by at least three members of the Board of Education.

Also be it,

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education of the Berlin Central School District hereby adopts the following tax levies and tax rates per \$1,000 assessed for the 2009-2010 year:

Town	Tax Rate/\$1,000 Assessed	Tax Apportionment by Town
Berlin	59.90	2,124,035
Grafton	173.45	2,144,687
Petersburgh	25.09	1,364,299
Poestenkill	58.05	258,849
Stephentown	46.42	2,425,352

The Opportunity for Public comment portion included concerns regarding class work and Regents Testing.

Calendar of Meetings

Tuesday, September 15, 2009 – Regular Meeting – MS/HS – 7:00 PM

On motion of Bev Stewart, executive session to discuss personnel items was entered at 8:34 PM, with public session resuming at 9:00 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 PM on motion of Bev Stewart, second by Liz Miller.

Mary M. Grant, District Clerk