

5/20/2009 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, Donald French, Elizabeth Miller, Thomas Morelli, Jeffrey Paine, Beverly Stewart

**Absent:** No one

**Also Present:** Charlotte Gregory, Cathie Allain, Dennis Healy, Eileen Leffler, Jennifer Morris, Sandra Owens

**Guests included:** Lauren Nichols, Tracy Peter, Beth Bourassa, David Flint, Becky Giumarra, Gina Goodermote, Ken Masterson, Diane Paine, Dawn Demick, Andy Zlotnick, RC Miller, and John Greene

President Zwack convened the meeting at 7:04 PM with all seven board members present.

District Clerk, Mary Grant, thanked the volunteers who helped with annual budget vote and board member election and announced the results as follows:

**2009-2010 Budget**

Yes 595

No 248

The Budget for the 2009 – 2010 school year is not to exceed \$18,281,716. This is an increase of (zero) 0% in the tax levy.

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**Proposition #1 – Bus Purchase**

Yes 521

No 295

Proposition #1 is to purchase five (5) school buses (two (2) van-style buses; three (3) 65-passenger buses) and expend an amount not to exceed \$388,159.00, to be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of said School District and collected in annual installments as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law; and in anticipation of such tax, obligations of said School District shall be issued.

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**Proposition #2 – ADA Improvement Project**

Yes 512

No 287

Proposition #2 is to reconstruct, and construct ADA accessibility improvements to Berlin Elementary School building, including all original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus, appurtenances, site improvement, and incidental improvements and expenses in connection

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therewith, and is further authorized to expend therefore an amount not to exceed \$100,000, to be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of said School District and collected in annual installments as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law; and in anticipation of such tax, obligations of said School District may be issued.

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Board Of Education – (Julie Darling Incumbent) *July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2012*

Julie Darling	<u>309</u>
John Greene	<u>654</u>

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Board of Education – (Donald French Incumbent) *July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2012*

Gina Goodermote	<u>612</u>
John Nash	<u>334</u>

On motion of Liz Miller, second by Jeffrey Paine, minutes of the 4/21/2009, 5/5/2009, and 5/6/2009 meetings were approved.

Action Item IV 2 Personnel was pulled for further discussion.

Discussion occurred and Action Items 5, 10, 11 and 12 were pulled for more information.

On motion of Liz Miller, second by Julie Darling, the following Action Items (#1, 3,4,6,7, 8, and 9) were unanimously approved:

- Treasurer’s Reports from 4/1/2009 – 4/30/2009 General Fund, Trust & Agency Fund, School Lunch Fund, Special Aid Fund, and Capital Fund
- RESOLVED: That the Board of Education of the Berlin Central School District hereby accepts the April 2009 Claims Audit as submitted.
- RESOLVED: That the Board of Education of the Berlin Central School District hereby approves the following amendment to the 2008-2009 Questar III Final Service Request:
  - Addition of 81312 to Challenge Program Coser 232.010 – effective 4/28/2009
- RESOLVED: That the Board of Education of the Berlin Central School District hereby approves the following 2008-2010 health services contracts:
  - Enlarged City School District of Troy in the amount of \$4,544.05 for 7 students
  - Watervliet City School District in the amount of \$594.09 for 1 student

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**- 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	ISBN/Part No.	Description	Bldg
68	0-13-433687-9	World Explorer: the Ancient World Copyright 1998	HS

**- RESOLVED: That the Board of Education of the Berlin Central School District hereby awards the 2009-2010 lawn services contracts as follows:**

**Maxon Enterprises – Daryl Maxon – Mow and Trim**

- Stephentown Elementary School - \$120
- Grafton Elementary School - \$120
- Berlin Elementary School - \$200

**Upstate Property Management – Jim Willis – Mow and Trim**

- Berlin Middle/High School - \$446.67

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

Item	Serial Number	Person	Amount
Artley Clarinet	711180	Kathy Burdick	\$150.00
Armstrong Clarinet	757028	Kathy Burdick	\$150.00
Besson French Horn BN412	05073	Mary Lou MacNaughton	\$750.00
Bundy Trumpet	762274	Mary Lou MacNaughton	\$150.00

In the President's Report, Mr. Zwack reported that he had attended the Middle School Robotics presentation and was impressed with the work of the students. Mr. Zwack also reported that he has asked a former RPI Professor to come and speak at a board meeting regarding teaching for a different way of learning.

Curriculum Coordinators, Tracy Peter and Lauren Nichols, presented information on the results of the state ELA testing and local math testing that has been done. Comparisons between the local math testing and the state math testing will be done. Both reported that gains are being made and that everyone is working to reach beyond.

In other business, Don French asked for more information on the WJ Cowee Course and the Alternative Energy Course. Mr. French also questioned why the number of sporting events had been reduced for the 2009-10 school year; this was a Section II decision.

Beverly Stewart asked for clarification on Title 1 funding. Tom Morelli asked about the HS summer school (Regents Exams) and Frank Zwack suggested that a special meeting be held whereby the administration would provide a presentation on all of the testing requirements for students.

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### **Calendar of Meetings**

**Tuesday, June 2, 2009 – Superintendent Search Workshop – HS – 7:00 PM**

**Tuesday, June 16, 2009 – Regular Meeting – HS – 8:00 PM – celebration of retirees to begin at 7:00 PM**

**On motion of Beverly Stewart, second by Liz Miller, executive session to discuss personnel items was entered at 9:07 PM, with public session resuming at 10:40 PM on motion of Jeffrey Paine, second by Liz Miller.**

**On the motion of Liz Miller, second by Jeffrey Paine, the following personnel action was unanimously approved:**

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

**Upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent to appoint the following people to the 2008-2009 Instructional Substitute List – effective 5/21/2009**

**Wood-Rennie, Sabrina – Non-Certified**

**Upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent to appoint the following people to the 2008-2009 Non-Instructional Substitute List – effective 5/21/2009**

**Cahill, Biffy – Aide, Monitor, Typist, TA**

### **CHANGE IN HOURS**

**Upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent to increase the hours of Pamela DeShane – Monitor – from 6.5 hours to 8 hours per day – effective 4/22/2009**

### **APPOINTMENTS**

**Upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent to set the non-instructional substitute rate for Maintenance Worker @ \$12.53 per hour – effective 5/21/2009**

**Upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent to appoint the following person to the 2008-2009 Non-Instructional Substitute List – effective 5/21/2009**

**Hake, Jr., Bruce – Maintenance Worker, Custodial Worker**

**Upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent to appoint to tenure Jennifer Morris, Director of Pupil Services, effective 7/1/2009**

### **LEAVE REQUESTS**

**Upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent to approve the Family & Medical Leave Request of Tracy Peter – Elementary Teacher – effective 9/1/2009 – 10/30/2009**

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**Upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent to approve the Family & Medical Leave Request of Jessica Rontey – Elementary Teacher – effective 9/1/2009 – 1/1/2010**

**RESIGNATION**

**Upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent to accept the resignation of Nancy Sweener – Account Clerk Typist – effective 5/1/2009**

**On the motion of Beverly Stewart, second by Tom Morelli the Board of Education approved the Consultant Agreement with Dr. Vincent J. Coppola (Western New York Educational Service Council, Buffalo, NY) - as per the contract with 4 YES votes (Julie Darling, Donald French, Tom Morelli, Beverly Stewart) and 3 NO votes (Liz Miller, Jeffrey Paine, Frank Zwack).**

**The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 PM on motion of Jeffrey Paine, second by Beverly Stewart.**

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**Mary M. Grant, District Clerk**