

The Bolton Board of Education held its regularly scheduled Business Meeting on January 14, 2016. Members present were Chair Liz Krueger, Vice Chair Andrew Broneill, Kate Gallé, Stacy Reed, Scott Rich and Alison Romkey. Julie Begin was absent. Superintendent Kristin Heckt was also present.

- A. Call to Order – Chair Liz Krueger called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- B. Celebration of Excellence – the following students were recognized:
 - BCS Grade 3 Student Achievers – Olivia Balskus, Jack Martin, and McKayla Maynard
 - BCS Grade 4 Student Achievers – Cassidy Fournier, Emily Meagher, and Dimani Rainford
 - BHS HOBY Award Recipient – Irene Swenson
- C. Comments from the Audience – None
- D. Additions to Agenda – None
- E. Routine Business Items
 - 1. Communications to Board Members – None
 - 2. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Regular December 10, 2015 – A **motion** to approve the minutes with the correction under G.1.a. - Alison Romkey voted no - was presented by Kate Gallé, 2nd by Andrew Broneill; minutes approved MUP.
 - b. Special Meeting December 10, 2015 – A **motion** to approve the minutes was presented by Kate Gallé, 2nd by Andrew Broneill; minutes approved MUP.
 - 3. BHS Student Representatives Report – Justin Wiles reported that the winter sports season has started. Boys’ basketball is off to a slow start. Girls’ basketball is doing very well. Hockey and gymnastics are doing well. The Robotics Team made it to the quarter finals last weekend and took home the Sportsmanship Award. Elena Harvey reported that Mr. BHS is coming soon. Also, she attended a middle school leadership conference with some of our middle school students and it was great.
 - 4. Board of Education Committee Reports
 - a. Finance – Alison Romkey reported budget expenditures are at 40% as of December 31, 2015.
 - b. Transportation – Stacy Reed reported the subcommittee (she and Julie Begin) met with Superintendent Heckt on January 12 to review all information received as part of the bid submissions and it is our recommendation that we contract with M & J Bus Company. There was a brief discussion about the safety record and overall satisfaction with the company. A **motion** for the Board to approve the awarding of the 2016-2021 transportation contract to M & J Bus Company was presented by Stacy Reed, 2nd by Kate Gallé; MUP.
 - 5. Community Meeting Reports / Board of Education – None
 - 6. Superintendent of Schools Report
 - a. CAPA – Our technology specialist, Alan Jacques in coordination with CREC have recommended we replace our server next year and not wait another year. As a result, this item needs to be added as number 2 on this year’s CAPA list. A **motion** to add the server as number two to this year’s CAPA list was presented by Alison Romkey; 2nd by Scott Rich; MUP.
 - b. BPS Making a Difference
Mary Grande shared that at BCS staff and students have participated in numerous activities to support the school and the greater community including Penny Wars, Operation Heat, Carnation Drive for Make-A-Wish,

food drives to restock food pantries including HVCC, Toys for Tots, Veteran's Day Assembly, senior citizen luncheon and CCMC PJ day. As a staff, BCS has collected money and donated to families in need throughout the year and this is done through the Sunshine Committee.

Joe Maselli shared that at BHS this fall, a group of 13 BHS students were trained and certified by UConn to participate, and travelled in shifts to the health clinics on Wednesday evenings. They assisted with patient care by conversing with non-English speaking patients, taking and recording patient vital signs (pulse, blood pressure and blood glucose levels) and then observing and asking questions as part of the small medical teams assigned to each patient. Students made weekly visits to Manchester Manor. The Red Cross has been so pleased with our blood drive program that we now have five drives per year. Operation Christmas Child / Operation Shoebox (boxes of simple toys and hygiene products distributed to children in need globally). Astronomy class hosted a town wide star watch in November.

In addition, our BHS students:

Volunteered for Breakfast with Santa and Easter Bunny for Fire Department

Volunteered at Toy Drives

Volunteered for Manchester Historical Society Gala

Hosted mitten/hat tree for donation to local shelters

Hosted canned food drive for Bolton Food pantry

Hosted WHAM food drive competition

Hosted 4 families for Thanksgiving and Christmas

Ms. Scott continued her "cookie tasting" tradition inviting senior citizens into BHS over the holidays. The Spanish club has been sponsoring three Latin American kids in Ecuador and Nicaragua for about 12 years now. They have raised funds for the kids to have their basic medical and school needs met.

Mr. Maselli also shared that Wednesday, January 20th is the 8th Grade Open House at BHS at 6:30 pm.

F. Unfinished Business – None

G. New Business

1. French Trip – Superintendent Heckt presented information on behalf of staff member Chris Pallis for Board approval of a trip to France in April 2017. A **motion** to approve the trip to France in April 2017 was presented by Alison Romkey, 2nd by Andrew Broneill; MUP.
2. Retirements – A **motion** to approve the retirement of Michele Dayton was presented by Kate Gallé, 2nd by Scott Rich; MUP. A **motion** to approve the retirement of Rich Nietupski was presented by Kate Gallé, 2nd by Scott Rich; MUP. A **motion** to approve the retirement of Brenda Solenzio was presented by Kate Gallé, 2nd by Scott Rich; MUP. A **motion** to approve the retirement of Joseph Jankowski was presented by Kate Gallé, 2nd by Scott Rich; MUP.

H. Future Business – None

I. Executive Session – A motion to go into Executive Session to discuss the Superintendent's Mid-Year Review of Goals was presented by Alison Romkey; 2nd by Kate Gallé; MUP. The Board came out of Executive Session by consensus.

J. Adjournment – A motion to adjourn was presented by Alison Romkey, 2nd by Scott Rich; MUP. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin B. Heckt
Superintendent