

The Bolton Board of Education held its regularly scheduled Business Meeting on November 12, 2015. Members present were Chair Matt Giuffre, Julie Begin, Chris Davey, Kate Gallé, Liz Krueger and Alison Romkey. Superintendent Kristin Heckt was also present. Member Rich Hayes was absent.

- A. Call to Order – Chair Giuffre called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.
- B. Celebration of Excellence – The following students were recognized:  
BCS Grade 7 Student Achievers – Lillian Giering and Lucas Carini  
BCS Grade 8 Student Achievers - Allison Bradley and Zacharie Pelletier  
BHS Student Achievers – Elizabeth Allegretti, recipient of the Comcast Leaders and Achievers Award and Melissa Buckley, recipient of the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Award. Christopher Cassello was recognized as the 2015 Boys Cross Country Class ‘S’ State Champion. The Boys and Girls Cross Country team members were also recognized for their 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place finishes in the State Class ‘S’ Championship.  
Departing Board members Chris Davey, Chair Matt Giuffre and Rich Hayes were also recognized and thanked for their service to the Board of Education.
- C. Comments From the Audience - none
- D. Additions to Agenda - Superintendent Heckt asked that item G.1 be moved up to the next item; and that new items G.3 - Resignation and E.6.c - Revision to School Calendar 2016-2017 be added. The Board agreed.
- E. Routine Business Items
  - 1. Communications to Board Members - Chris Davey noted that a parent expressed concern to him on the amount of time being spent on music classes at the middle school and that it would be better devoted to academics. Mr. Davey suggested to the parent that they contact Sarah Malinoski, Director of Instructional Technology and Curriculum or Superintendent Heckt. Chair Giuffre received a letter from the Town Clerk regarding the window of dates that a new chairman must be elected by for the BOE. The letter was given to Superintendent Heckt.
  - 2. Approval of Minutes
    - a. October 8, 2015 - A **motion** to approve the minutes was presented by Kate Gallé; 2nd by Liz Krueger; MUP.
  - 3. BHS Student Representatives Report - Justin Wiles reported on the school fall athletic team season results and that the Girls Soccer Team will play in the quarter finals tomorrow at BHS. He also provided information on the winter sports teams that will include wrestling this year. Elena Harvey reported on the many student activities which included Trick or Treat for canned goods; leaf raking; a Blood Drive on November 17; a leadership conference in East Hartford; Eastern Region auditions; NCCC music festival; BHS concert; Unity Session that provided students to gather for various game play such as scrabble, bocce, cribbage and even the Harry Potter quidditch game; Hockanum Valley food competition among classes involving the collection of class assigned food items which will also include family and business solicitation. There are also several fund raising

events being held by the BHS Band (selling pasta and spice), Yearbook (selling decorated wreaths), Class of 2018 is holding a Subway event tonight; Yankee Candles and a night at Chipotle. Elena will confirm that information for leaf raking is available at the Senior Center.

4. Board of Education Committee Reports
  - a. Curriculum - Liz Krueger reported the committee met and discussed the items on the agenda.
  - b. Finance - Alison Romkey reported that approximately 24% of the 2015-2016 BOE budget has been expended.
5. Community Meeting Reports / Board of Education - Alison Romkey attended the monthly CREC Council meeting; Chris Davey attended the Bolton Scholarship Fund meeting and was elected Secretary. He reported that the group is looking to involve students in their community mailings as community service hours.
6. Superintendent of Schools Report
  - a. Policy 5131.911 - Bullying - Superintendent Heckt presented recent legislative changes necessary to this recently revised policy and asked for Board approval of the proposed changes. A **motion** to approve the policy changes as noted was presented by Alison Romkey; 2nd by Liz Krueger; MUP. Chris Davey expressed concern over the language in certain areas with regard to law enforcement questioning of students and the need for parental/guardian approval or presence. Due to the relatively significant nature of the concerns, it was decided that Chris would send the specific concerns to the Policy Subcommittee for further consideration and review and that the policy as presented would be approved.
  - b. FOI Request - Superintendent Heckt stated that Rich Hayes sent a revised FOI Request that was received in the BOE on October 29, 2015 and a response was sent on October 30, 2015 with copies to all BOE members. This request has now been complied with and is considered fully responded to.
  - c. 2016-2017 School Calendar Revision - Superintendent Heckt recently received information that designates February 21, 2017 as a CREC Regional PD day. Districts are required by the CSDE to follow the 2016-2017 school calendar PD days as set by CREC. This requires a change to designate the original February 17, 2017 PD day as a Winter Recess day and to designate the original February 21, 2017 Winter Recess day as a PD day to be in compliance. Liz Krueger presented a **motion** to approve the noted changes; 2nd by Chris Davey; MUP.

F. Unfinished Business

1. Request for Naming of Space - Alumni Association - Superintendent Heckt read the policy requirements in section G.4 of Policy 7000 that pertains to naming space in the school buildings. Resident and Alumni Association President, John Toomey, provided background information to the Board and after discussion, it was agreed that the topic would be moved to Unfinished Business and be addressed by the new Board.
2. Policies - Second Read
  - a. 1250 - School Visitors – A **motion** to approve presented by Kate Gallé; 2nd by Liz Krueger; MUP.
  - b. 1324 - Soliciting Funds from and by Students – A **motion** to approve was presented by Kate Gallé; 2nd by Liz Krueger; MUP.

- c. 1325 - Advertising and Promotion – A **motion** to approve was presented by Kate Gallé; 2nd by Liz Krueger; MUP.
- d. 1411 - Relations With Law Enforcement – A **motion** to approve was presented by Kate Gallé; 2nd by Liz Krueger; Chris Davey presented some concerns on the language and after discussion it was agreed that he would send the specific concerns to Superintendent Heckt and they would be forwarded to CABE for review. **Motion** was withdrawn.
- e. 1700 - Otherwise Lawful Possession of Firearms on School Property – A **motion** to approve was presented by Kate Gallé; 2nd by Liz Krueger; after discussion, the **motion** passed 5-1 with Alison Romkey voting against.
- f. 5141.4 - Reporting Child Abuse – A **motion** to approve was presented by Kate Gallé; 2nd by Liz Krueger; after discussion on language concerns, it was agreed the policy would be sent back to the Subcommittee for additional review. **Motion** was withdrawn.
- g. 5141.7 - Concussions – A **motion** to approve presented by Kate Gallé; 2nd by Liz Krueger; MUP with the suggested editorial changes.
- h. 6146 - Graduation Requirements – A **motion** to approve was presented by Kate Gallé; 2nd by Liz Krueger; MUP with the suggested changes.
- i. 9325.43 - Attendance at Meeting via Electronic Communications - A **motion** to approve was presented by Kate Gallé; 2nd by Liz Krueger; after discussion on several aspects of the language, the **motion** was withdrawn. Nick Caruso from CABE, provided additional information on the policy topic. Mr. Caruso was facilitating a BOE Special Meeting scheduled to immediately follow the Business Meeting. After all considerations, a **motion** was presented by Kate Gallé to approve the policy with the removal of the language in item a. under the Guidelines pertaining to the three (3) day notice prior to the meeting requirement for; 2nd by Liz Krueger; **motion** passed 5-1 with Chris Davey voting against.

G. New Business

- 1. Spain Trip - Spring 2017 – Senor' Ruiz requested approval for the trip and presented information on the dates, itinerary, number of anticipated students, chaperones and which students are eligible. A **motion** to approve the trip was presented by Kate Gallé; 2nd by Chris Davey; MUP.
- 2. Procedures on Amending Minutes - it was agreed this item would be continued as Future Business.
- 3. Resignation - Superintendent Heckt presented a resignation letter from SPED IA, Martine Scott effective November 30. A **motion** to accept the resignation was presented by Kate Gallé; 2nd by Alison Romkey; MUP.

H. Future Business - none

- I. Adjournment - A **motion** to adjourn was presented by Chris Davey; 2nd by Liz Krueger; MUP. The meeting adjourned at 8:02 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori Boyd  
Board Clerk