

The Bolton Board of Education held its regularly scheduled Business Meeting on May 12, 2016. Members present were Chair Liz Krueger, Vice Chair Andrew Broneill, Chris Davey, Kate Gallé, Stacy Reed, Scott Rich and Alison Romkey. Superintendent Kristin Heckt was also present.

- A. Call to Order – Chair Liz Krueger called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.
- B. Celebration of Excellence – the following students were recognized:

Bolton High School Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) – 2016 State Leadership Conference results:

Marketing, 1st Place – Jessica Larsh and Rose Zimmerman

Insurance and Risk Management, 1st Place – Justin Wiles

Job Interview, 1st Place – Taylor Kerr

Accounting, 2nd Place – Erica Dean

Sports and Entertainment Marketing, 3rd Place – Christina Langton and Nicholas Nemphos

Website Design, 3rd Place – Ryan Caldwell, Alex Nemphos and Sean Sharp

Who's Who Bolton FBLA – Alex Nemphos

Connecticut Association of School Superintendents (CAPSS) Student Recognition:

BCS – Samantha Bailey and Matthew Weir

BHS – Alexis Frame and Michael Welch

Connecticut Association of Boards of Education (CABE) Student Leadership Award:

BCS – Marta Herasimowicz and Matthew Zakowski.

BHS – Sean Eaton-Robb and Elena Harvey

Chair Liz Krueger, Board member Scott Rich and Superintendent Heckt left the meeting at 7:00 PM to attend the Board of Finance meeting. Vice Chair Andrew Broneill continued the meeting and Beth Goldsnider, Director of Student Support Services filled in for Superintendent Heckt.

- C. Comments From the Audience – none
- D. Additions to Agenda – none
- E. Routine Business Items
 - 1. BHS Student Representatives Report – Justin Wiles reported that the spring sports are well underway and noted that the Girls Tennis has qualified for the State Tournament. Principal Maselli added this is the first time the team has made this level. Elena Harvey reported that the Jr./Sr. Prom is May 20 at A Villa Louisa, the Senior Outing is May 27, senior exams begin June 2, and Student Council elections will be held May 31.
 - 2. Communications to Board Members – Both Alison Romkey and Kate Gallé noted they had received numerous questions from parents on a rumor that BCS will be on the same time schedule next year. Parents were assured that was not the case and

any changes to BCS school schedules would require Board approval. Chris Davey added that yes, the decision to not make any changes for next year was made, but that it is still an available option for possible, future review.

3. Approval of Minutes

- a. April 7, 2016 – A **motion** to approve the minutes was presented by Alison Romkey, 2nd by Andrew Broneill; Chris Davey asked that E.6.d. be corrected to read “are accounted for” and that the time of Superintendent Heckt’s departure in G.5. be corrected to 8:34 PM. The Board agreed with the corrections. Chris also asked for clarification on the transfer request noted in E.4.b. and it was agreed that information would be forthcoming from the Superintendent’s office. The **motion** passed 4-0 with Kate Gallé abstaining

4. Board of Education Committee Reports

- a. Building and Grounds – Andrew Broneill reported the committee has met several times and will be going forward with only the sidewalk replacement and not parking lot paving at BCS. There was a recent change in project coordination from the Town to the BOE, as well as new requirements for specs and both projects cannot be accomplished at one time. The paving will be planned for next year. It was also noted that the Carpet to Tile project at BCS may be in jeopardy as funds won’t be appropriated until July 1st, yet the contractors need 3-4 weeks to order materials and the project needs to be completed by August. Discussion continued on how this project change could be made at such a late date in regard to the timeframe needed to accomplish it.

Board member Scott Rich returned to the meeting at 7:20 PM.

There was also discussion on the tennis courts and Scott Rich added that the courts are actually a Town property, located on school grounds. Kate Gallé noted she would contact First Selectman Bob Morra to follow-up on questions regarding the BCS Sidewalk/Paving project and would bring these concerns and the tennis courts and Fields project to the next 2+2+2 meeting.

- b. Curriculum – Chris Davey reported the committee reviewed the Contemporary Math Topics and Grade 5 Social Studies curriculum updates and that the committee is requesting Board approval this evening under item G.1.a and b. New graduation requirements were also discussed.
- c. Finance – Alison Romkey reported that budget is at a 76% expenditure through April 30, 2016.
- d. Personnel – Kate Gallé reported the committee has been meeting regularly for negotiations of IA, AA and BAA contracts, as well as review and preparation of the Superintendent’s Evaluation.
- e. Policy – Kate Gallé reported the committee has recommended the Board use model policies provided from Shipman and Goodwin and will meet next on May 23. She also noted there is a high volume of policy review work that has been completed and still to be done, mostly as a result of legal mandates and thanked committee member Chris Davey for his efforts.

5. Community Meeting Reports / Board of Education – Scott Rich noted he attended the District Safety meeting. Chris Davey attended the Bolton Scholarship Fund

meeting and they voted on this year's awards that will be presented on June 7 at Senior Celebration. The group also recognized and thanked BHS retiring staff member Joe Jankowski for his years of service to the organization. There was also a recognition and sincere thanks expressed for the past years support of community member Bruce Ralston who recently passed away. Chris Davey also attended a Town Planning and Zoning Commission meeting and wanted to make the Board aware of two items. A recent approval for a home-based gunsmith business on Loomis Road and the fact that the Town of Andover is considering allowing a natural gas infusion station to be built on Rt. 6 and Rt. 87 intersection and there is a public hearing on June 20 in Andover on the subject. Chris wanted to make sure considerations were given to potential bus impact for Columbia students and any additional emergency protocols that might need to be put in place if this construction was to move forward. Principal Maselli assured the Board that the District meets annually with Town officials to discuss any local changes that might have a safety impact on Bolton. Kate Gallé attended a 2+2+2 meeting and had discussions on how the three Boards can work together to continue to attract Columbia and Choice students and also on finding ways to involve all students through sports and/or music events.

6. Superintendent of Schools Report

- a. 2016-2017 Budget Update – Mrs. Goldsnider reported the budget did not pass at the May 10 Referendum and the next one is scheduled for May 24.
- b. Mastery Based Learning – Principal Maselli provided a brief overview of the goals of the Mastery Based Learning Team which is comprised of BHS Principal, Joe Maselli, Dean of Students, Christine Johnson, and BHS staff members Jennifer Carvalho, Katy Desrosiers, Robin Johnson, Kurt Kiser, Magee Kloepper, Jen Pynch, Paco Ruiz, Abbey Sacco, Wendy Scott and Jennifer Tierney and Mr. Warren Logee from the CT Association of Schools who serves as the MBL Coach. BHS teachers Jen Carvalho and Abbey Sacco presented information on what has been accomplished to date and where the team is heading. Principal Maselli provided information on how the transition might affect students in their BHS career noting it should basically be transparent to them. He also stated he does not see any changes to the needs for resources as the plan is rolled out over the next few years. Also, as a matter of point, Mr. Maselli stated the NEASC accreditation year for BHS has been changed from 2018 to 2019. The Board thanked the presenters for their insightful information and all the good work they are doing.
- c. Healthy Food Certificate – Andrew Broneill read a statement on behalf of Superintendent Heckt outlining why the District doesn't participate in the program. A **motion** to approve not participating in the Healthy Certification Program was presented by Alison Romkey, 2nd by Scott Rich; MUP. Kate Gallé noted it was sad that our budget won't support participation and thanked Food Services Director, Carolyn Burba, for keeping the program self-funding.

Chair Liz Krueger returned to the meeting at 8:05 PM resumed control of the meeting.

F. Unfinished Business

1. Second Read Textbooks
 - a. Contemporary Math Topics – A **motion** to approve the text book was presented by Alison Romkey, 2nd by Andrew Broneill; MUP.
 2. Second Read Policies
 - a. 5141.3 – Health Assessments and Immunizations – A **motion** to approve the policy was presented by Alison Romkey, 2nd by Chris Davey; MUP.
 - b. 6142.101 – Student Nutrition – A **motion** to approve the policy was presented by Stacy Reed, 2nd by Chris Davey; MUP.
 - c. 6173 – Homebound Instruction – A **motion** to approve the policy was presented by Alison Romkey, 2nd by Chris Davey; MUP.
- G. New Business
1. First Read Courses – Alison Romkey noted the subcommittee is requesting approval of the course curriculum. Principal Maselli added the curriculum was developed based on need and the class would be comprised of primarily junior and senior students with no additional staff needed.
 - a. Contemporary Math Topics –A **motion** to approve the Contemporary Math Topics curriculum was presented by Alison Romkey, 2nd by Stacy Reed; MUP.
 - b. Fifth Grade Social Studies – A **motion** to approve the Fifth Grade Social Studies curriculum was presented by Alison Romkey, 2nd by Kate Gallé; MUP.
 2. First Read Policies – Kate Gallé noted the majority of the changes are state mandated and that the language had been simplified for better understanding. The Board was asked to review the changes and make any concerns known to the committee members.
 - a. 5125 – Student Records, Confidentiality
 - b. 6114 – Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness
- H. Future Business – none
- I. Anticipated Executive Session – Discussion / Possible Action on:
1. Rescind Non-Renewal of Non-Tenure Staff
 2. Personnel – Negotiations
 3. Superintendent's Evaluation
- A **motion** to adjourn to Executive Session was presented by Alison Romkey at 8:15 PM, 2nd by Stacy Reed; MUP. The Board came out of Executive Session by consensus at 10:59 PM.
- J. Adjournment – A motion to adjourn the meeting was presented Stacy Reed, 2nd by Alison Romkey; MUP. The meeting adjourned at 11:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Boyd
Board Chair