

The Bolton Board of Education held its regularly scheduled Business Meeting on January 11, 2018. Members present were Chair Liz Krueger, 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 – Superintendent Heckt recognized the following students:
 - BCS – Grade 3 Student Achievers – Chase Lacasse (Mrs. Mishriky), Dahlia Livingston (Mrs. Mikloiche), and Clara Toomey (Mrs. Wunch).
 - BCS – Grade 4 Student Achievers – Haden Coope (Mrs. Casellini), Alyssa Diehl (Mrs. Rose), and Kian Kelsey (Mrs. Fisher).
 - BHS – Victoria White – HOBY (Hugh O’Brian Youth Leadership) award recipient.
- C. Comments from the Audience – None
- D. Additions to Agenda – Superintendent Heckt requested item E.6.b BHS Open House Presentation be added.
- E. Routine Business Items
 - 1. Communications to Board Members – None
 - 2. Approval of Minutes
 - a. December 14, 2017 – A **motion** to approve the minutes was presented by Alison Romkey, 2nd by Andrew Broneill; the motion passed 5-0 with Stacy Reed and Kate Gallé abstained. Chris Davey requested a change to F.1. to clarify that there is no Board policy on providing bike safety instruction. The minutes will be corrected as noted.
 - 3. BHS Student Representatives Report – Arihant Tallapureddy reported that BHS Open House was held Tuesday evening and over 60 families from Bolton and Columbia attended; the 2nd annual VEX Robotics Competition will be hosted at BHS this Saturday from 9:00 to 4:00; mid-term exams have begun; the Boys and Girls Basketball teams are off to a good start with 4 and 5 wins, respectively and the Indoor Track team had good results at the one meet they have attended so far. Superintendent Heckt called attention to the BHS Open House folders that Board members were given.
 - 4. Board of Education Committee Reports
 - a. Finance – Alison Romkey reported the budget is 40% expended with SPED continuing to fluctuate.
 - 5. Community Meeting Reports / Board of Education – no meetings attended and Alison Romkey will attend the monthly CREC meeting next week.
 - 6. Superintendent of Schools Report
 - a. K-5 Update – BCS Principal, Darryl Giard; BCS Asst. Principal, Jessica Szafran and Director of Instructional Technology and Curriculum, Sarah Malinoski, provided an informational update on the changes and improvements in classroom instruction in literacy, mathematics, science, social studies, world language, specials, and the overall school climate. Some items of particular note were Readers Workshop, Foundations (a K-2 initiative), Number Talks, partnership with CREC Science Consortium, STEAM activities, Invention Convention for 8th grade, B.A.R.K Shout Outs during morning announcements,

collaboration with Mansfield, PTA contribution and other resources being used for the purchase of many new books, and the value of staff PD provided by both in-house and outside instructors. Special recognition was given to BCS staff Alison Caruso (middle school science), Chris Garratt (Tech Ed), Wendy Pagani (Gr. 2 and LA Curriculum Leader) and Becky Sullivan (Instructional Coach). Ms. Malinoski noted the success of all these enhancements is the result of the commitment by the BCS staff.

- b. BHS Open House Presentation – BHS Principal, Joe Maselli, gave a brief overview of the Open House format and noted that he had received positive feedback from many parents that evening and in follow-up emails from them. A 12 minute video which included comments from staff, students and parents was viewed. The video is on the school website YouTube Channel link and a copy was sent to Alyssa Gwinnell, Principal at Horace Porter, who will distribute it to all 8th grade Columbia families.

F. Unfinished Business

- 1. Second Read – 2018-2019 School Calendar – A **motion** to approve the 2018-2019 School Calendar was presented by Stacy Reed, 2nd by Andrew Broneill; MUP.
- 2. Non-Fiduciary Account – Superintendent Heckt noted there is no update to report.
- 3. Close-Out of BHS Project – Superintendent Heckt noted there is no update to report.

G. New Business

- 1. First Read – Policies
 - a. 6142.101 – Student Nutrition – Superintendent Heckt noted that this policy was revised in May, 2016 and a minor change is being presented to clarify that PE is taught in grades K-10, with available electives to grades 11 and 12. Chris Davey will send revised language for consideration.
 - b. Resignations – Superintendent Heckt informed the Board of the following staff resignations/retirements.
 - Christa Ackerman – cafeteria employee resigned effective 12/4/2017.
 - Lori Boyd – Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent will retire before August 15, 2018.
 - Suzan Christiana – BHS Guidance Administrative Assistant will retire at the end of this school year.
 - Vicki DeLeo – BCS Grade 5 Teacher will retire at the end of this school year.
 - Patricia LaRochelle – BHS English Teacher will retire at the end of this school year.
 - Nancy Muller – BCS Grade 6 Science Teacher will retire at the end of this school year.

H. Future Business – None

- I. Adjournment – A motion to adjourn was presented at 7:32 PM by Chris Davey, 2nd by Stacy Reed; MUP. Superintendent Heckt reminded the Board that the February BOE meeting is February 1st in the BOE Conference Room and that her Budget Presentation will be on January 24, 2018 at 6:00 PM in the BHS LMC.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Boyd
Board Clerk