

The Bolton Board of Education held its regularly scheduled Business Meeting on October 12, 2017. Members present were Chair Liz Krueger, Andrew Broneill, Chris Davey, Scott Rich and Alison Romkey. Superintendent Kristin Heckt was also present. BOE members Kate Gallé and Stacy Reed were absent.

- A. Call to Order – Chair Krueger called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM.
- B. Celebration of Excellence – Superintendent Heckt recognized the following: The Fire Safety Poster winners, McKayla Maynard and Ryan Connelly, National Student Leadership Summit attendee Sydney Ledoux, and the 2018 National Merit Scholarship Program Commended Students, John Bradley and Irene Swenson.
- C. Comments from the Audience –
  - 1. Brian Dube, 9 Stonehedge Lane, had questions about mastery based learning and where the board is going with it. A presentation was held at open house at BHS and parents were confused. He requested more transparency and openness with parents.
  - 2. Jessica Lacasse, 38 Lucks Way, spoke about concern for her pre-school child and other children in kindergarten because of the class sizes in kindergarten and the importance of small classes. She stated that small class sizes make Bolton what it is and is concerned with next year and to keep in mind that parents are concerned.
  - 3. Michele Lane, 17 Toomey Lane, thanked the board for service and shared that class sizes are a concern for her and she would respectfully ask the Board to consider going to 1/2 day again rather than having a larger full day class sizes. She further stated that knowing the current budget situation she would love to have a committee about creative spending. Is there a way to look at outsourcing to draw kids who attend magnet schools back to Bolton as well as any creative measures to draw in revenue to have tuition based students come to Bolton.
- D. Additions to Agenda – Superintendent Heckt requested AP U.S. Government and Politics Text be added to New Business for a first read and become item G.4.a. She also asked for the current G.1 item to be moved to D.1.
  - 1. BHS Ski Trip – BHS staff member and Ski Club Advisor, Karen Cordero, reviewed the itinerary for the student trip to Loon Mountain in Lincoln, NH on January 19-21, 2018. A **motion** to approve the proposed trip was presented by Alison Romkey; 2nd by Andrew Broneill; MUP.
- E. Routine Business Items
  - 1. Communications to Board Members – None
  - 2. Approval of Minutes
    - a. September 14, 2017 – BOE Business Meeting – A **motion** to approve the minutes was presented by Andrew Broneill, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chris Davey. MUP.
  - 3. BHS Student Representatives Report – Ari Tallapureddy reported that the Bulldog Brigade is new this year and will recognize positive teacher and student behavior. This month Katy Desroisers is teacher of the month and Ben Snuffer is student of the month. Ally chain was made by students as a show of support and unity. PSATs were Wednesday and went very well. Julia Hinckley reported that the football team is undefeated so far this season. The boys' soccer team has qualified for the state tournament and girls volleyball and girls soccer teams are

doing very well. Student council has been very active collecting canned goods and providing leaf raking in the community. Senior Capstone essays have been handed in.

4. Board of Education Committee Reports
    - a. Building and Grounds – Scott Rich reported that Buildings and Grounds did not meet, but the Temporary Building Committee did meet regarding the asbestos abatement project at BCS.
    - b. Curriculum – Andrew Broneill reported that they reviewed the AP U.S. Government and Politics text book that is up for a first read. They also discussed that the new seventh grade social studies curriculum will be coming forward later this year.
    - c. Finance – Alison Romkey reported the budget is 16% expended.
    - d. Personnel – Chair Krueger reported the committee met regarding ongoing negotiations with the BEA.
    - e. Policy – Chris Davey reported there was not a meeting, but the committee did receive and review policies from the 9000 series from Superintendent Heckt.
  5. Community Meeting Reports / Board of Education

Alison attended the CREC Council meeting and the topic of discussion was the current lack of a state budget. Chris attended the PTA meeting and the new fundraiser is going very well. Liz, Chris, and Scott attended the Heritage Farm presentation.
  6. Superintendent of Schools Report
    - a. EASTCONN presented on their Food Services Program and the proposed 20 month pilot with Bolton Public Schools.
    - b. Bolton High School's NEASC visit will be October 6 – 9, 2019.
    - c. School Outfitters donated a Sound Sponge Quiet Divider – A **motion** to approve the donation was presented by Andrew Broneill, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alison Romkey. MUP.
- F. Unfinished Business
1. Non-Fiduciary – Joyce Stille answered questions of the Board regarding the creation of a Non-Fiduciary Account by the Board of Selectmen. The Board shared their concerns with the first draft presented by Ms. Stille and questioned why the revised draft by the Board of Education's attorney is not going to work. Further, members questioned the subsequent recommended Resolution proposed by Ms. Stille and First Selectman Morra. Chair Krueger suggested that both attorneys, Ms. Stille, Superintendent Heckt, herself, and First Selectman Morra get together to discuss further. Ms. Stille said she would look into the suggestion to see if that will work.
  2. Superintendent Heckt shared that the audit for the close-out of the Bolton Central Administration and Bolton High School project is now scheduled for Monday, November 6 through November 9, 2017 and Tuesday, November 14 through Thursday, November 16, 2017.
- G. New Business
1. BCS Asbestos Abatement Project – The Temporary Public Building Committee for the project, Scott Rich and Andrew Broneill, met with Superintendent Heckt and Ray Boyd to review the final plans and project manual and cost estimate for the BCS Asbestos Abatement Project scheduled to take place this coming summer of 2018. The Temporary Public Building Committee approved the plans. Superintendent Heckt shared that the estimated cost for the project is \$290,000. Last spring the state approved the project and approved a reimbursement rate of 48.93%. A **motion** to approve the final plans and project manual and cost

- estimate for the BCS asbestos abatement/replacement project was presented by Chris Davey, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andrew Broneill. MUP.
2. Resignations – Superintendent Heckt presented a resignation from Carrie Burba, Director of Food Services, and thanked her for her outstanding work and dedicate service to the district over the years.
  3. a. First Read – the 20 policies presented for first read will be reviewed and brought forward for second reads next month.  
b. Recommended to be Deleted – the 7 policies recommended to be deleted will be voted on next month.  
c. Second Read Revision 1240 – Superintendent Heckt is requesting that Policy 1240 – Volunteers, Interns, and Other Non-Employees be placed into effect on July1, 2018. The request is being made in order to provide the district additional time to put the requirements into place for Level 1 and Level 2 volunteers and to be able to provide parents and volunteers plenty of notice to meet the new requirements. A **motion** to amend Policy 1240 to go into effect on July 1, 2018 was presented by Alison Romkey, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andrew Broneill. MUP.
  4. Text Books – First Read  
a. AP U.S. Government and Politics Text was presented by Sarah Malinoski.
- H. Future Business – None
- I. Anticipated Executive Session – Discussion / Possible Action on:
1. Contract Negotiations  
A **motion** to adjourn to Executive Session was made by Alison Romkey at 7:47 PM, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chris Davey; MUP. The Board came out of Executive Session by consensus at 8:14 PM. A **motion** to approve the Food Services Collaboration Pilot with EASTCONN was made by Alison Romkey, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andrew Broneill; MUP.
- J. Adjournment – A **motion** to adjourn was presented by Alison Romkey at 8:25 PM, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott Rich; MUP.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin B. Heckt  
Superintendent