

The Bolton Board of Education held its regularly scheduled Business Meeting on May 11, 2017. Members present were Chair Liz Krueger, Andrew Broneill, Chris Davey, Stacy Reed, Scott Rich and Alison Romkey. Interim Superintendent Beth Goldsnider was also present. Board member Kate Gallé was absent.

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

Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents (CAPSS) Student Recognition Award recipients:

BCS – Katrina Erwin and Andrew Fiano  
BHS – Marissa Kowal and Nicholas Nemphos

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

BCS – Madeline Bolduc and Luke Lourenco  
BHS – Katherine Monroe and Justin Wiles

Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) – 2017 State Leadership Conference placements:

Kylee Czerwinski and Emilia Herasimovicz – 1<sup>st</sup> Place Marketing  
Kaitlyn Keeler – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Personal Finance  
Dan Buckson, Audrey Dean and Justin Wiles – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Entrepreneurship  
Megan Callahan, Scott Fisher and Sam Pagani – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Sports and Entertainment Marketing  
Erica Dean – 4<sup>th</sup> Place Introduction to Financial Calculations

BHS Robotics Team: Parker Allen, Cait Altermatt, Dan Altermatt, John Bradley, Jack Brudz, Morgan Dufour, Leif Ekstrom, Ken Goddu, Ben Jacobsen, Jared Keegan, Chris Merola, Nickolai Possokhov, Alex Prior, Abby Rockefeller, Liz Sansevero, Mike Sonntag, Irene Swenson and Justin Wiles.

Advisors Elz Antunes and Tom DiMauro also recognized Mrs. Trish Brudz as the parent volunteer of the year and recognized Drew Monroe, BHS 2014 graduate, as being the true founder of the BHS Robotics Team with his senior Capstone project and introduction of robotics to the BHS community.

- C. Comments from the Audience – none
- D. Additions to Agenda – none
- E. Routine Business Items
  - 1. Communications to Board Members – Chris Davey received a communication from a school in England that is interested in partnering with BCS and he will pass that along to the BCS Administration.

2. Approval of Minutes
  - a. April 6, 2017 BOE Business Meeting – Scott Rich requested that the wording in item E.4.a. be corrected from ...repair of the cistern... to ...installing a cistern.... A **motion** to approve the minutes with the noted correction was presented by Stacy Reed; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andrew Broneill; MUP.
  - b. May 1, 2017 BOE Special Meeting – A **motion** to approve the minutes was presented by Chris Davey; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott Rich; motion passed 5-0. Andrew Broneill abstained.
  - c. May 11, 2017 BOE Special Meeting – A **motion** to approve the minutes was presented by Andrew Broneill, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stacy Reed; motion passed 5-0. Chris Davey abstained.
3. BHS Student Representatives Report – Julia Hinckley reported that the juniors have handed in their Capstone proposals and the Jr./Sr. Prom is next Friday in Farmington. Justin Wiles reported that the senior Capstone night was successful and well attended and students are finishing AP testing. The senior outing will be held later this month.
4. Board of Education Committee Reports
  - a. Curriculum – Chris Davey reported the committee met on May 2<sup>nd</sup> and discussed the Gr. 6 Social Studies curriculum.
  - b. Finance – Alison Romkey reported the committee met and 76% of the budget is expended.
  - c. Personnel – no meeting
  - d. Policy – no meeting
5. Community Meeting Reports / Board of Education – Alison Romkey attended the CREC Council meeting. Chris Davey attended the Bolton Scholarship Fund meeting. They received over 110 applicants and will determine the awards next week. The awards will be announced at Senior Celebration. Andrew Broneill attended the Board of Finance meeting on May 4<sup>th</sup> and the BOE had an additional \$31K cut from their budget.
6. Superintendent of Schools Report – Interim Superintendent Beth Goldsnider provided the following report:
  - a. 2016-2017 Budget Update – The BCS Restroom/Locker Room project will proceed with the alternate option of using new sinks and bases. There is money to cover this additional cost and the project will be done over the summer. The Bolton Booster Club has offered to donate \$8491.50 to fix the softball field. A **motion** to accept the gracious donation was made by Stacy Reed; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alison Romkey; MUP. Chair Liz Krueger and Andrew Broneill had met with First Selectman Bob Morra and Mike Eremita and discussed the possibility of the Town crew working collaboratively over the summer with Ray Boyd to fix the baseball and soccer fields. The softball and baseball backstops will need to be replaced prior to any field work.
  - b. 2017-2018 Budget Update – The Board of Finance has cut the BOE budget by a total of \$131K and the referendum is on May 23, 2017.
  - c. Professional Development and Teacher/Administrator Evaluation Update – Director of Instructional Technology and Curriculum, Sarah Malinoski, provided a handout with summarized information on the 2016-2017 PD opportunities that were available. BCS staff member Wendy Pagani has expressed an interest in joining the committee next year and voluntarily gave some feedback to the Board on the PD that has been provided with particular note on the importance of the Instructional Coach position that has coordinated and/or facilitated various PD

opportunities to the staff and provides valuable classroom benefits to both staff and students. Committee members provided additional feedback on the value of the available PD noting the importance of the collaborative work time, dedicated curriculum writing time and the value of meeting with other district teachers in the same field. Ms. Malinoski also shared there will be a necessary instructional focus on the district's new student information system, Power School, during some of next year's PD days. Information on the Teacher/Administrator Evaluation was also provided noting the decoupling of evaluations and testing results and that the CSDE is yet to respond with specific parameters of those changes, but that, as a district, the documents are constantly being updated and paired down to become a better working tool.

Members of the PD committee are Vicki Deleo, Diana Mikloiche, Colin Dennis and Becky Sullivan from BCS and Wendy Scott and Jen Carvalho from BHS. Both school administrators also provide input.

- d. Healthy Food Certification – Interim Superintendent Goldsnider provided background information that our district's past practice has been to not request HFC because of the cost constraints involved with participating in the program and requested Board approval to, again, not request HFC for the 2017-2018 school year. A **motion** to not request Healthy Food Certification for the 2017-2018 school year was made by Alison Romkey, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stacy Reed; MUP.

F. Unfinished Business

- 1. BHS Project Update – Chair Liz Krueger noted the Town is still on schedule for a June 30, 2017 close-out.

G. New Business

- 1. Rockville VoAg Agricultural Consulting Committee Appointment – Interim Superintendent Goldsnider noted that the district received a request from Karen Fitzpatrick, Department Head of the Rockville Vo-Ag program, to have the Board approve the appointment of Brian Picarello to Rockville Agricultural Consulting Committee as our town's representative. Ms. Goldsnider provided some background information on the basic responsibilities of the Committee in response to this request and asked for Board approval of the appointment. A **motion** to approve the appointment of Brian Picarello to the Rockville Agricultural Consulting Committee was presented by Alison Romkey, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stacy Reed; MUP.

H. Future Business – none

I. Anticipated Executive Session – Discussion/Possible Action on:

- 1. Superintendent's Evaluation

A **motion** to go into Executive Session was presented by Stacy Reed at 7:34 PM, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andrew Broneill; MUP. The Board came out of Executive Session by consensus at 8:02 PM.

- J. Adjournment – A **motion** to adjourn was presented by Chris Davey, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stacy Reed; MUP. The meeting adjourned at 8:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Boyd  
Board Clerk