

The Bolton Board of Education held its regularly scheduled Business Meeting on September 14, 2017. Members present were Chair Liz Krueger, Andrew Broneill, Chris Davey, Stacy Reed, Scott Rich and Alison Romkey. Superintendent Kristin Heckt was also present. BOE member Kate Gallé was absent.

- A. Call to Order – Chair Krueger called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.
- B. Celebration of Excellence – Superintendent Heckt recognized the following: The Bolton Booster Club for their substantial monetary contribution to the improvements made to the BHS softball field (President, Tim Callahan attended) and the PTA for their donation of shade screens at the BCS play scape (President, Lauren Marx and Vice-President, Christina Morra-Tiu attended) and Alexis Noheimer, Bolton Public Schools Teacher of the Year for 2017-2018. Alexis was unable to attend.
- C. Comments from the Audience – None
- D. Additions to Agenda – Superintendent Heckt requested Non-Fiduciary be added to Unfinished Business. It was agreed that it would become item F.1 and the current F.1 item would become F.2.
- E. Routine Business Items
 - 1. Communications to Board Members – Chair Krueger received several communications from parents concerned about the size of the Kindergarten classes and forwarded those to Superintendent Heckt. Chair Krueger also read a letter from BCS staff member, Becky Sullivan, thanking the Board for their work during very difficult times in Connecticut.
 - 2. Approval of Minutes
 - a. August 24, 2017 – BOE Business Meeting – A **motion** to approve the minutes was presented by Alison Romkey, 2nd by Stacy Reed. Motion passed 5-0. Scott Rich abstained.
 - 3. BHS Student Representatives Report – Ari Tallapureddy reported that the BHS Open House was held last Thursday with a good turnout; the Bigs and Littles was held on Monday, August 28 and approximately 90% of the students participated and the fall sports have begun. Julia Hinckley reported the Pep Rally was a great success with lots of freshman participation. There was a new Open House format this year with senior parents met with staff on Capstone projects, junior parents met with guidance staff on college applications, and sophomore and freshman parents met with Principal Maselli on the new graduation requirements.
 - 4. Board of Education Committee Reports
 - a. Building and Grounds – Scott Rich reported the committee and Superintendent Heckt met with Director of Operations, Ray Boyd, on August 28 for a tour of the facilities and grounds and a review of summer projects.
 - b. Finance – Alison Romkey reported the budget is 5% expended.
 - c. Personnel – Chair Krueger reported the committee met in preparation for BEA negotiations.
 - d. Policy – Chris Davey reported there was not a meeting, but the committee did receive policies from the 9000 series for review from Superintendent Heckt.
 - 5. Community Meeting Reports / Board of Education – Scott Rich reported that he and Superintendent Heckt attended the commemorative ceremony for 9/11 at BVFD with participation from BHS band and chorus. Chair Krueger and

Superintendent Heckt attended the 2+2+2 meeting and had discussion on budget, shared services, and the Non-Fiduciary agreement which will be discussed further under item F.1 The 2+2+2 committee has now set a schedule to meet on the fourth Monday of each month. Superintendent Heckt shared that the state audit for the close-out of the BHS project has been pushed out to begin in November.

6. Superintendent of Schools Report

- a. Extended School Year / Credit Recovery – Director of Student Support Services, Beth Goldsnider, reported on the success of the two programs that were offered over the summer.
- b. Opening of School Report by Administrators – BCS Principal, Darryl Giard, reported that the first few weeks of school have gone very smoothly. The Open House evenings were both very well attended; one PBIS assembly has been held for middle school students and the elementary students will be held shortly; he and Assistant Principal, Jessica Szafran, held the bus safety review on all buses; picture day was held today and BCS fall sports have begun. BHS Dean of Students, Christine Johnson, reported the opening of school went very well and thanked the Student Council for the festive hall decorations. Over 50% of the student body has signed-up to participate in the various club activities. A presentation by ERASE on the Opioid Epidemic was held just prior to Open House.
- c. PowerSchool – Sarah Malinoski, Director of Instructional Technology and Curriculum, provided an update on the district's new student information system, PowerSchool. Parents of 6-12 students have access to their child's class and grade information, students have been taught to log-on for their class/schedule information, and teachers and support staff have been trained for access and data entry. Ms. Malinoski thanked the implementation staff and administrators for their yeoman's effort in getting this up and running for the first day of school. Mrs. Heckt thanked Mrs. Malinoski for her leadership in transitioning to PowerSchool.
- d. Presentation of Assessment Results – Sarah Malinoski, Director of Instructional Technology and Curriculum, provided explanatory information on the Assessment Results power point presentation. Particular note was made that teachers are now able to see actual student results, not just grade level, which will enhance their ability to hone in on individual academic needs. In response to BOE member Chris Davey's inquiry if there is evidence of improved results for-students who have been exposed to common core vs. those that hadn't, Ms. Malinoski noted that there does seem to be an improved difference. Director of Student Support Services, Beth Goldsnider, provided explanatory information on the power point presentation on the results of the State Performance Plan/Annual Performance Report, as required by federal IDEA guidelines. Ms. Goldsnider noted that this report is for all students with IEPs and that it is strictly timeline driven and that unfavorable results could result in fines to school districts. Our district met or exceeded all categories.
- e. Veterans' Day Celebration – BCS will hold its annual Veterans' Day program in the BCS gym on Friday, November 10 at 9:30 AM and the BHS social studies department is also planning appropriate student programs in recognition of that day.

F. Unfinished Business

1. Non-Fiduciary – Chair Krueger reported that she and Superintendent Heckt had been in communication with the district attorney regarding the language submitted from the Town vs. the new language that they are proposing. This will be addressed again on the October BOE Meeting Agenda.
2. Policies
 - a. Second Read – Chair Krueger asked for one motion to approve all of the policies in items F.2.a.1 through F.2.a.15. BOE member Chris Davey further added that these policies have been submitted by the attorney's office and are all required by statute with little flexibility in wording. Alison Romkey presented a **motion** to approve the policies identified in F.2.a.1 through F.2.a.15, 2nd by Stacy Reed; MUP. The policies are identified below.
 1. 1000 – Community Relations
 2. 1110.1 – Family Involvement
 3. 1140 – Distribution of Materials by Students
 4. 1220 – Non-Discrimination
 5. 1316.1 – Public Conduct at School Activities
 6. 1324 – Soliciting Funds From and by Students
 7. 1330 – Use of School Facilities
 8. 1331 – Prohibition Against Smoking
 9. 1411 – Law Enforcement Officials
 10. 1415 – Possession of Deadly Weapons
 11. 1420 – Security and Safety Plan
 12. 1430 – Automatic External Defibrillators
 13. 1450A – Sexual Offenders on School Property
 14. 1455 – Green Cleaning Programs
 15. 1460 – Pesticide Application on School Property
 - b. Recommended to be Deleted – Chair Krueger again asked for one motion to address all identified policies in items F.2.b.1 through F.2.b.14. BOE member Chris Davey noted that these policies were recommended by the attorney's office to be deleted. A **motion** to approve the removal of policy items F.2.b.1 through F.2.b.14 as recommended by the district attorney's office was presented by Stacy Reed, 2nd by Scott Rich; MUP. The policies are identified below.
 1. 1100 – Philosophy
 2. 1112 – News Media Relationships
 3. 1112.3 – Access to Information
 4. 1112.5 – Media Access to Students
 5. 1112.6 – Videotaping of Staff and Students
 6. 1210 – School-Community Associations
 7. 1222 – Citizens' Advisory Committee
 8. 1230 – Other School-Connected Organizations
 9. 1260 – Education Foundations
 10. 1312 – Public Complaints
 11. 1315 – Contests and Distribution of Flyers
 12. 1316 – Conduct on School Property
 13. 1325 – Advertising and Promotion
 14. 1660 – School Business Partnerships

- G. New Business
 - 1. Resignation – Superintendent Heckt advised the Board that she had received a resignation from Full-time Paraprofessional, Lisa Toce and that there is no requirement for the Board to vote to accept resignations, but that she would certainly advise them of such staff changes throughout the school year.
- H. Future Business – None
- I. Anticipated Executive Session – Discussion / Possible Action on:
 - 1. Personnel Matter
 - 2. Superintendent's 2017-2018 Goals

A **motion** to adjourn to Executive Session was made by Stacy Reed at 7:30 PM, 2nd by Chris Davey; MUP. The Board came out of Executive Session by consensus at 8:11 PM. A **motion** to accept the Superintendent's 2017-2018 Goals as presented was made by Scott Rich, 2nd by Chris Davey; MUP.
- J. Adjournment – A **motion** to adjourn was presented by Stacy Reed at 8:12 PM, 2nd by Andrew Broneill; MUP.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Boyd
Board Clerk