

The Bolton Board of Education held its regularly scheduled Business Meeting on September 11, 2014. Members present were Chair Karen Bergin, Julie Begin, Kate Galle, Matt Giuffre, Rich Hayes, and Alison Romkey. Superintendent Kristin Heckt and Student Representatives Jacob Dayton and Elena Harvey were also present. BOE member Ron Rousseau was absent.

- A. Call to Order – Chair Bergin called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM.
- B. Celebration of Excellence – The 2014-2015 Teacher of the Year, Dan Ayer, was recognized for this distinction.
- C. Comments from the Audience – None
- D. Additions to Agenda – None
- E. Routine Business Items
 - 1. Communications to Board Members – None
 - 2. Approval of Minutes – A **motion** to approve the BOE Business Meeting August 21, 2014 minutes was presented by Kate Galle, 2nd by Alison Romkey; MUP. A **motion** to approve the BOE Special Meeting August 28, 2014 minutes was presented by Kate Galle, 2nd by Alison Romkey; MUP.
 - 3. BHS Student Representatives Report – Chair Bergin introduced new Student Representative Elena Harvey and BOE Videographer Elena Fiano. Elena Harvey reported on the Bigs and Littles assembly held on the first day of school noting it was a nice welcome back to school event in particular for the freshmen students. Jacob Dayton reported that sports and clubs are just getting off the ground with some new clubs being offered. Student feedback is positive in regards to the new Dean of Students position. Superintendent Heckt noted that Elena H. and Jacob will serve as greeters for interview candidates for this position.
 - 4. Board of Education Committee Reports
 - a. Curriculum – Sarah Malinoski reported that the committee was provided an overview of the coming year's expectations.
 - b. Finance – Alison Romkey reported there was little activity that was addressed, but did mention the monthly financial reports will now provide additional information in the function areas.
 - c. Personnel – Chair Bergin reported discussions focused on the upcoming teacher negotiations.
 - d. Policy – no report
 - 5. Community Meeting Reports / Board of Education – Chair Bergin reported a meeting was requested by First Selectman Morra to discuss the referendum and shared services. Chair Bergin and Superintendent Heckt did have an initial conversation with First Selectman Morra and Town Administrator Stille. Superintendent Heckt attended the 9/11 Ceremony held at the Firehouse and commented it was well done and well attended. Music was provided by Bolton students at the direction of Day Ayer and they did a fabulous job.

6. Superintendent of Schools Report
 - a. Opening of Schools Report by Administrators – BCS Principal Mary Grande reported a smooth school opening. Kindergarten students were met at the bus by their teachers and students in grades 1-5 met their teachers in the gym. This has been the protocol for the last several years and works well. The renovated BCS office space provides improved traffic flow for staff, students and visitors; the New Student Orientation was well attended by both resident and Choice families; Open House was held for PK-4 and also was very well attended; fire and bus evacuation drills were held; all PBIS lessons have been reviewed; the 4th annual Veterans Day Celebration will be held on November 10 at 9:30 AM in the BCS gym and will be coordinated by BCS staff. BHS Principal Joe Maselli reported on the very successful Bigs and Littles assembly held on the first day of school; four new staff members at BHS; a fire drill was held and a demonstration of the new lockdown audio was conducted; there have been multiple conversations with staff on the new Dean of Students position and their feedback has been encouraged and very positive to date. Interviews for this position will be begin on Monday, September 15.
 - b. CMT/CAPT – Science Results – Sarah Malinoski reported that our science scores went up in all grade levels and exceeded the state averages. The district will not be receiving specific student data from last year's SBAC because it was a field test year.
 - c. Veterans Day Celebration – addressed in E.6.a.
- F. Unfinished Business – None
- G. New Business
 1. Resignation – Superintendent Heckt presented the resignation of BHS English teacher Darryl Rouillard. A **motion** to accept the resignation was presented by Matt Giuffre; 2nd by Kate Galle; MUP.
- H. Future Business – None
- I. Anticipated Executive Session – Discussion/Possible Action on:
 1. Personnel
A **motion** to adjourn into Executive Session was presented at 6:55 PM by Kate Galle; 2nd by Matt Giuffre; MUP. After discussion on teacher negotiations, the Board came out of Executive Session by consensus.
- J. Adjournment – A **motion** to adjourn was presented by Kate Galle, 2nd by Matt Giuffre; MUP. The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Boyd
Board Clerk