

The Bolton Board of Education held its regularly scheduled business meeting on December 8, 2011. Karen Bergin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following members in attendance: John Hambrook, Ron Rousseau, Rich Hayes, Trace Maulucci, Joe Muro, Matthew Giuffre. BHS Student Representatives Jenna Luck and William Whedon were also present.

- B. The meeting was turned over to Paul Smith for the Election of BOE Officers chair, vice chair and secretary. Rich Hayes nominated Matt Giuffre for chair and was seconded by Ron Rousseau. John Hambrook nominated Karen Bergin and was seconded by Joe Muro. Matt Giuffre declined the nomination. Mr. Smith called for a vote for the position of chair and it was 5 for and 2 against. Karen Bergin was elected the new chair. Rich Hayes nominated Matt Giuffre for vice chair and was seconded by Ron Rousseau. Joe Muro nominated John Hambrook and was seconded by Trace Maulucci. Karen Bergin called for a vote for the position of vice chair and the vote was 4 for John Hambrook and 3 for Matt Giuffre. John Hambrook was elected vice chair. Rich Hayes nominated Matt Giuffre for the position of secretary and was seconded by John Hambrook. The nomination was passed MUP.
- C. Comments from the Audience – Tom Manning spoke of his web-site developed for on-line text services for St. Maurice and wanted to know if Bolton was considering use of on-line texts for classes in light of the new state of the art building available and how it could best be used to increase/improve student achievement. Paul Smith stated that in fact, Bolton would be piloting two “tablet” courses for the spring semester. The teachers piloting the courses will be invited to the January BOE meeting for feedback presentation. The BOE members will be advised of the parent/teacher meeting with Verizon personnel. The BOE requested a full presentation at the end of the semester. This pilot is funded by grant money. Mr. Manning stated he would email his web-site link for BOE review.
- D. Additions to Agenda – E7a – Leadership Greater Hartford and G2 – BCS Safety Update.
- E. Routine Business Items
  - 1. Communications to Board Members – John Hambrook relayed the latest information on the ECS Task Force cost sharing.
  - 2. Approval of Minutes – John Hambrook presented a motion to accept the November 10, 2011 minutes, Matt Giuffre seconded with comment they be accepted with minor corrections noted. Minutes accepted with two abstentions.
  - 3. Board of Education Committee Reports
    - a. Personnel – no report.
    - b. Policy – Discussion of the policies being presented for first read (F1).
    - c. Curriculum - The committee met on December 7 focusing on Common Standard Goals and will have new text books on display in the BOE.
    - d. Building and Grounds – no report. Paul Smith stated that a list of furniture needs is being reviewed by PBC and they have been given a priority list.
    - e. Finance – did not meet but Trace Maulucci reported an approximate \$90,000 surplus with SPED transportation costs reducing prior amount.
    - f. Transportation – no report.
    - g. Pupil Services – no report.
    - h. Community Information/Development – The committee “met” at the Ribbon Cutting. Kudos to all for a well-received event.

4. Community Meeting Reports / Board of Education – John Hambrook attended the annual CAFE conference where Governor Malloy, the Commissioner of Education and Maria from Sesame Street were speakers. Paul Smith will email the ctnexted web-site link to BOE members.
5. Report from BHS Student Representatives – Jenna Luck reported on the Senior Demo's, the "Stars" board for college acceptance, the Thanksgiving basket collection, the current collection of Christmas gift items for needy families, Toys for Tots and Treats for Troops. The Bigs and Littles had a bowling night and have an upcoming movie night. Bill Whedon reported on the Christmas tree collection for hats and mittens by the FBLA and updates on the Girls and Boys Basketball teams.
6. Administrators Reports – no comments.
7. Superintendent of Schools Report
  - a. BOE Office Move – the BOE has officially relocated to 72 Brandy Street as of the week of Thanksgiving. Mr. Smith extended an invitation to tour the new BOE offices. The gym floor should be completed within the next two weeks and the CO for the locker rooms is expected next week.
  - b. Leadership Greater Hartford – Mr. Ted Carroll gave a presentation on the opportunities to high school students through participation in their program and has invited BHS to be part of this program starting in the fall 2012. There is a 14 week school year program and a 10 day summer program. Information on the student selection process, transportation, etc. were some of the discussion topics. Karen Bergin proposed that Mr. Smith pursue this relationship and provide additional information to the BOE.
- F. Unfinished and On-Going Business
  1. First Read Policies – revisions to Reporting of Child abuse 5141.4(a), Indoor Air Quality 7230.2(b) and Hazardous Material in Schools 3524.2(a) were presented. All revisions are in compliance with CT State legislative requirements.
  2. Futuristics Survey – discussion tabled to next meeting.
- G. New Business
  1. Teacher's Contract – At 8:10 p.m. Karen Bergin asked for a motion to adjourn to executive session for an update on contract negotiations. Matt Giuffre presented the motion and was seconded by Joe Muro. At 9:05 p.m. the executive session ended. Matt Giuffre presented the motion to accept the BEA contract and was seconded by John Hambrook. Five votes for acceptance, two abstentions. The contract was accepted.
  2. BCS Safety Update – Paul Smith requested a bid waiver for the installation of the new security doors at BCS. Three proposals have been obtained for an approximate cost of \$13,000-14,000. Matt Giuffre presented a motion to accept the bid waiver request, seconded by Joe Muro. Five votes for, one against and one abstention. The motion passed. Mr. Smith requested that \$13,000 be transferred from the vocational budget to the operations budget for this purpose. John Hambrook presented the motion to approve the transfer of funds as requested and Matt Giuffre seconded. Five votes for, two abstentions. The motion passed.
- J. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn at 9:10 was presented by Rich Hayes, seconded by Joe Muro. MUP

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Boyd  
Board Clerk