

The Bolton Board of Education held its regularly scheduled business meeting on November 10, 2011. Karen Bergin called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. with the following board members in attendance: Paula Meyers, John Hambrook, Karen Alibrio, Joe Muro, Trace Maulucci and Matthew. BHS Student Representatives Jenna Luck and William Whedon were also present.

B. Celebration of Excellence: Daniel Ayer and Laura Merwin were recognized as the November Employees of the Month. BHS students Nevin Ounpuu-Adams and Olivia Muro and BCS students Cayley Chase and Michael Welch were recognized as the CAPSS award recipients and BCS student Erin Gallacher was recognized as the monthly Student Achiever. BOE members Karen Alibrio and Paula Meyers were thanked for their years of service to the Bolton Public School system.

C. Comments from the Audience: Joyce Stille, Town Manager expressed her appreciation to the school system for the support from the school staff and use of their facilities. It was a good collaboration between town and school for the better of the community.

1. Community Input on 2012-2013 Budget – no comments.

D. Additions to Agenda – none

E. Routine Business Items

1. Communications to Board Members – none

2. Approval of Minutes – October 13, 2011; A motion was made by John Hambrook, seconded by Matt Giuffre. MUP.

3. Board of Education Committee Reports

a. Personnel – no meeting but negotiations continue with the BEA.

b. Policy – meeting cancelled.

c. Curriculum – John Hambrook reported they met on the core specific and grade level learning goals. Possible changes to compatible software that allows for tracking faculty results.

d. Building & Grounds – Matt Giuffre and Paul Smith participated in a additional facility tour and will continue to develop a plan for art work display throughout BHS. Student Council members will give tours at the Ribbon Cutting ceremony and Paul Smith will Coordinate any future tours.

e. Finance – no formal meeting was held. Trace Maulucci reported there is currently an approximate \$100,000 surplus but this is expected to be reduced significantly by anticipated SPED expenditures.

f. Transportation – no meeting.

g. Pupil Services – no meeting.

h. Community Information/Development – Joe Muro discussed to Ribbon Cutting events. Paula Meyers asked about additional costs related to Storm Alfred and Paul Smith noted that BPS will cover custodial coverage costs for the facilities availability time.

4. Community Meeting Reports/Board of Education – John Hambrook met with auditors, reviewed the CREC budget. CREC services for out of district expenses run approximately 25% of budget.

5. Report from BHs Student Representatives – Jenna Luck noted that in spite of Storm

Alfred, the canned goods collection was still quite successful and all items were delivered to the town food pantry. The 1Q has closed. The fall leadership speakers at BHS were very good and the CAS organization appreciated the last minute use of our facility. Bill Whedon reported on the success of BHS fall sports; Boys Cross Country won states, girls came in third, the volleyball and girls soccer teams made states and the boys soccer team missed it by only one game.

6. Administrator's Report – Mary Grande reported on the Character Counts program initiated this school year and thanked Andy Gonzalez for his initiative in bringing this program to BCS. On behalf of the BOE, Karen Bergin was complimentary on this effort and followed up with comments on how powerful the Veteran's Day Tribute program was and what a great school/community connection it was.
 7. Superintendent of Schools Report - Provided additional comments on the Veteran's Day Tribute and appreciation for the cafeteria staff and Life Skills students for their help in providing such a successful breakfast. Matt Giuffre was thanked for suggesting the event and credit was given to the elementary teachers' students' desire to put on a little "program" that grew.
 - a. 2011-2012 School Calendar – November 28 was rescheduled from a PD day to a school day. The students last day of classes for a 180 day school year is now June 21st and the staff's last day is June 22nd. Every attempt will be made to leave the April vacation intact. Martin Luther King and Memorial Day are not options for school days. The calendar will be adjusted as necessary as winter approaches.
 - b. Ribbon Cutting Update – This event will hopefully be the beginning of an active school/community relationship. The concert series is underwritten by the BCEF and BMW.
 - c. Full Day Kindergarten – Mary Grande presented information on the benefits of a full day Kindergarten program and the hope that BCS could make such a program available for the 2012-2013 school year. Paul Smith also noted that there is no state funding available to support a full day Kindergarten and that research has clearly documented the benefits of these programs with potential savings in program expenditures down the road such as RTI. There was discussion on past class sizes, adequate classroom space, how many town have full day Kindergarten programs, expectations are high for current ½ programs producing 1st grade ready students in comparison to full day programs, and the necessary social and emotional developmental needs as well as academic.
 - d. Safety Issues – A system similar to the current BHS building access will be installed at BCS using funds from this year's not next year's budget. A motion was made by Matt Giuffre, seconded by Karen Alibrio, MUP. A timeline for this installation will be developed and accomplished ASAP.
- F. Unfinished and On-going Business
1. Second Read 2012-2013 Calendar – Potential no school for students on election day, November 6th, however, the district will use it as a PD day which is being recommended as a regional PD day so staff may coordinate workshops, etc. with other districts. Paula Meyers made a motion to accept the calendar as presented. Karen Alibrio seconded, MUP.
 2. Futuristics Survey – Discussion on how the data should compare to the last survey information, more detail in data gathered, this company seems more flexible in the language used, references will be checked, recap desire for survey and where are grads now, question to move forward. An ad hoc committee will be formed and Matt Giuffre will

head this group for further analysis, specifications of survey and ways the board can independently continue future follow-up.

3. Second Read Policies (5117a & 0521a) – The present contract with Columbia is effective through 2020 and allows for up to 20 new freshmen a year. Freshmen will have the option to register with Bolton through October 1st. Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors may enroll June through August 1st at BHS principal's recommendation and discretion. Current class sizes allow additional student acceptance. SPED accommodations are still a concern with other towns due to lack of contracts with them. A motion was made by Karen Bergin to accept the newly worded Columbia student policy seconded by John Hambrook. MUP. It is recommended that specific enrollment wording be developed as a regulation to this policy. Motion to accept the transportation policy was made by John Hambrook, seconded by Joe Muro. MUP.

G. New Business

1. Administrator's Contract – Motion to accept the contract made by Matt Giuffre, seconded by Paula Meyers. MUP.

J. Motion to adjourn at 6:15 was made by Paula Meyers, seconded by Karen Alibrio. MUP

Respectfully submitted,

Lori H. Boyd
Board Clerk