

The Bolton Board of Education held its regularly scheduled business meeting on February 11, 2014. The following board members were in attendance: Karen Bergin, Matthew Giuffre, Julie Begin, Kate Galle, Rich Hayes*, and Ron Rousseau*. Superintendent Kristin Heckt was also present. BOE member Alison Romkey was absent. *Mr. Hayes and Mr. Rousseau arrived five minutes after the meeting began.

- A. Call to Order – Chair Karen Bergin called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.
- B. Comments from the Audience – none
- C. Additions to Agenda - none
- D. Routine Business Items
 - 1. Communications to Board Members - Kate Galle stated a communication had been received by all BOE members from a 3rd grade parent with concerns on class size. Chair Bergin noted the letter had been addressed. Chair Bergin received a request from the Town regarding the upcoming Charter review and asked for BOE members to serve on the review committee. Kate Galle and Matt Giuffre will participate. An initial response is due to the Town on March 7th.
 - 2. Approval of Minutes – January 9, 2014, January 14, 2014 and January 30, 2014 – Matt Giuffre presented a **motion** to approve the minutes as presented, 2nd by Kate Galle; MUP.
 - 3. Board of Education Committee Reports
 - a. Finance – Superintendent Heckt began by noting that the regular instruction budget is frozen. Rich Hayes continued with additional information noting the SPED budget is still running a deficit but that it is improving, in part, due to an adjustment to the Excess Cost percentage. After discussion, it was agreed that the monthly financial reports will now be accepted by BOE vote. A **motion** to approve the January 2014 financial report was presented by Rich Hayes, 2nd by Kate Galle. Motion passed. Ron Rousseau abstained.
 - b. Policy – Matt Giuffre noted the subcommittee will begin review of the 9000 policy series and that the subcommittee is in agreement with Superintendent Heckt’s recommendation that we go forward with CABC services for policy hosting.
 - 4. Community Meeting Reports / Board of Education – Rich Hayes reported that the Town CAPA committee met and the list of CAPA items had been approved. Superintendent Heckt reported that the Fields committee met and were presented with plans for both Herrick Park and BHS (one grass field and track plan and one turf field and track plan) that were developed by the Town Engineer. First Selectman Robert Morra suggested that we have a professional company review the proposals and provide additional information on grass vs. turf fields and the associated cost differentials. Athletic Director David Humiston has provided Joyce Stille with the names of several companies used by area schools for their fields. The Town Engineer has also provided additional contact information, as well. It was confirmed that the fields project is on the list of possible referendum

items. It is anticipated that a follow-up meeting will be held before the end of March.

5. Superintendent of Schools Report – No report was presented due to budget workshop.

E. Unfinished Business – none

F. New Business

1. Resignations – Superintendent Heckt read letters of resignation from Bolton Center School staff members Bill Keyt and Kate Dixon. Both resignations will be effective at the end of this school year. A **motion** to accept the letters was presented by Matt Giuffre, 2nd by Kate Galle; MUP.
Rich Hayes asked that the Board address comments received by Chair Bergin and Superintendent Heckt regarding the use of cell phones and electronic devices at BOE meetings. After a brief discussion, it was agreed that no action was needed to further address the topic.

H. Adjournment – A **motion** to adjourn was presented by Matt Giuffre; 2nd by Rich Hayes. The meeting was adjourned at 6:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Boyd
Board Clerk