

The Bolton Board of Education held its regularly scheduled Business Meeting on April 10, 2014. Members present were Vice Chair Matthew Giuffre, Julie Begin, Kate Galle, Rich Hayes and Ron Rousseau. Student Representatives Zoe Ounpuu-Adams and Jacob Dayton were also present.

Members absent were Chair Karen Bergin, Alison Romkey and Ron Rousseau.

- A. Call to Order – Vice Chair Matt Giuffre called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM
- B. Comments from the Audience – none
- C. Celebration of Excellence – The following students and staff were recognized. BCS Grade 2 Student Achievers Ariana Carter, Finn Christensen and Chloe McNamara; BHS Governor’s Scholar Award Nominee Kaitlin Armstrong; BHS Poetry Out Loud winner Madelyn Teller and runner-up Caroline Olmer; and Employee of the Month Sheila Delaney, BCS Instructional Assistant.
- D. Additions to Agenda – Vice Chair Matt Giuffre asked that items F.1 and G.2 be moved up.
- E. Routine Business Items
 1. Communications to Board Members – none
 2. Approval of Minutes – March 10, 2014 and April 1, 2014 – A **motion** to approve the minutes was presented by Rich Hayes, 2nd by Kate Galle; MUP.
 3. BHS Student Representatives Report – Zoe reported that spring sports have begun; standardized testing went smoothly for students in grades 9-11; BHS Student Council is participating in Student Service Month with a weekend clean-up in town (The Trash Mob), a collection of Treats for Troops and Penny Wars. In response to Vice Chair Matt Giuffre’s question on her college selection, Zoe announced she will be attending Queens University in Ontario Canada. Jacob reported the Social Justice Club held its 3rd benefit concert on March 13th and raised over \$1000. The club has raised over \$3000 in total. Students and staff left for London on April 9th and the music students will be heading for competition in Virginia Beach.
4. Board of Education Committee Reports
 - a. Building and Grounds – Rich Hayes reported the committee met on April 8th. After a brief summary of resident Peter Phelon’s comments at last month’s BOE Business Meeting regarding Booster Club donations/projects and the BHS fields project, Rich presented a **motion** for BOE support of the BHS Fields Project, 2nd by Julie Begin; MUP. There was also discussion on the repairs to the BCS roof and renovations to the BCS office. Due to the immediate need of the roof repairs, it was recommended that the bid process outlined in BOE Policy 3323 be waived. After discussion on the cost and terms of the contract and concerns of odor and debris, a **motion** was presented by Rich Hayes to authorize Director of Operations, Ray Boyd, to enter into a contract for the roof repairs with Eagle Roofing, 2nd by Kate Galle; MUP. It was also noted that representatives from CME are in the process of reviewing the exterior masonry of BCS and will provide information. CREC has made architectural firm recommendations for the BCS office renovation.
 - b. Curriculum – Kate Galle reported the committee met and that a number of junior students used the Chrome Books for the standardized testing for four days, 2 hours a day. The testing was monitored by Sarah Malinoski. Feedback on the new K-6 math

curriculum has been very positive as was the PD opportunities provided by Pearson Education.

- c. Finance – Rich Hayes reported the committee met. The regular instruction budget is still frozen; SPED reimbursement is expected to increase; Matt Giuffre also noted that Superintendent Heckt provided information on anticipated increased SPED costs.
 - d. Policy – Matt Giuffre reported there was brief discussion on policies in the 9000 series.
 - e. Pupil Services – no report
 - f. Transportation – Julie Begin reported the committee met and agreed on the new recommendations of early dismissal times for planned and unplanned early dismissals for the 2014-2015 school year. A **motion** to approve the new early dismissal times was presented by Kate Galle, 2nd by Rich Hayes; MUP.
5. Community Meeting Reports / Board of Education - none
6. Superintendent of Schools Report
- a. K-6 Math Curriculum – Presented by Sarah Malinoski and Mary Grande – Information was provided on the history of the BCS math curriculum, the positive teacher feedback and student progress on the new curriculum. There was discussion on points such as common core alignment, teacher monitoring and assessment, writing and vocabulary component, individual lesson adjustment and impact on ability leveling and improved electronic parent communication on student progress. A parent “Math Night” is being looked at for next year.
- F. Unfinished Business
- 1. Second Read Policies – 9010 (Limits of Authority) and 9121 (Board of Education Officers) - Matt Giuffre reported there were no changes to the policies from the first read and noted that policy 9121 would, if approved, replace 9121, 9122, 9123 and 9126 . Matt Giuffre presented a **motion** for approval, 2nd by Kate Galle; MUP.
- G. New Business
- 1. First Read Text Books – 7/8 Math and Algebra I – Sarah Malinoski presented information on the extensive process undertaken by the math teachers at both schools in reviewing texts for 7/8 math and Algebra I and why the recommended texts were being presented. The text books will be on display for review in the BOE for the next month.
 - 2. 2014 Graduation Date – Matt Giuffre presented a **motion** to approve the 2014 graduation date of June 20, 2014, 2nd by Kate Gale; MUP.
- H. Future Business – Rich Hayes noted that the Board of Finance had just approved a rescheduled date of Tuesday, April 22, 2014 for the Public Hearing. The time and location is TBD.
- I. Adjournment – A **motion** to adjourn was presented by Kate Galle, 2nd by Julie Begin; MUP.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Boyd
Board Clerk