

The Bolton Board of Education held its regularly scheduled Business Meeting on June 13, 2018. Members present were Chair Liz Krueger, Andrew Broneill, Chris Davey, and Scott Rich. Superintendent Kristin Heckt was also present. BOE members Kate Gallé, Stacy Reed and Alison Romkey were absent.

- A. Chair Liz Krueger called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.
- B. Celebration of Excellence – Superintendent Heckt recognized the following students and staff:

BCS: Connecticut Association of Superintendents Scholar Leaders – Daniel Bokshan and Mackenzie Caruso.

BHS: Student Representative to the Board of Education – Julia Hinckley
Class of 2018 Salutatorian – Kayllyn Senna
Class of 2018 Valedictorian – Irene Swenson

BPS Retiring Staff: Lori Boyd, Suzan Christiana, Vicki DeLeo, Jimmy Henderson, Patricia LaRochelle, and Nancy Muller.

- C. Comments from the Audience – Bolton Resident Ann Decker of 30 Toomey Lane requested the Board consider reviewing the current policy on recess with regards to middle school students. She shared her concern that the current school schedule does not allow for some outside time during the day for middle school students. She recently had a conversation with BCS administrators and realizes there is little wiggle room in the current schedule, but would still request it be reviewed. She also discussed with Mr. Giard the idea of possibly looking at study hall or classroom time being held outdoors. Chair Krueger responded that this topic would be added to a future Board of Education agenda.
- D. Additions to Agenda – Superintendent Heckt requested that School Safety be added as D.1 and the Board agreed.
 - 1. Emergency Management Director for the Town of Bolton, James Rupert, stated that in light of recent tragedies across the country there have been some inquiries by individuals concerned about the safety and security of staff and students in the Bolton schools. Mr. Rupert prefaced his comments with the statement that he is only able to share things in a general sense because sharing specifics might in and of itself create a safety or security risk. As the Emergency Management Director, he is in a position to know that the BOE and administration take the safety and security of all students and staff very seriously. The school buildings and grounds have been assessed by a team of experts who provided recommendations for safety and security enhancements which have been acted upon. The School Safety and Security Plan has been updated and reviewed by public officials from the Town, as well as Connecticut Department of Homeland Security. The plan is also on file with CT DEMHS. School Administrators routinely participate in an annual state wide drill put on by CT DEMHS in coordination with Town staff and public safety officials. The School re-evaluates the safety and security plan every year and every year it is reviewed by Town staff and CT DEMHS. Both schools routinely conduct all required drills which

include fire drills and safety drills. Safety and security is a responsibility that is taken very seriously by administration and the BOE and he is quite confident it will continue to be an ongoing priority. BHS Principal, Joseph Maselli, added that the district is diligent on exercising the Safety Plan through drills and staff training and that they have developed an extensive list of professional safety contacts at the local and state level and that school representatives attend various safety conferences throughout the year. Board member Scott Rich thanked the gentlemen for the information and spoke of the difficulty in communicating safety information with families when specific information can't, in fact, be shared and asked if the Superintendent would send a recap of the information provided tonight to our school families. Superintendent Heckt will include this information in her end of the year message to staff and parents.

E. Routine Business Items

1. BHS Student Representatives Report – Julia Hinckley reported that the seniors are done as of today, Senior Celebration is tomorrow night and Graduation is next Wednesday. Ari Tallapureddy reported the underclass awards were held today and that exams for them begin tomorrow. He also thanked Julia for her leadership in the role of Student Rep to the BOE and for all she has done for BHS in the last four years. Mr. Maselli introduced Hazel Tonyali, who will become the new Student Representative to the BOE in the fall.
2. Communications to Board Members – Chris Davey was approached by two parents and several teachers that there is not a full-time Social Worker at BCS and they asked the Board to consider allocating funds for this position for next year. Also, after the Fifth Grade Transition night, several parents also expressed concern that there was no recess/outdoor time for 6th grade students.
3. Approval of Minutes
 - a. May 24, 2018 – A **motion** to approve the minutes was presented by Andrew Broneill, 2nd by Scott Rich; MUP.
4. Board of Education Committee Reports
 - a. Building and Grounds – no meeting was scheduled
 - b. Finance – Chair Krueger reported the budget is 83% expended; there were some line item transfers made to cover the purchase of track equipment; and an additional \$60K is projected at this time to be returned to the Town and that number could increase once the district has closed out FY18.
 - c. Personnel – Chair Krueger noted the committee met and will discuss negotiations in Executive Session.
5. Community Meeting Reports / Board of Education – Chris Davey reported the PTA elected Elise Segar as the new President and that he and John Toomey would be giving out scholarships from the Bolton Scholarship Fund at tomorrow evening's Senior Celebration. He also shared that the PTA is considering hosting a school safety forum.
6. Superintendent of Schools Report
 - a. Strategic Plan Update / Portrait of a Graduate – Director of Curriculum and Instructional Technology, Sarah Malinoski and BHS Science Teacher, Jen Carvalho, provided a power point presentation update. They emphasized that the Portrait of a Graduate is the goal for Bolton Public Schools, not just Bolton High School and that the NEASC Committee was highly impressed with these efforts and that our district is ahead of the curve in developing the Portrait of a Graduate. Superintendent Heckt added that this will help guide our continued work for not only the next few years, but will guide the development of the next BPS Strategic Plan for 2020-2025 and requested Board approval for the Bolton Public Schools

Portrait of a Graduate. Chris Davey presented a **motion** to approve the Bolton Public Schools Portrait of a Graduate as presented, 2nd by Scott Rich; MUP.

- b. CAPA Update – Superintendent Heckt noted that all BOE CAPA items had been approved.
 - c. 2018-2019 School Lunch Price Changes – Superintendent Heckt shared that the district just completed their food service review and that one of the findings from the review requires us to raise lunch prices. We receive federal funds from USDA for our food services program and we learned through the review process that we are required to use the PLE (Paid Lunch Equity) tool if we are not at the required average of at least \$2.92 for a lunch, which we are not. Our current lunch prices are \$2.60 at BCS and \$2.80 at BHS. Further, we are .24 cents below the required weighted average required by USDA. This weighted average goes up every year. Next year, it is going up .06 cents. Basically, we are at their direction for pricing and if we do not show that we are using the tool and increasing our prices the state can order us to raise our prices or we will not receive USDA funding. Or, we could keep our prices the same and the BOE has to make up the difference and this was not a budgeted item. If we were to lose USDA funding, it would mean we would need to raise the price of lunches to at least \$5.00. It will be my recommendation that we increase each school by .20 cents again being mindful of the fact that our prices will still be .10 cents below where they need to be at this point and that will increase next year. This would bring BCS to \$2.80 and BHS to \$3.00 for lunch. We will need to increase them again for the 2019-2020 school year, as well, to get to where we are required to be. A **motion** to approve the price increase for the 2018-2019 school year was presented by Chris Davey, 2nd by Scott Rich; MUP. It is noted, however, that the approval of this price increase is under protest by the Board members realizing that, at this point, there is no alternative. Superintendent Heckt will also include information on this price increase and the Board's protest in her end of the year message to staff and families.
- F. Unfinished Business
 - 1. Close-Out of BHS Project – no update
 - 2. Non-Fiduciary Account – no update
 - G. New Business
 - 1. Resignation – Superintendent Heckt noted there is no resignation to announce at this time.
 - H. Future Business – none
 - I. Anticipated Executive Session – Discussion / Possible Action on:
 - 1. Personnel
 - 2. Superintendent's Evaluation and ContractA **motion** to adjourn to Executive Session was presented by Scott Rich at 7:53 PM, 2nd by Andrew Broneill; MUP. The Board came out of Executive Session by consensus at 8:34 PM.
 - J. Adjournment – A **motion** to adjourn was presented by Scott Rich at 8:42 PM, 2nd by Chris Davey; MUP.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Boyd
Board Clerk