

The Bolton Board of Education held its regularly scheduled business meeting on July 12, 2012. Karen Bergin called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM with the following board members in attendance: Matthew Giuffre, John Hambrook, Rich Hayes, Trace Maulucci and Ron Rousseau. Superintendent Paul K. Smith was also in attendance. Joe Muro arrived at 6:05 p.m. and Matt Giuffre had to leave at 7:15 p.m.

B. Comments from the Audience – None.

C. None

D. Routine Business Items

1. Communications to Board Members – Karen Bergin read a note of thanks for the BOE retiree reception from Noreen Hoisington and Paul Smith read a note of thanks and appreciation from Diane Massey on the awarding of a BHS diploma to her father, Charles Robert Smith. Karen received a superintendent survey from a parent and was requested to attend a meeting with representatives from Bentley Memorial Library. She will update the board on that meeting.
2. Approval of Minutes – June 14, 2012 Minutes – Matt Giuffre presented a **motion** to approve the minutes, John Hambrook 2nd; MUP.
3. Board of Education Committee Reports
 - a. Personnel – no report
 - b. Policy – John Hambrook reported the committee did meet; no report
 - c. Curriculum – no report
 - d. Building & Grounds – Rich Hayes reported the committee did not meet. The town, however, did meet to discuss athletic fields and will report later on funding. The town (BOS) has applied for \$500K grant and will proceed with improvements to Herrick Park fields if awarded. Superintendent Smith noted that the last round of furniture has been ordered and we are waiting for confirmation of a delivery date. A request for delivery prior to the opening of school has been made. If vendor can deliver sooner, the custodial staff will assemble. Superintendent Smith will forward the BOE a final list; loss of dollar purchase power less than originally anticipated.
 - e. Finance – no report. A copy of the latest surplus report (\$44,581) was distributed. There was discussion on that information related to the difference in anticipated and actual dollars. Mary Grande reported that the buzz-in and swipe card systems have been installed at BCS and that the locks for classroom doors have been ordered and will be installed this summer.
 - f. Transportation – no report
 - g. Pupil services – no report
 - h. Community Information Development – no report
4. Community Meeting Reports/Board of Education - no report
5. Superintendent of Schools Report
 - a. Staffing Update – Superintendent Smith reported the newly hired staff are outstanding. Joe Maselli and Mary Grande will be interviewing candidates for the shared science position tomorrow. This position will be .5 at BCS and .5 at BHS. Hiring one position provided a better applicant pool to choose from.

- b. CCSS Implementation Plan– Claudia Danna presented handouts and a power point presentation on where we are and where we need to be. Superintendent Smith encouraged board members to read the handout on Pathways to the Common Core.
 - c. Superintendent Search – was addressed at Monday’s meeting (July 9th).
 - d. Appointment of Interim Superintendent – was also addressed at Monday’s meeting (July 9th).
 - e. OCR Corrective Action Plan – Superintendent Smith gave a brief history of OCR and reported that as of July 3rd we are in compliance. Lori Boyd will arrange a walk-through of the buildings with Dr. Adrian Wood and Ray Boyd.
 - f. BCS Wireless Project Bid Award - Superintendent Smith reported that the BCS wireless project bid should be determined by July 13th. This was a collaborative effort between CREC and Central Office personnel. It will be handled as a town capital project and the money to complete it has been budgeted and is available.
 - g. Future Meeting Dates - There will be a meeting on 7/26 to interview the two finalists for the Assistant Principal position. Mary Grande will forward the two candidate’s resumes. Karen Bergin requested the interviews be rescheduled to 6:15 and 7:15 PM to allow board members some prep time. Board members are to meet at 6:00 PM. As requested by Karen Bergin, Superintendent Smith will confirm a newly scheduled meeting with Dr. Erardi on 7/23 at 7:00 PM. The 7/19 meeting was cancelled. All meetings will be held in the BOE Conference Rm.
 - h. Enrollment Projection – Superintendent Smith handed out preliminary enrollment numbers. Mary Grande provided the grade level enrollment changes for BCS. There was discussion on the pros and cons of increasing the number of Choice students accepted in Kindergarten and future Columbia student enrollment.
 - i. Preliminary District goals – Superintendent Smith provided a draft of district goals that will be passed on to the interim and new superintendent and requested board members email him with any concerns and/or questions. Karen Bergin requested a timeline on final approval and requested BOE approval on what has been presented after review and discussion. A September agenda item will be listed for District Goal approval. Dr. Wood will also be given a copy for review and comment.
- E. Unfinished and On-Going Business
- 1. 2nd Read Policies – John Hambrook presented policies on Community Relations (1250) Students – Disenrollment (5112.4) and made a **motion** for approval, Trace Maulucci 2nd; MUP.
- F. New Business
- 1. Acceptance of Resignations – Karen Bergin asked for a motion to accept resignations from Assistant Principal Andy Gonzalez and Superintendent Smith. A **motion** to accept was presented by Matt Giuffre and 2nd by Joe Muro; MUP. Karen Bergin noted thanks to Andy Gonzalez for a spectacular first year and personally thanked Superintendent Smith for his outstanding service to the Bolton Public Schools.
 - 2. Other New Business - Ron Rousseau requested the board explore establishing a sub-committee for interaction with the Town and schools of Columbia with the purpose of promoting increased interest in student enrollment at BHS. There was discussion on how best to approach the request and a review of current relations with the Columbia schools, town and residents as well as our communications with EO Smith. Karen Bergin asked for dates to be set to discuss in early August for further discussion.

G. Future Business

1. Review of Bylaws
2. Content of Minutes
3. Posting Financial Report on BHS Web-site – Rich Hayes requested that this get placed on the August agenda for movement. There was additional discussion on preparing a long term plan and that this be added as an agenda item for September.

H. Meeting Review – Karen Bergin noted that this was Superintendent Smith’s last official BOE Business meeting.

I. Adjournment – John Hambrook presented a **motion** to adjourn at 7:30 PM, 2nd by Joe Muro; MUP.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Boyd
Board Clerk