

The Bolton Board of Education held its regularly scheduled business meeting on May 9, 2013. The following board members were in attendance: Karen Bergin, Matthew Giuffre, John Hambrook, Rich Hayes, Trace Maulucci, Joe Muro, and Ron Rousseau. Superintendent Kristin Heckt and BHS Student Representatives Zoe Ounpuu-Adams and William Whedon were also present.

- A. Call to Order – Chair Karen Bergin called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- B. Celebration of Excellence – The following staff and students were recognized: Employee of the Month – BHS Guidance Intern Megan Bellody; BCS Student Achievers – Grade 1, Ben Roth, Dimano Rainford and Bella Carini and Kindergarten, Brooke Holota, Joseph Godek and Anishka Ray; BCS CABE Student Leadership Award Winners Katherine Monroe and Justin Wiles; BHS CABE Student Leadership Award Winners Nichole Ligos and William Whedon; BHS State History Day Competition 3rd Place Winners Julia Assard and Elena Harvey; and Bolton students graduating from the Rockville Vo-Ag Program Aidan Malone and Maxim Nowak.
- C. Comments from the Audience - Christina Morra-Tiu, Bolton resident speaking on behalf of pre-K parents asked about possible flexibility on the June 1st deadline for requesting reimbursement of \$100 deposits paid for next year Pre-K openings. Superintendent Heckt and Chair Bergin both stated that it wouldn't be a problem and for those parents to call the Superintendent's office. Ms. Morra-Tiu also asked if consideration would be given to providing parents with an earlier notice of program changes as the March notification of the possible Pre-K program changes did not allow sufficient time for parents to enroll in other magnet school Pre-K programs. Chair Bergin noted that the potential for the Pre-K change only came up in March as it then became a budget consideration and was properly addressed by the Curriculum Subcommittee before any potential changes were announced.
- D. Additions to Agenda – All New Business Items (G.1-3) were addressed at this point in the meeting but the minutes of this are noted under their appropriate agenda placement.
- E. Routine Business Items
 1. Communications to Board Members – Ron Rousseau received a communication that will be discussed at Executive Session.
 2. Approval of Minutes – A **motion** to approve the April 11, 2013 minutes was presented by John Hambrook, 2nd by Matt Giuffre. Rich Hayes questioned the sentence in E.1 beginning with “She...” and asked for clarification on the intent of that sentence. After some discussion on the point, Mr. Hayes asked that the sentence be removed from the minutes and Chair Bergin approved. Motion withdrawn. A second **motion** to approve the April 11, 2013 minutes with the noted revision was presented by Matt Giuffre; 2nd by John Hambrook; motion approved 6-0; Ron Rousseau abstained.
 3. Board of Education Committee Reports
 - a. Community and Partner Relations – Joe Muro reported the subcommittee met and discussed the possibility of instituting a quarterly District newsletter to be distributed in Bolton and Columbia. Joe Maselli will research this proposal. Consideration is being given to scheduling regularly meetings with student representatives from both Bolton and

Columbia. Superintendent Heckt will research this proposal. Joe Muro is developing a survey to be distributed to Columbia graduates of BHS. Superintendent Heckt and Chair Bergin will follow up with First Selectman Robert Morra on the opportunity to partner with Columbia for recreational sports. Joe Maselli will research the possibility of Columbia 7th and 8th grade students participating in social events at BHS.

- b. Curriculum – John Hambrook reported the subcommittee met to review the new Teacher Evaluation document and Best Teacher program information.
 - c. Finance – Joe Muro reported the subcommittee met and reviewed the budget figures as of April 30, 2013 noting increased expenditures in both SPED and Regular education expenses.
4. Community Meeting Reports/Board of Education – Trace Maulucci reported the District Safety Committee met and will be assessing lockdown procedures at both schools for compliance with best practices of both national and state level guidelines. The security audit was completed as was a traffic flow analysis. Committee members will tour both BHS and BCS at the May 20th meeting.
 5. BHS Student Representatives Report – Bill Whedon provided a sports update noting that both boys and girls track and field teams have recorded their first wins. The FBLA club had students compete and place in the State competition and three of them qualified to attend the national competition in Anaheim, CA this summer. The senior demo is May 16th and their outing to Block Island is May 28th. Mid-quarter exams have begun. Zoe Ounpuu-Adams reported that students from Mrs. Midford's Algebra II class placed in the F of X completion held at MCC. The Jr./Sr. Prom is May 18th at the Glastonbury Country Club. All trips abroad went very well although students and chaperones returned very tired.
 6. Administrators Reports – this month's reports will be included in next month's BOE packet.
 7. Superintendent of Schools Report
 - a. 2013-2014 Budget Update – Superintendent Heckt reported the first referendum did not pass; the second referendum is scheduled for May 21st. Chair Bergin and Superintendent Heckt are reviewing all options.
 - b. Healthy Food Certification – Superintendent Heckt requested BOE approval to not request Healthy Food Certification which has been the practice in the past due to cost constraints associated with implementation. A **motion** to not seek Healthy Food Certification was presented by John Hambrook; 2nd by Matt Giuffre; MUP.
- F. Unfinished Business
1. 2nd Read – Policy 5145, Civil and Legal Rights Responsibilities. Matt Giuffre presented the policy for approval noting the only change was the replacement of the individual name with the title of Pupil Services Director. A **motion** to approve the policy changes as noted was presented by Matt Giuffre; 2nd by Joe Muro; MUP.
- G. New Business
1. Rockville Vo-Ag Consulting Committee Appointment – The Rockville Regional Agricultural Education Center requested BOE approval of their nomination of Town resident Larry Pesce to fill a vacancy on their Consulting Committee. Matt Giuffre presented a **motion** to approve the nomination; 2nd by John Hambrook; MUP.

2. Field Trip Approval – BHS teacher Mark Mishriky presented the proposed itinerary and information on his requested trip to Bolton, England in April 2014. A **motion** to approve the trip was presented by John Hambrook; 2nd by Trace Malucci. Matt Giuffre asked about our policy on alternating years for travel abroad. Superintendent Heckt will confirm the proposed trip is within policy guidelines. Motion withdrawn. A follow-up **motion** was presented by Matt Giuffre to approve the requested trip provided it is within the scope of our current policy; 2nd by John Hambrook; MUP.
 3. Resignation – Superintendent Heckt presented a letter of retirement from BCS Administrative Assistant Karen Roth. A **motion** to accept the notice of retirement was presented by Matt Giuffre; 2nd by Ron Rousseau; MUP.
- H. Future Business
1. Ovation/School Insurance – no discussion
- I. Executive Session
1. Personnel – Superintendent’s Evaluation
A **motion** to adjourn to Executive Session was presented by Rich Hayes at 7:15 p.m.; 2nd by Matt Giuffre; MUP. All board members and Superintendent Heckt attended. After discussion on Superintendent Heckt’s evaluation the board came out of Executive Session by consensus at 8:10 p.m.
- J. Adjournment – A **motion** to adjourn was presented by John Hambrook at 8:10 p.m.; 2nd by Trace Maulucci; MUP.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Boyd
Board Clerk