

The Bolton Board of Education held its regularly scheduled Business Meeting on August 25, 2016. Members present were Vice Chair Andrew Broneill, Chris Davey, Kate Gallé, Stacy Reed, Scott Rich and Alison Romkey. Superintendent Kristin Heckt was also present. Chair Krueger arrived at 6:45 PM.

- A. Call to Order – Vice Chair Broneill called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.
- B. Comments from the Audience - none
- C. Additions to Agenda – Superintendent Heckt requested Item F.5 – Tennis Courts be added and that this item be moved up to next. Chair Krueger took over the meeting after item F.5 was addressed.
- D. Routine Business Items
 - 1. Communications to Board Members – none
 - 2. Approval of Minutes
 - a. June 9, 2016 – A **motion** to accept the minutes was presented by Kate Gallé, 2nd by Andrew Broneill. Motion passed 5-0. Alison Romkey and Scott Rich abstained.
 - 3. Board of Education Committee Reports
 - a. Building and Grounds – Andrew Broneill reported the committee met on August 22 and toured the buildings with Facilities Director, Ray Boyd.
 - b. Curriculum – Chris Davey reported the committee met on August 9 and reviewed the proposed new AP Computer Science Principles course and this will be further discussed under item F.3.a.
 - c. Finance – no meeting
 - d. Personnel – Chair Krueger reported the committee will meet after tonight’s meeting for BAA negotiations.
 - 4. Community Meeting Reports / Board of Education – Kate Gallé reported there was a 2+2+2 meeting on August 23 and the primary discussion was around the tennis courts and added that this committee has been beneficial to all boards.
 - 5. Superintendent of Schools Report
 - a. Facilities Update – Superintendent Heckt reported that Facilities Director, Ray Boyd, and his custodial staff have done an amazing job at tackling the several large projects at BCS this summer. Scott Rich added acknowledgement to Town employee, Lance Dimock and his crew, for supporting and overseeing the sidewalk project at BCS. Superintendent Heckt reviewed all of the completed summer projects at BCS including the carpet replacement in the library, carpet to tile replacements in several classrooms downstairs and the upstairs

hallway, the new sidewalks, refinishing of gym floors in both buildings and noted that the new SPED van will be arriving next week. She added that summer projects for 2017 would involve tiling the upstairs classrooms. The BOE will need to discuss funding for the parking lot paving at BCS and the downstairs asbestos abatement at BCS with the BOS.

- b. Staffing Update – Superintendent Heckt reviewed the twelve new staff, noting that three of them are temporary, long-term substitutes for staff out on maternity leave.
- c. Enrollment – Superintendent Heckt provided grade level enrollment #'s, noting that there were 25 newly registered students at BCS over the summer and only four students withdrew. Official CHOICE and Columbia student #'s will be provided to the BOE in October, as is typical.
- d. LIS Update – BHS Principal, Joe Maselli, and BCS Principal, Mary Grande, provided an overview of the League of Innovative Schools three year program which focuses on promoting personalized, mastery based learning and what their planning and implementation looks like. BHS is in year 2 and BCS is in year 0. Updates on where the schools are in this process will be provided to the Board later in the year. Superintendent Heckt added this is a huge educational effort in New England and that the CSDE Commissioner and Governor have invited CT Superintendents to a summit on the topic to be held later in the year.
- e. Safe School Climate Plan – Revisions were made as the result of statute changes and requires Board approval. A **motion** to accept the changes as presented was made by Kate Gallé, 2nd by Chris Davey; MUP.

E. Unfinished Business – none

F. New Business

- 1. Resignation – Superintendent Heckt presented a summer resignation from Ruth Kirkpatrick, a cafeteria employee. A **motion** to accept the resignation was made by Alison Romkey, 2nd by Stacy Reed; MUP.
- 2. Closing of the BHS Project – Chair Krueger reported the project is ready to close and receive the LEED certification. The Town will file the appropriate paperwork after the Board accepts the project closing and the school will be awarded the Silver LEED certification. A **motion** to accept the BHS project as completed was presented by Alison Romkey, 2nd by Stacy Reed; MUP.
- 3. Courses
 - a. AP Computer Science Principles – Chris Davey reported the subcommittee reviewed the curriculum information for the class and staff member Pete Turgeon took the required teaching course over the summer so it can be offered this fall. It is considered a math course and there are five students already enrolled with greater availability to students as it doesn't have typical pre-requisite requirements. It is the subcommittee's recommendation that the course be approved. A **motion** to approve the AP Computer Science Principles course was presented by Kate Gallé, 2nd by Scott Rich; MUP. Kate Gallé applauded Principal Maselli and Superintendent Heckt for bringing this course to BHS.

4. Policies – First Read – Superintendent Heckt noted the changes made were required statutorily and is requesting approval on first read to conform to the effective dates of these changes.
 - a. 5131.6 – Alcohol, Drugs and Tobacco – A **motion** to approve policy 5131.6, Alcohol, Drugs and Tobacco was presented by Alison Romkey, 2nd by Stacy Reed; MUP. There was discussion on looking into joining forces with other towns to utilize their youth services support for our students and families in need. Conversations have also been had with State Representative Mulligan and local officials and will be brought to the next 2+2+2 meeting, as well.
 - b. 5141.4 – Reporting Child Abuse – A **motion** to approve policy 5141.4, Reporting Child Abuse, was presented by Kate Gallé, 2nd by Stacy Reed; MUP.
 5. Tennis Courts – Superintendent Heckt provided an overview on the safety issues of the BHS tennis courts. Town Administrator, Joyce Stille, reviewed the two proposals received for repair. Proposal A came in at \$32,688 and Proposal B came in at \$52,000 and after meetings with representatives and review of the proposals, it is the Town’s recommendation that Proposal B be accepted. The time constraints in getting repairs made this fall requires a commitment to the company within the next two weeks. She also shared that the process for getting funds approved through the town does not allow for such quick turn around and would most likely result in having to cancel the tennis season in the spring. Superintendent Heckt proposed that CHOICE surplus funds be used to cover the expense, but will require Board approval to waive the bid process. A **motion** to accept to move forward with tennis court repairs and waive the bidding process was presented by Kate Gallé, 2nd by Scott Rich; MUP. There was assurance that the funds, by definition, can be used for this project because all students at BHS use the courts for physical education classes. Further, when the courts need to be replaced it will be a project that will need to be voted on by the town. In addition, future discussions on grant/bond applications and the Fields Project will be continued through 2+2+2.
- G. Future Business – none
- H. Anticipated Executive Session – Discussion / Possible Action on:
1. Superintendent’s 2016-2017 Goals – A **motion** to adjourn into Executive Session was presented by Kate Gallé, 2nd by Alison Romkey at 7:25 PM; MUP.
The Board came out of Executive Session by consensus at 7:41 PM.
- I. Adjournment – A **motion** to adjourn was presented by Alison Romkey at 7:41 PM, 2nd by Chris Davey; MUP.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Boyd
Board Clark