

The Bolton Board of Education held its regularly scheduled Business Meeting on March 9, 2017. Members present were Chair Liz Krueger, Andrew Broneill, Chris Davey, Stacy Reed, Scott Rich and Alison Romkey. Superintendent Kristin Heckt was also present. BOE member Kate Gallé was absent.

- A. Call to Order – Chair Liz Krueger called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.
- B. Celebration of Excellence – the following students were recognized:
 - BCS Eastern Region Participants** - Sarah Bythrow – soprano, chorus; Shannon Cole – alto, chorus; Emma Dutil – soprano, chorus; Joseph Griffin – tuba, concert band; Silas Gourley – guitar, jazz ensemble; Lana Houlberg – euphonium, concert band; Isabel Kenney – soprano, chorus; Hannah Osborne – soprano, chorus; Victoria Roman – alto, chorus; Alexander Sklenar – alto, chorus and Marra Spallone – alto, chorus.
 - BHS Eastern Region Participants:** John Bradley – violin, orchestra; Catherine Fiano – percussion, orchestra; Julianna Larson – tenor saxophone, concert band and Victoria White – alto, chorus.
 - BHS Drama Club – *Grease*:** Director Jen Carvalho, Advisor Abbey Sacco and the cast and crew: Cait Altermatt, Andrea Bialkowski, Allison Bradley, John Bradley, Phillip Bythrow, Maeve Christ, Taylor Connolly, Jake Dufour, Grace Eaton, Catherine Fiano, AJ Gallacher, Erin Gallacher, Kenzie Granato, Ben Grant, Sarah Grottolo, Alex Harvey, Monet Massey, Laina McCarthy, Christina McDonnell, Hannah Olsen, Megan Piechowicz, Abbie Ross, Elise Schwartz, Andrew Stevens, Alex Toedt, Hazel Tonyali, PJ Tucker, Alex Ursin, Victoria White and Caitlin Wright.

March is *Board of Education Appreciation Month* and Superintendent Heckt thanked our Board of Education members for their dedicated service: BOE Members are Chair Liz Krueger, Vice Chair Andrew Broneill, Secretary Alison Romkey and members Chris Davey, Kate Gallé, Stacy Reed and Scott Rich.
- C. Comments from the Audience – None
- D. Additions to Agenda – Superintendent Heckt requested that Building and Grounds be added as item E.4.c and that BHS Project Close-out Update be added as item F.4.
- E. Routine Business Items
 - 1. Communications to Board Members – None
 - 2. Approval of Minutes
 - a. February 23, 2017 BOE Special Business Meeting – A **motion** to approve the minutes as presented was made by Stacy Reed, 2nd by Chris Davey; motion passed 4-0; Chris Davey and Andrew Broneill abstained.
 - b. February 23, 2017 BOE Special Budget Meeting – A **motion** to approve the minutes as presented was made by Chris Davey, 2nd by Stacy Reed; motion passed 5-0; Andrew Broneill abstained.
 - 3. BHS Student Representatives Report – Julia Hinckley reported that PJ Tucker won Mr. BHS and the Semi-formal will be held on March 18. Justin Wiles reported that the Robotics team competed at the Southern New England Championships and the Girls’ Team received the Judges’ Award for the most improved team of the season.

Superintendent Heckt noted that the Girls Basketball team represented BHS well in both Conference and State Tournament play and had a great overall season.

4. Board of Education Committee Reports
 - a. Curriculum – Chris Davey reported the subcommittee will present two new BHS courses and two new Geography text books for grades 6 and 7 later in the meeting.
 - b. Finance – Alison Romkey reported the budget is at 57% expenditure.
 - c. Building and Grounds – Scott Rich reported that the BHS Baseball Coach had requested Athletic Director, David Humiston, to have the pitchers' mound looked at for potential repairs. A landscape specialist was brought in and recommended scope of work repairs to the pitchers' mound, batters' box, the curtain drains and infield re-grading. In addition, the softball field was also examined and requires some minimal work. The anticipated cost for both is \$42,000 with possible funding options from Operations, Choice and contribution from the Booster Club. Additional proposals for the work will be obtained and the committee will bring recommendations to the Board.
5. Community Meeting Reports / Board of Education – Chris Davey attended the Board of Selectmen meeting on March 7. Several residents expressed concern on the handling of the BHS Close-out Project and requested a point of contact be appointed to provide the residents with updates. Liz Krueger noted the 2+2+2 meeting will be rescheduled.
6. Superintendent of Schools Report
 - a. Next Generation Accountability Report – Director of Instructional Technology and Curriculum, Sarah Malinoski, provided an overview of the district results that were recently released from CSDE. Superintendent Heckt noted that BHS received the recognition of School of Distinction for the 2nd year in a row. She also noted that the high school data and growth in BCS ELA and Math scores is a testament to the good work of administrators and teachers focused on the district goals for learning producing improved outcomes for all students.
 - b. Mastery Based Learning Update – BCS Principal, Darryl Giard, provided an update on the collaborative work between both schools in identifying competencies for individual and overall improvements. Staff members have attended PDs allowing the opportunity to work with other districts on identifying strengths and improvement needs. BHS staff member, Jennifer Carvalho, reported on the district's work with the League of Innovative Schools including content competencies, transferrable skills, graduation requirements and content area improvements in support of program. She and BHS Principal, Joseph Maselli, have met with the freshmen class that will be affected by new graduation requirements and are in the process of developing the roll-out information for parents. Bolton was recognized by the League as a model school and was asked to be one of four schools to provide information at a meeting of assistant superintendents throughout the state. Colleagues from around the state have begun to reach out to Bolton school staff for consultation on participation in this program.
 - c. After School Activities for Students at BCS and BHS – BCS Principal, Darryl Giard; BHS Dean of Students, Christine Johnson, and BHS staff member, Elia Antunes presented information on the various after school programs offered to

students including sports, clubs and other available activities. Superintendent Heckt thanked them for their work on this project.

F. Unfinished Business

1. Regulations – Second Read
 - a. 4122.3 – Administrative Regulations for the Use and Disclosure of Criminal Justice Information – A **motion** to approve the regulation as presented was made by Stacy Reed, 2nd by Andrew Broneill; MUP.
2. Text Books – Second Read
 - a. The Practice of Statistics – A motion to approve the text book was presented by Scott Rich, 2nd by Andrew Broneill; MUP.
3. 2017-2018 Budget Update – Liz Krueger noted that First Selectman, Robert Morra, had spoke at the last BOE meeting noting that Town and BOE budgets based on the Governor’s proposed budget would result in excessive increases. Superintendent Heckt shared that Town Administrative Officer Joyce Stille shared with her the week after the BOE approved the budget that it was her recommendation that the BOE put the Governor’s proposals into the BOE budget. The BOE agreed to present their approved budget based on actual numbers. Chair Krueger further noted that she and Superintendent Heckt met with State Representative Green and that she is hopeful that the original recommendations in the Governor’s proposed budget will be pared down to result in a much less hit to the Town and BOE 2017-2018 budgets. Superintendent Heckt reported that copies of the BOE approved 2017-2018 budget had been delivered today to Board of Finance members and to the Town Administrator and Finance Director.
4. BHS Close-out Project Update – Superintendent Heckt noted that she arranged a meeting for herself, Town Administrator, Joyce Stille, and Town Finance Director, Jill Collins at CSDE to discuss the close out of the project. Per the request of the Superintendent, an additional meeting was requested to review the state’s documents on the project and make copies of any missing documentation necessary to bring this project to a close. Only Ms. Stille and Ms. Collings were able to attend that meeting as it had to be rescheduled due to a snow storm. Superintendent Heckt received copies of documents from the CSDE that were requested from the document review Ms. Stille and Ms. Collins performed this afternoon. Superintendent Heckt forwarded the information to Ms. Stille. Superintendent Heckt is reviewing over 4000 email documents to assist in finding the documentation, as well as reaching to personnel who were involved in the project. Chair Krueger noted that this item is on the agenda for the next 2+2+2 meeting and it is hoped to be closed by the end of this fiscal year.

G. New Business

1. Courses – First Read
 - a. Robotics and Engineering – Sarah Malinoski presented information on this course. A **motion** to approve was made by Alison Romkey, 2nd by Stacy Reed; MUP.
 - b. Introduction to Construction and Architecture – Sarah Malinoski presented information on this course. A **motion** to approve was made by Stacy Reed, 2nd by Andrew Broneill; MUP. Chris Davey thanked Technology Education teachers Elia Antunes and Chris Garratt for their efforts in bringing forth this new course for students and further noted there will be no additional staff needs to make it available.

2. Text Books – First Read
 - a. Social Studies, Geography Alive! Regions and People – Grade 6
 - b. Social Studies, Geography Alive! Regions and People – Grade 7Sarah Malinoski and BCS Social Studies teacher, Richard Lambert, presented the two new text books noting they were selected for their alignment with standards and the online read-aloud feature. Sarah noted that the costs for these text books would be funded by our Choice grants.

H. Future Business – None

I. Anticipated Executive Session – Discussion/Possible Action on:

1. Personnel Matter

A **motion** to adjourn to Executive Session was presented by Stacy Reed at 7:50 PM, 2nd by Alison Romkey; MUP. The Board came out of Executive Session by consensus at 8:04 PM. A **motion** was presented by Scott Rich to appoint Director of Student Support Services, Beth Goldsnider, as Interim Superintendent during Superintendent Heckt's upcoming medical leave, 2nd by Andrew Broneill; MUP.

J. Adjournment – A **motion** to adjourn was presented by Stacy Reed at 8:10 PM, 2nd by Chris Davey; MUP.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Boyd
Board Clerk