

The Bolton Board of Education held its regularly scheduled Business Meeting on October 13, 2016. 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 Krueger called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM.
- B. Celebration of Excellence – Superintendent Heckt recognized teachers Trish LaRochelle and Joyce Teed who brought the Hartford Stage Humans of Hartford Legacy Project photo essay contest to BHS and Sierra Auletta, Nickolai Possokhov, Alex Prior, and Joyce Teed whose entries will be featured in the John and Kelly Hartman Lobby at the Hartford Stage as well as on the Humans of Hartford Legacy Project Facebook post during the run of the play, *The Piano Lesson*. Wendy Scott, FCS teacher at BHS, was recognized for being selected a Practice Fellow by the New England Secondary School Consortium. Bolton High School was recognized for being selected a 2016 National Blue Ribbon School of Academic Excellence.
- C. Comments from the Audience – Jen Carvalho, BHS science teacher, spoke in favor of continuing to support professional development in next year’s budget.
- D. Additions to Agenda – Superintendent Heckt requested that items 6a – Transition Program be moved up to the next item in the agenda. In addition, a new item, Substitutes, be added to New Business and become item 4.
- E. Routine Business Items
 - 1. Communications to Board Members – Superintendent Heckt shared a communication from the Bolton Volunteer Fire Department Chief Bruce Dixon and 9-11 Coordinator Jim Aldrich thanking the school system for supporting the 9-11 commemoration program.
 - 2. Approval of Minutes
 - a. September 8, 2016 – BOE Business Meeting – A **motion** to approve the minutes was presented by Alison Romkey, 2nd by Stacy Reed; MUP.
 - b. September 20, 2016 – BOE Special Meeting – A **motion** to approve the minutes was presented by Alison Romkey, 2nd by Chris Davey; MUP.
 - c. September 28, 2016 – BOE Special Meeting – A **motion** to approve the minutes was presented by Stacy Reed, 2nd by Chris Davey; MUP.
 - 3. BHS Student Representatives Report – Julia Hinckley reported the girls’ soccer team has qualified for the state tournament and Senor Ruiz got his 150th win this week. Boys’ soccer is doing well. The cross country team had senior night on Tuesday and the boys’ team is dominant. Volleyball has a record of 6 wins and 6 losses. Justin Wiles reported tomorrow there is a Halloween harvest dance with a bonfire beforehand. Leading up to the dance, we have held a spirit week. Finally, student council is having a trick or treat for canned goods and the food will go to the Bolton Food Pantry.

4. Board of Education Committee Reports
 - a. CAPA – Scott Rich reported that the first meeting was held to discuss the district’s five year list and priorities.
 - b. Curriculum – Chris Davey reported that they hope to bring forward two new texts at the November meeting for AP Statistics and AP Government and the new courses curricula in December. They also discussed gifted and talented and Mrs. Goldsnider will be providing the Board a presentation in January on special education which includes gifted and talented.
 - c. Finance – Alison Romkey reported the district is at a 15% expenditure of the 2016-2017 budget.
 - d. Personnel – Liz Krueger reported that the evaluation document for the superintendent will be discussed in executive session.
 - e. Policy – Chris Davey reported that the committee met and there are several policies on the agenda for a first read.
 5. Community Meeting Reports / Board of Education – Chair Krueger shared the Three Board Meeting is scheduled for November 2, 2016. Scott Rich shared that he and Superintendent Heckt attended the most recent board meeting in Columbia to share the news about BHS being named a Blue Ribbon School. He invited Columbia board members to take a tour of BHS on behalf of Chair Krueger. Superintendent Heckt shared with the Columbia Board of Education that as they continue to examine their middle school programming if they come to a place where they are considering other options for their students like they do for high school, Bolton would very much like to be at the table for consideration.
 6. Superintendent of Schools Report
 - a. BHS teacher, Frank Maniscalco and Director of Student Support Services Beth Goldsnider presented information about the Transition Program.
 - b. BHS Principal, Joe Maselli presented the BHS Transferrable Skills. Motion to accept the Transferrable Skills was presented by Alison Romkey, 2nd by Chris Davey; MUP.
- F. Unfinished Business – none
- G. New Business
1. A **motion** to allow food exemptions and prohibited beverages for sale to students at events that occur after the school day or on the weekend, provided they are not sold from a vending machine or school store was presented by Chris Davey, 2nd by Stacy Reed; MUP.
 2. BHS Ski Trip – BHS staff member and Ski Club Advisor, Karen Cordero, reviewed the itinerary for the student trip to Sunday River, ME on January 27-29, 2017. A **motion** to approve the proposed trip was presented by Alison Romkey; 2nd by Stacy Reed; MUP.
 3. Resignation – Superintendent Heckt presented resignations from Hope Calve, BCS paraprofessional effective September 30, 2016, Adrienne Palumbo Romeo, Accounts Payable Coordinator effective October 7, 2016, and Grace Spruance, BCS special education teacher effective October 7, 2016. A **motion** to accept the resignations was presented by Alison Romkey, 2nd by Stacy Reed; MUP.
 4. Substitutes – Superintendent Heckt shared that Bolton continues to have difficulty with securing substitute teachers. Bolton pays substitutes much less than the surrounding towns. She shared that Board Policy 4121 states that the Board sets

the substitute rate. A **motion** to increase the daily substitute pay rate to \$85 per day as of November 1, 2016 was presented by Alison Romkey; 2nd by Scott Rich; MUP.

5. First Read 2017-2018 School Calendar – A **motion** to accept the calendar as presented was presented by Andrew Broneill; 2nd by Alison Romkey. Chris Davey suggested that the public should have the opportunity to comment and the vote should be next month at the second read. Motion was withdrawn.
6. First Read Policies:
 - a. 3542.22 – Food Service Personnel – Code of Conduct
 - b. 3542.31 – Free and Reduced Lunches
 - c. 3542.33 – Food Sales Other Than NSLP
 - d. 4118.112 – Sex Discrimination and Sexual Harassment in the Workplace
 - e. 4120 – Reports of Suspected Abuse or Neglect of Children or Sexual Assault of Students by School Employees
 - f. 5134 – Use of District’s Computer System
 - g. 5142.1 – Physical Activity and Student Discipline
 - h. 5145.5 – Sex Discrimination and Sexual Harassment
 - i. 5145.12 – Search and Seizure
 - j. 5145.511 – Child Sexual Abuse and Assault
- H. Future Business - None
- I. Anticipated Executive Session – Discussion / Possible Action on:
 1. Superintendent’s Evaluation – A **motion** to adjourn to Executive Session was presented by Chris Davey at 8:10 PM, 2nd by Stacy Reed; MUP.
The Board came out of Executive Session by consensus at 9:10 PM.
- J. Adjournment – A **motion** to adjourn was presented by Andrew Broneill at 9:30 PM, 2nd by Scott Rich; MUP.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin B. Heckt
Superintendent