

The Bolton Board of Education held its regularly scheduled Business Meeting on December 8, 2016. Members present were Chair Liz Krueger, Andrew Broneill, Chris Davey, Kate Gallé, Stacy Reed, Scott Rich and Alison Romkey. Superintendent Kristin Heckt was also present.

- 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 Grade 5 Student Achievers – Joshua Hills and Tia Olson
BCS Grade 6 Student Achievers – Nicole Gallacher and Jeremy Peacock
Superintendent Heckt thanked Mary Grande for her service to Bolton Center School and wished her well in her new position as Principal at Tolland Middle School. She also offered congratulations to Darryl Giard on his appointment to Principal at Bolton Center School.
- C. Election of Officers – Chair Liz Krueger turned the meeting over the Superintendent Heckt for the election of Board Chair. The Board members chose to use a hand ballot for voting. Superintendent Heckt called for nominations for Board Chair. Kate Gallé nominated Liz Krueger for the position of Board Chair, 2nd by Alison Romkey; MUP. Chair Krueger resumed the meeting and asked for nominations for Vice Chair. Kate Gallé nominated Andrew Broneill for the position of Vice Chair, 2nd by Alison Romkey; MUP. Chair Krueger asked for nominations for the position of Secretary. Stacy Reed nominated Alison Romkey for the position of Secretary, 2nd by Kate Gallé; MUP.
- D. Additions to the Agenda – None
- E. Comments from the Audience – None
- F. Routine Business Items
 1. Communications to Board Members – Scott Rich received an email to the Building and Grounds Subcommittee from Town Administrator, Joyce Stille, with information on the current status and funding of BCS projects such as paving, tile removal/asbestos abatement and the newly added item of boiler/burner replacement. The Town’s agreement with CNG regarding natural gas lines has changed the parameters of the boiler/burner project and will request clarification/update of the funding notations provided by the Board of Selectman. Chair Krueger received inquiries regarding the temperature cut-off for outdoor recess during the winter and referred those inquiries to BCS Administrators for response.
 2. Approval of Minutes
 - a. November 9, 2016 – Andrew Broneill asked that a correction be made to note that he attended the 2+2+2 meeting addressed under item F.5. The minutes will be corrected. A **motion** to accept the minutes with the correction noted was presented by Alison Romkey, 2nd by Andrew Broneill; motion passed 5-0 with members Chris Davey and Stacy Reed abstaining.
 3. BHS Student Representatives Report – Julia Hinckley reported the BHS Open House was this evening and was being held on an earlier date this year to allow future students more time in their decision making. Next week will be Spirit Week followed by a Pep Rally on Friday. Justin Wiles provided the Board with copies of the Open House folders being given to families and noted that earlier in the month, Administrators and, for the first time, BHS students made presentations to Columbia families at Horace Porter School in support of their high school selection for next school year. The Robotics Team will be competing

in Middletown this weekend and FBLA will be holding a fund raiser at Red Robin next week.

4. Board of Education Committee Reports
 - a. Building and Grounds – Andrew Broneill reported that the committee and Superintendent Heckt met with First Selectman, Robert Morra, and Town Administrator, Joyce Stille, for discussion on shared services, BCS projects and the CNG gas line.
 - b. Curriculum – Chris Davey reported the new AP Government and Politics course syllabus for the 2017-2018 school year was being presented for approval under item H.1 and that a corresponding text book will not be purchased until the new government guidelines are released next year. The subcommittee is looking to have additional courses for Board approval in the spring.
 - c. Finance – Chair Krueger reported the budget is at 31% expenditure with shortfalls in the SPED line item.
 - d. Policy – Kate Gallé reported the subcommittee continues to review the most pressing policies mostly due to mandated changes. Using information from our district attorney at Shipman and Goodwin, the Superintendent has begun to identify policies that have mandated changes vs. those that are not mandated to allow for quicker review of those policies. Superintendent Heckt noted that many districts have had the firm undertake a complete policy review identifying and updating all policies affected by mandates and has asked for a quote on this process for Bolton. This would allow for more time to review non-mandated policies.
5. Community Meeting Reports / Board of Education – Chris Davey attended the PTA meeting where our Resident State Troopers discussed sexting. The Bolton Scholarship Fund will be releasing the applications soon.
6. Superintendent of School's Report
 - a. Alumni Gift – Superintendent Heckt noted the Bolton Alumni Association has donated 6 more tables to BCS and a letter of thanks will be sent by Director of Operations, Ray Boyd on behalf of the Board and School district.
 - b. Mastery Based Learning Update – Principal Maselli, Assistant Principal Giard and BHS staff member Jen Carvalho presented information on the status of the Mastery Based Learning program. Mr. Maselli reminded the Board that this is year Zero (first year) and is considered the self-assessment phase where the district determines the path to take and what needs to be done to accomplish the goal. He was very appreciative of the PD days made available for the leadership team and staff members to attend conferences. The leadership team is working at the classroom level to identify what defines a 'graduate' of specific content areas. The team has met with the 6-12 staff to begin identifying the performance criteria and subsequent scoring. Mr. Maselli and Superintendent Heckt reiterated that there are no changes to what and how subjects are taught or graded and at this point and there is no definitive information to share with parents until all of the self-assessment is complete. The Board will be receiving several more updates throughout the school year.
 - c. Budget Meetings – Board members were provided with copies of the 2016-2017 Meeting Schedule and Superintendent Heckt reminded them that her 2017-2018 Budget Presentation to the Board will be on January 25, 2017 in the BHS LMC and that February 2, 9 and 23 are work sessions in the BOE Conference Room.

- d. Meeting With Legislators – Superintendent Heckt met with state legislators, First Selectman, Robert Morra, and Town Administrator, Joyce Stille and all agreed representatives from the Board of Education and Town Boards should try and attend the upcoming Legislative Breakfast on January 28 at 8:00 AM at the State Capitol in Room 310 to meet with state legislators to discuss their concerns. Board Chair Krueger will coordinate member attendance and advise Superintendent Heckt of who will be able to attend. Superintendent Heckt also attended the Legislative Breakfast sponsored by URSA/NASA held at EASTCONN on December 7 where area Superintendents expressed their concerns on unfunded mandates, excess cost caps, the ECS (Educational Cost Sharing) grant, due process revisions, student data privacy act and other items of concern.
- G. Unfinished Business
1. Second Read – 2017-2018 School Calendar – Draft 3 – Superintendent Heckt shared the results of the specific changes on Draft 3 and the parent/veteran survey responses. A **motion** to accept the calendar as presented was made by Alison Romkey, 2nd by Chris Davey; MUP.
- H. New Business
1. New Course – AP US Government and Politics – Director of Instructional Technology and Curriculum, Sarah Malinoski, and BHS staff member Mark Mishriky reviewed the syllabus provided to Board members noting that new text books would not be considered until next year until the government releases their recommendations. Mr. Mishriky also shared this will be a full year course and anticipates a good number of student sign-up for the course as it will provide a favorable alternative in satisfying the history requirements for graduation. A **motion** to approve the course was presented by Alison Romkey, 2nd by Scott Rich; MUP.
 2. First Read – Policies
 - a. 5131 – Conduct and Discipline
 - b. 5131.911 – Bullying
 - c. 5144.1 – Restraint and Seclusion
 - d. 5145 – Section 504Chair Krueger requested the Board to review the policies presented and provide any concerns to her before next month’s meeting when they will be presented for approval.
- I. Future Business – None
- J. Anticipated Executive Session – Discussion Possible / Action on:
1. Superintendent’s Review of Mid-Year Goals
 2. Personnel
- A **motion** to adjourn to Executive Session was presented at 7:35 PM by Alison Romkey, 2nd by Andrew Broneill; MUP. The Board came out of Executive Session by consensus at 8:29 PM.
- K. Adjournment – A **motion** to adjourn was presented by Alison Romkey at 8:30 PM, 2nd by Stacy Reed; MUP.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Boyd
Board Clerk