

BOLTON CENTRAL SCHOOL
BOLTON LANDING, NEW YORK 12814

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

January 13, 2014

MINUTES

1. The meeting was called to order by President Pfau at 6:32p.m.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Pfau.

3. **ROLL CALL**

Present:

Mrs. Kathleen Pfau	Mrs. Pamela Quigan
Mrs. Julie Beebe	Mr. Carl Schoder
Mr. Chris Gabriels	Mr. Raymond Ciccarelli, Jr.
Mr. Thomas Herrick	Ms. Kathleen Dennin
Mrs. Debra Peterson	Ms. Christina Dunalewicz

Public Present:

Mrs. Deborah Andersen	Mr. Michael Graney	Mr. Greg Smith
Mr. Francisco Roca	Mr. Dan Hull	Mrs. Deanne Rehm
Mr. Mike Leone	Mrs. Lori Humiston	Mr. John Gaddy
Ms. Margaret D'Acchille	Ms. Kristine Lanchantin	Mrs. Dawn Robinson
	Mr. Dennis Murphy	Mrs. Tina Schroeder
	Mr. Owen Maranville	Mrs. Jennifer Trowbridge
	Mr. Michael Marcelle	Mrs. Jean VanAuken

4. **MINUTES APPROVAL**

MOTION by Mrs. Quigan seconded by Mr. Schoder, that the Board of Education approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on December 9, 2013 as presented

Minutes
Approval

VOTE: ALL FAVORABLE MOTION: CARRIED

5. **COMMUNICATIONS**

- A. Correspondence from Deanne Rehm, Warren County Assessors Association regarding Real Property Tax Law 581 and Real Property Law 339Y.

Mrs. Rehm shared her history as an assessor, explained the real property assessment process and how it relates to the assessment of condominiums and the disparity that can occur in terms of the value of the individual units versus the value of the building as a whole. Mrs. Rehm discussed the details of New York State Senate and Assembly bills S.1000 and A.682 regarding an act to

amend the Real Property Tax Law in Relation to the Taxation of Property Owned by a Cooperative Corporation and the need to lobby at the local level in order to involve constituents. Mrs. Rehm requested that the Board of Education consider passing a resolution of support, recommend any additional forums where these concerns might be heard and, if the Board could support this initiative, suggested they send certified copies to their local representatives.

The Board thanked Mrs. Rehm for her time and effort on this matter, and Mrs. Rehm shared that she would be willing to make herself available for further information as needed.

- B. Adirondack Area School Board Meeting Announcement for Thursday, February 6th, 2014 at 6pm. Board members interested in attending should let the District Clerk know by Thursday, January 30, 2014.

6. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. Policy Update – Mrs. Quigan reported that work continues on Policy # 7110- Comprehensive Student Attendance Policy. The policy will be prepared for a first reading at the next Board of Education Meeting on February 10, 2014. Mr. Graney has set up a committee of teaching and administrative staff for discussion and review of a number of policies and to consider what will work best for our district.
- B. Employee Relations– Mrs. Peterson reported that the committee is awaiting a response from Mr. Kevin Harren; the Employee Relations Committee is hoping to set a date for a follow-up meeting.
- C. Facilities –Mr. Schoder presented a project update and report from the December 18th Facilities Committee Meeting. The remaining Spectator Seating work has been deferred until spring. Possible options for a baseball field were discussed and would be followed up at the Facilities Committee Meeting on Tuesday, January 28th at 6:30pm at which Jim Girard would be in attendance.

7. **INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM**

- A. Due to rescheduled CPSE/CSE meetings, these items have been tabled until the February 10th, 2014 meeting.
- B. Strategic Planning Initiative Update- Mr. Marcelle provided an update.

On January 8th the Board of Education and administrators met with Mr. Marcelle to review the four recommendations that were included in the Strategic Plan and decided to take the following next steps:

Recommendations #1 (Focus on Education) and #2 (Raise Expectations and Increase Student Accountability) will be merged. An action plan to implement

these recommendations will be developed. Administrators will be discussing this action plan initially with the faculty and staff. Input from other stakeholder groups (parents, students and community) will follow.

Recommendation #3 (Student Enrollment) the Board of Education, administrators and Mr. Marcelle will be interviewing our first marketing consultant on Tuesday, January 21st. More information will follow.

For Recommendation #4 (Increase Community Involvement) an action plan will be developed. Community members, administrators and Board of Education representatives will be invited to a meeting to develop this plan. The hope is to create better partnerships and to discuss school property for community usage.

- C. Recommend the adoption of an annual multi-district regional student transportation agreement. Mr. Ciccarelli presented the Student Transportation Cooperative Agreement commencing January 1, 2014 and ending on June 20, 2015.

Mr. Ciccarelli explained that the presented agreement allows students from listed districts to ride on transportation provided. This is in practice on planned routes such as BOCES

MOTION by Mr. Schoder, seconded by Mrs. Quigan that the Board of Education approve the Student Transportation Cooperative Agreement commencing January 1, 2014 and ending on June 20, 2015, as presented.

Student
Transportation
Cooperative
Agreement

VOTE: ALL FAVORABLE

MOTION: CARRIED

8. SCHOOL DISTRICT BUSINESS

- A. **MOTION** by Mrs. Peterson, seconded by Mrs. Beebe that the Board of Education approve Treasurer's and Central Treasurer's Reports for December 2013, as presented.

Treasurer
Reports

VOTE: ALL FAVORABLE

MOTION: CARRIED

- B. Recommend approval of 2012-2013 Audit by Independent Auditors Jenkins, Beecher & Bethel, LLP.

Mrs. Peterson reported that the Audit Committee met with a representative from Jenkins, Beecher & Bethel, LLP in November. In addition to this yearly audit, our Business Office underwent three additional audits in the last year; an audit by the State Controller's Office, a Federal Funds audit and a Tax Levy Calculation Audit, all of which Bolton Central School fared well. On behalf of the Board of Education, Mrs. Peterson thanked both our Business Manager, Kathleen Dennin and our Account Clerk/Tax Collector, Dawn Robinson for a job well done.

MOTION by Mrs. Quigan, seconded by Mrs. Peterson that the Board of Education accept the annual auditor’s report for the 2012-2013 school year from Independent Auditors Jenkins, Beecher & Bethel, LLP, as presented.

2012-2013
Audit

VOTE: ALL FAVORABLE MOTION: CARRIED

C. 2014-2015 Budget Process Update- Ms. Dennin

Ms. Dennin reported that Faculty has been provided with budget packets designed to plan for next year’s spending. Information is due back to the Business Manager by January 22nd. The tax cap calculation’s allowable growth factor is estimated at approximately 1.6 %.

D. Recommend appointment of Mr. Michael J. Graney to the position of School District Superintendent of Bolton Central School effective July 1, 2014

MOTION by Mrs. Quigan, seconded by Mrs. Peterson;

Employment
Agreement
Approval

1. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby approves the Employment Agreement between the Board of Education of Bolton Central School District and Mr. Michael J. Graney dated July 1, 2014 setting forth the terms and conditions of the appointment and employment of Mr. Michael J. Graney as Superintendent of the Bolton Central School District, effective July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2017. President to execute the agreement.

VOTE: ALL FAVORABLE MOTION: CARRIED

MOTION by Mr. Schoder, seconded by Mr. Gabriels;

M. Graney
Appointment

2. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby appoints Mr. Michael J. Graney Superintendent of the Bolton Central School District effective July 1, 2014.

VOTE: ALL FAVORABLE MOTION: CARRIED

E. Recommend the termination of employment for Mr. Joel Detrick in accordance with Civil Service Regulations, effective January 14, 2014.

MOTION by Mr. Gabriels, seconded by Mrs. Quigan that the Board of Education hereby accepts the recommendation of the Superintendent to terminate the employment of Joel Detrick, effective, January 14, 2014.

J. Detrick
Termination

VOTE: ALL FAVORABLE MOTION: CARRIED

F. Request that the Board of Education authorize the posting of the PK - 12 Building Principal vacancy.

MOTION by Mrs. Quigan, seconded by Mr. Gabriels that the Board of Education authorize the posting of the PK - 12 Building Principal vacancy.

Authorization
of Posting

VOTE: ALL FAVORABLE MOTION: CARRIED

9. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Dennis Murphy reiterated his request to have the 2011-2012 External Audit report available on the school website. The District Clerk advised that this request would be taken care of the next day.

10. **BOARD OF EDUCATION ITEMS**

Mr. Herrick congratulated the Girl's Varsity Soccer team on receiving academic honors from NYSPHSAA for the entire team maintaining an overall grade point average of above 90. This is the second year in a row that the team has received this honor. Mr. Herrick suggested that this honor be posted on the website. Mr. Ciccarelli explained that honors such as this are highlighted at the end of the school year at the Athletics Banquet.

Mr. Herrick also wished to thank The Sagamore Resort, in particular Sagamore staff, Vicki Daken and Kerry Kane for facilitating the use of space at The Sagamore for Elementary Basketball and BEST Program Swimming. A written acknowledgement of gratitude from Bolton Central School to both staff members, as well as The Sagamore Resort, will be sent.

- A. **MOTION** by Mrs. Quigan seconded by Mr. Gabriels that the Board of Education adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of contractual negotiation at 7:15pm.

Adjourn to
Executive
Session

VOTE: ALL FAVORABLE. MOTION CARRIED

Mrs. Pfau returned the meeting to regular session at 9:00pm.

- B. **MOTION** by Mr. Schoder, seconded by Mr. Herrick, that the Board of Education adjourn the meeting at 9:01p.m.

Meeting
Adjourned

VOTE: ALL FAVORABLE MOTION: CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 9:01p.m.

Board approved: _____

District Clerk