

BOLTON CENTRAL SCHOOL
BOLTON LANDING, NEW YORK 12814

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

December 9, 2013

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. Julie Beebe
Mr. Chris Gabriels
Mr. Thomas Herrick
Mrs. Debra Peterson

Mrs. Pamela Quigan
Mr. Carl Schoder
Mr. Raymond Ciccarelli, Jr.
Ms. Kathleen Dennin
Ms. Christina Dunalewicz

Public Present:

Ms. Carol Artibee
Mrs. Susan Cady
Ms. Tracy Clear
Ms. Margaret D'Acchille
Mrs. Leona Denne
Mr. James Dexter
Mr. Russell Ferris
Mr. Glenn Goodwin

Mr. Michael Graney
Mr. Dan Hull
Ms. Lynn King
Ms. Kristine Lanchantin
Mr. Douglas Leavens
Mr. Owen Maranville
Mr. Michael Marcelle
Mr. Anthony Palazzo

Mrs. Elana Palazzo
Mrs. Deanne Rehm
Mr. Walter Rehm
Mrs. Dawn Robinson
Mrs. Tina Schroeder
Mrs. Jennifer Trowbridge

4. **MINUTES APPROVAL**

MOTION by Mrs. Quigan seconded by Mrs. Peterson, that the Board of Education approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on November 18, 2013 as presented as per the recommendation by Mr. Herricks to include the following updated statement within Item 7- Instructional Program, B. Presentation of Strategic Planning Initiative Documents:

Minutes
Approval

“Mr. Herricks stressed the urgency of moving ahead with the marketing of the District as well as the priority of securing a consultant in order to move forward as soon as possible.”

VOTE: ALL FAVORABLE

MOTION: CARRIED

5. **COMMUNICATIONS**

Notice of AASBA and SCSBA Combined Meeting on December 12, 2013 at South Glens Falls School District has been postponed and is pending reschedule at a later date. Updated information to follow as it becomes available.

6. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. Employee Relations– Mrs. Peterson reported that the committee has had no response to date from Mr. Kevin Harren; there is no new information at this time.
- B. Policy Update – Mrs. Quigan reported that work continues on Policy # 7110- Comprehensive Student Attendance Policy. Mr. Graney’s committee set-up specifically for review of this policy will meet again in January.
- C. Facilities –Mr. Schoder presented a project update and report from the December 2nd Facilities Committee Meeting. The project is progressing well with the seating walls near completion. Work has not yet started on the ADA compliant portion of the project and will resume in the spring. The Committee also discussed thoughts and options regarding the feasibility of a potential piece of property under consideration to be used as a baseball/softball site. The next Facilities Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 18th at 6:30pm in the First Floor Conference Room.
- D. Strategic Planning Update- Mr. Marcelle thanked all those involved in the project. There will be an Administrative Workshop devoted to the discussion of Strategic Planning. This workshop will be held on Wednesday, January 8th, 2014 at 6:30pm in the First Floor Conference Room.

7. **INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM**

- A. Review of itinerary for the French Class trip to Montreal, PQ on April 26-27, 2014. Mrs. Denne reviewed the details of the itinerary. The trip is open to all students in grades 9 – 12.

MOTION by Mr. Gabriels, seconded by Mr. Schoder that the Board of Education grant approval for the French Class trip to Montreal, PQ in April of 2014.

VOTE: ALL FAVORABLE. MOTION CARRIED.

- B. BOCES Administrative visit to Bolton Central School regarding an overview of academic programming.

The presenters were as follows:

- Mr. James Dexter, District Superintendent of Schools
- Mr. Douglas Leavens, Director of Career and Technical Education
- Mr. Anthony Palazzo, student, in the Graphic and Visual Communications, Myers Center. Anthony shared some of his work being produced in the program and discussed his future plans. Anthony also explained how academics are applied to his career training.
- Mr. Glenn Goodwin, student in the Heavy Equipment Program at the Myers Center. Glenn spoke highly of the program and his excitement of working with such engaging instructors. The hands on experience working towards real life goals and continued success gained through community project involvement allowed him great experiences which he was proud to share with the group.

Mr. Dexter outlined the scope of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) and all it offers students under the suggestion of involved districts. Ms. Lynn King, WSWHE BOCES Board member, thanked all for their support.

Mr. Leavens reported on the changing demands on our students. On the higher education track, BOCES offers college preparation courses or advanced study options for those who qualify. On the program side all coursework is industry related. Career and technical requirements expect success in both academic and on a career basis. Business background is provided in many cases when applicable and internship opportunities are available.

Mrs. Pfau thanked the student presenters for sharing their experiences at BOCES.

Mr. Dexter complimented the community that serves our students so well.

- C. Information regarding SUNY Adirondack's 2014 Winter Enrichment Program for students in grades four, five and six was circulated. The program will run during President's Week in February. Mr. Ciccarelli explained that the program is voluntary, is not being conducted by our school district, however the district wants families to be aware of these enrichment opportunities. Due to the nature of this program, school district transportation will not be available nor will any of the costs be covered by our school district. Students can enroll in one, or as many as three courses during this time.
- D. Upcoming Leaves to the Instructional Staff (Non-Contractual)
1. Mrs. Jessica Foy - Miss Kristen DePace
(January 6, 2014 - April 22, 2014)
 2. Mrs. Amie Sawyer - Miss Lauren Hogan
(December 9, 2013 - February 24, 2014)
 3. Mrs. Tammy Soper – Mr. Ryan Volkmann (Miss Ashley Truax)
(on or about March 3, 2014- more information to follow)

Mr. Ciccarelli reported that these leaves are characterized under the Family and Medical Leave Act and that everything is in place for coverage for all leaves. Mr. Ciccarelli wished all the families the very best.

8. **SCHOOL DISTRICT BUSINESS**

- A. **MOTION** by Mrs. Quigan, seconded by Mr. Schoder that the Board of Education approve Treasurer’s and Central Treasurer’s Reports for November 2013, as presented.

Treasurer
Reports

VOTE: ALL FAVORABLE

MOTION: CARRIED

- B. Distribution of the proposed 2014-2015 Budget Preparation Timeline. Ms. Dennin discussed the tentative 2014-2015 Budget Preparation schedule and explained that the biggest challenge will be the tax cap calculations. Dates can be added as needed. Ms. Dennin also reported that this year’s audit yielded positive results.
- C. Superintendent Search Update- Mr. Marcelle reported that the internal search process involved a total of 34 participants which comprised five committees representing instructional staff, non instructional staff, parents, students and members of the community. All groups had the opportunity to interview the candidate based on questions that were developed independently by each committee. Mr. Marcelle thanked all for their involvement in the process. Mrs. Pfau also thanked all involved and reported that the Board of Education also interviewed the candidate and at this time would like to offer the position of Superintendent of School for the Bolton Central School District to Mr. Michael J. Graney, with the intention of making the appointment at the regular January Board meeting.

9. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Rehm shared his understanding of any Superintendent search process and requested more detail regarding this search in particular. He also shared his concern for the state of education, in general, having been involved in many aspects over the years. Mr. Rehm expressed his hope that the best selection, through due diligence, has been presented; this community, its families and students deserve the best.

Mr. Marcelle explained the process from its onset, including meetings involving over 40 members of the community. After that initial meeting and further understanding, the group agreed to follow the Board of Education’s recommendations for the hiring process. The candidate received overwhelmingly positive feedback from all committees which lead to the Board of Education’s interview session and subsequent recommendation.

Mr. Schoder endorsed the method chosen by the Board of Education based on his acknowledgement that the selection of a Superintendent is one of a Board member’s greatest responsibilities. The community supported the decision regarding the process, as well as the candidate, by the representation they chose to present both at

the initial planning meeting and during the interview process. Lastly, the Board of Education stands by their decision to involve the community as it has.

Mrs. Pfau explained that the candidate's involvement in the development of the Strategic Plan, as well as his work in the District in development of the plan, process and procedure has allowed the Board of Education a thorough sense of the candidate in practice.

The Board of Education thanked Mr. Rehm for his feedback.

10. **BOARD OF EDUCATION ITEMS**

The Board requested an update on the state of the sound system in the gym. Ms. Dennin explained that Ray's Supply would be on site next week and will be reviewing the original work proposal as well as work completed in the past to see what more could be done. Consultant recommendations may be considered and input will be based on advice received. Mrs Pfau agreed to be present at the site visit in order to report back to the Board.

- A. **MOTION** by Mrs. Quigan seconded by Mrs. Peterson that the Board of Education adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of contractual negotiation at 7:32pm.

Adjourn to
Executive
Session

VOTE: ALL FAVORABLE. MOTION CARRIED

Mrs. Pfau returned the meeting to regular session at 9:27pm.

- B. **MOTION** by Mr. Schoder, seconded by Mrs. Quigan, that the Board of Education adjourn the meeting at 9:27p.m.

Meeting
Adjourned

VOTE: ALL FAVORABLE MOTION: CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 9:27p.m.

Board approved: _____

District Clerk