

BOLTON CENTRAL SCHOOL  
BOLTON LANDING, NEW YORK 12814

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

February 10, 2014

MINUTES

1. The meeting was called to order by President Pfau at 6:33p.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. John Gaddy	Mr. Anthony Passaro
Mrs. Laurie Blanchard	Mr. Michael Graney	Mrs. Melanie Persons
Mrs. Mary Ciccarelli	Mrs. Margot Hens	Miss Ceshele Powell
Mr. Mark Coon	Mr. Richard Huck	Mrs. Dawn Robinson
Ms. Margaret D’Acchille	Mr. Daniel Hull	Mr. Francisco Roca
Mrs. Janell Egloff	Mrs. Cindy Kaveny	Mrs. Tammy Soper
Mr. Carson Fitzgerald	Mrs. Melanie Ostberg	Mrs. Jean VanAuken
Mr. Dalton French	Mr. Anthony Palazzo	Mr. Ryan Volkmann

4. **MINUTES APPROVAL**

**MOTION** by Mr. Gabriels seconded by Mrs. Peterson, that the Board of Education approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on January 13, 2014 as presented

**VOTE: ALL FAVORABLE.**

**MOTION: CARRIED.**

Minutes  
Approval

5. **COMMUNICATIONS**

A. Letter to Superintendent and Principal from Mrs. Donna Snyder. Mr. Ciccarelli read a letter from Mrs. Donna Snyder, dated January 30, 2014 and recommended that the Board of Education accept the letter from Mrs. Donna Snyder, citing retirement from her position as Typist, effective June 30, 2014.

**MOTION** by Mr. Gabriels, seconded by Mrs. Quigan that the Board of Education accept a letter from Mrs. Donna Snyder, citing retirement from her position as Typist, effective June 30, 2014.

**VOTE: ALL FAVORABLE.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Retirement  
D. Snyder

6. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. Policy Update – Mrs. Quigan presented the revisions to Policy # 7110- Student Attendance Policy. Mr. Graney thanked all those involved for the extra time put into the revisions of this policy. The second reading will occur at March meeting along with the first reading of the following policies:

6562	Employment of Retired Persons
7220	Graduation Requirements/Early Graduation/Accelerated Programs
7617	Declassification of Students with Disabilities
7632	Appt./Training Committee- Preschool Spec. Ed./Subcom. Spec. Ed.
6410	Staff Use of Computerized Information Resources
3220	Use of Service Animals

- B. Employee Relations– Mrs. Peterson reported that the committee met with Mr. Kevin Harren to put together a proposal that has been presented to BPSPA, the committee is awaiting feedback at this time.
- C. Facilities –Mr. Schoder reported on the Facilities Committee meeting held on January 28, 2014. The committee met with Mr. Jim Girard of Turf Management Co., Inc. regarding the lower field and its potential usage for baseball for the upcoming season. Mr. Schoder explained the dynamics of using the existing field as a baseball field. The issues of discussion were elevation concerns, turnover time involved in the pulling up sod and replacement post season The amount of time the sod would need to re-root may be prohibitive to starting the soccer season on time. The costs involved of doing this annually would cost approximately \$10,000-\$12,000. Facility Committee recommended a moratorium to be implemented for this upcoming Spring/Summer season on any reconfiguration of the newly renovated lower athletic field from its current layout. This will require the use of an alternate site for the 2014 baseball season. The moratorium allows the Board of Education ample time to explore recent options, which could lead to the purchasing of a new parcel of land.

Mr. Ciccarelli reported that Mr. Roca has been working on securing an alternate location, in particular, Camp Echo Lake’s field for the entire baseball season; physical education classes and softball will not be affected. Mr. Roca is working out the details to insure consistency of practice space and game scheduling. All our neighbors have been forthcoming but the district is working towards securing a consistent location for practices and games to make things easier for the students, their families and the community. The cost is an issue that has not been decided on as of yet.

The first day of league play is schedule to be Monday, March 31<sup>st</sup>. The Adirondack League is keeping a later date in mind. Practice can start on March 1st but the weather conditions will determine when outside practice will be possible. The Board and Facilities Committee’s first concern is the safety of our students and protecting our investment in the Lower Field. Busing to an alternate location will not be a concern.

Mr. Schoder, on behalf of the Board of Education, conveyed thanks to Mr. Roca for his efforts.

Also discussed was the Bolton Volunteer Fire Department’s future usage of the tennis/parking lot space. Mr. Schoder proposed the next Facilities Committee meeting be held on Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the first floor conference room.

- D. Recommend the Board of Education continue existing agreement with Mr. Michael Marcelle, consultant, through February 28, 2014.

**MOTION** by Mrs. Quigan, seconded by Mr. Schoder that the Board of Education continue the existing agreement with Mr. Michael Marcelle, consultant, through February 28, 2014.

M. Marcelle Agreement

**VOTE: ALL FAVORABLE.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

This agreement can be renewed on a month to month as needed basis.

**7. INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM**

- A. Recommend the Board of Education accept the recommendations from the Committee on Special Education, as attached.

**MOTION** by Mrs. Quigan seconded by Mrs. Peterson that the Board of Education accept the recommendations from the Committee on Special Education, as presented.

CPSE/CSE Recs.

**VOTE: ALL FAVORABLE.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Mrs. Quigan thanked Mrs. Begly for her thoroughness in reporting and in presenting clear and concise information on behalf of the Committee on Special Education.

- B. Recommend the Board of Education adopt the academic calendar for the 2014-2015 school year, as presented.

Both the BOCES and BCS Teacher’s Association have been consulted on the calendar and find it within acceptable parameters.

**MOTION** by Mrs. Quigan, seconded by Mr. Herrick that the Board of Education adopt the academic calendar for the 2014-2015 school year, pending corrections as discussed.

2014-2015 Academic Calendar

**VOTE: ALL FAVORABLE.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

- C. Presentation - Primary Grades Reading Instruction PowerPoint- Mrs. Borgh, Mrs. Blanchard, Mrs. Egloff, Mrs. Hens, Mrs. Kaveny and Mrs. Soper.

The primary grade staff thanked the Board of Education for the opportunity to share the successes of their students and also thanked Mrs. Trowbridge for her support in creating and sharing the presentation. The PowerPoint presentation included the process of reading instruction in the primary grades that is created to address the needs of all students at all reading levels. Individual reading time allows one on one assessment and assistance with students three times a week. A variety of mediums

are used in lessons to work with sight words. Reading and listening comprehension are explored through a variety of literature types and via many representational methods to help engage students and hold their interest. Reading skills are taught throughout the day across all curriculum areas. As reading skills become stronger, levels of fluency are addressed and supported at the individual students' levels. It is important that reading is done at home to support and practice the skills learned in class. Language understanding is also taught in the lower grades to further implement skills developed in the classroom. All this exposure allows many opportunities to monitor the progress of students and provide intervention as needed as well as to insure that the students are responding to the instruction they are receiving. Students are screened three times a year and compared to national norms to help identify areas of concern.

**8. SCHOOL DISTRICT BUSINESS**

- A. **MOTION** by Mrs. Quigan, seconded by Mrs. Peterson that the Board of Education approve Treasurer's and Central Treasurer's Reports for January, 2014, as presented.

Treasurer  
Reports

**VOTE: ALL FAVORABLE.**

**MOTION: CARRIED.**

- B. Update & discussion of the 2014-2015 budget. Ms. Dennin reported that staff requisitions have been collected. Materials were circulated explaining state aid comparisons. Explanation of budgeted state aid revenues versus current state aid revenues and both as compared with what the New York State Governor has proposed which works out to .95% as the actual measure of state aid that the district can expect for the upcoming school year.

Ms. Dennin went on to explain the GAP elimination adjustment over the past four years and projected for the next year. Over the last four years the District has lost a total of \$659,512 in net aid. This is a topic of discussion for districts around the state.

- C. Recommend the acceptance of Southern Adirondack Substitute Teachers Alliance (SASTA) agreement and WSHWE BOCES School Consortium, including the Bolton Central School District, effective from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2019.

**MOTION** by Mr. Gabriels, seconded by Mrs. Peterson that the Board of Education to accept the agreement of the Southern Adirondack Substitute Teachers Alliance (SASTA) and WSHWE BOCES School Consortium, including the Bolton Central School District, effective from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2019.

SASTA  
Agreement

**VOTE: ALL FAVORABLE.**

**MOTION: CARRIED.**

- D. Recommend the Board of Education authorize the school's attorney, H. Wayne Judge, Esq. to sign any and all documents on behalf of the School District in connection with Article 7 proceedings of Frank Parillo & Bolton Landing Marina, LLC vs. Town of Bolton, et al.

**MOTION** by Mr. Gabriels, seconded by Mrs. Peterson that the Board of Education to authorize the school's attorney, H. Wayne Judge, Esq. to sign any and all documents on behalf of the School District in connection with Article 7 proceedings of Frank Parillo & Bolton Landing Marina, LLC vs. Town of Bolton, et al

H. Wayne  
Judge,  
Esq.

**VOTE: ALL FAVORABLE.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Ms. Dennin explained that the petitioner was disputing an assessment and had been successful. Adjustment for two years will be provided to the taxpayer by the District.

- E. Recommend that the Board of Education enter into a contract for Health and Welfare Services with the Glens Falls City School District for the 2013-2014 school year. (One Bolton Landing resident student is attending St. Mary's/St. Alphonsus')

**MOTION** by Mrs. Beebe, seconded by Mrs. Peterson that the Board of Education enter into a contract for Health and Welfare Services with the Glens Falls City School District for the 2013- 2014 school year.

Health/  
Welfare  
Contract  
w/GFCSD

**VOTE: ALL FAVORABLE.**

**MOTION: CARRIED.**

- F. Recommend the Board of Education authorize the participation in the cooperative purchasing program, coordinated by the Washington-Saratoga- Warren- Hamilton - Essex BOCES for the 2014- 2015 school year for the following commodities:

- Bread and Bread Products
- Ice Cream
- Milk
- Meat
- Canned/Frozen Foods
- Cafeteria Paper Products

**MOTION** by Mr. Schoder, seconded by Mrs. Peterson that the Board of Education authorize the participation in the cooperative purchasing program, coordinated by the Washington-Saratoga-Warren-Hamilton- Essex BOCES for the 2014-2015 school year for the following commodities:

Co-Op  
WSWHE  
Commodities

- Bread & Bread Products
- Milk
- Canned /Frozen Foods

- Ice Cream
- Meat
- Cafeteria Paper Products

**VOTE: ALL FAVORABLE.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

- G. Recommend the Board of Education support proposed legislation allowing municipal corporations and school districts to remove the limitations set forth in RPTL § 581 and RPL § 339-Y on assessments of cooperative corporations or condominiums.

**MOTION** by Mr. Schoder, seconded by Mrs. Quigan that the Board of Education **table** support of proposed legislation allowing municipal corporations and school districts to remove the limitations set forth in RPTL § 581 and RPL § 339-Y on assessments of cooperative corporations or condominiums until the March meeting pending further feedback.

Motion  
tabled  
until  
March 10,  
2014

**VOTE: ALL FAVORABLE**

**MOTION: CARRIED**

9. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment

10. **BOARD OF EDUCATION ITEMS**

President Pfau thanked the Elementary grade teachers for their presentation. Mrs. Quigan encouraged everyone to review materials that are on display and thanked staff for stepping up for our students.

- A. **MOTION** by Mr. Gabriels seconded by Mrs. Peterson that the Board of Education adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of contractual negotiation at 7:45pm. Collective bargaining.

Adjourn to Executive Session

**VOTE: ALL FAVORABLE.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Mrs. Pfau returned the meeting to regular session at 9:25pm.

- B. **MOTION** by Mrs. Peterson seconded by Mrs. Quigan, that the Board of Education adjourn the meeting at 9:26p.m.

Meeting Adjourned

**VOTE: ALL FAVORABLE.**

**MOTION: CARRIED.**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:26p.m.

Board approved: \_\_\_\_\_

District Clerk

