

BOLTON CENTRAL SCHOOL
BOLTON LANDING, NEW YORK 12814
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Monday, December 15, 2014

MINUTES

1. The meeting was called to order by President Pfau at 6:31p.m.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Pfau.

3. **ROLL CALL**

Present:

Mrs. Julie Beebe	Mrs. Pamela Quigan
Mr. Chris Gabriels	Ms. Kathleen Dennin
Mr. Carl Schoder	Ms. Christina Dunalewicz
Mrs. Kathleen Pfau	Mr. Michael Graney
Mrs. Debra Peterson	

Absent: Mr. Jesse Foy

Public Present:

Mrs. Deborah Andersen	Mrs. Michele French
Mr. Francisco Roca	Mrs. Terry Begly
Mr. Daniel Hull	Mrs. Jennifer Trowbridge
Mrs. Tina Schroeder	Mr. Dennis Murphy
Mr. Steve Beuerman	

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 Monday, November 17, 2014, as presented.

Minutes
Approval

VOTE: ALL FAVORABLE

MOTION: CARRIED

5. **COMMUNICATIONS**

- A. Stand Up for Upstate Schools - Mr. Graney discussed the information regarding Stand Up for Upstate Schools advocacy event being held on Thursday, January 22 at 6:00 p.m. at Saratoga Springs High School. To date the following individuals will be attending on behalf of Bolton Central School; Mr. Michael Graney, Mrs. Michele French, Mrs. Kathy Pfau and Mrs. Pam Quigan.

Three topics are expected to be addressed:

1. Reform the state aid distribution system to provide for more equity.
 2. Eliminate the Gap Elimination Adjustment (GEA) by the 2015-16 fiscal year.
 3. Maintain the interest rate used in state building aid calculations for a capital project at the level in use by the state when the capital project was originally bonded.
- B. Warrensburg Central School District Newsletter - Mr. Graney shared an article from the WCSD Winter 2014 newsletter highlighting the Bolton-Warrensburg Girls' Varsity Soccer team's successful season.
- C. Correspondence was received from a parent regarding student progress to be discussed in Executive Session.

6. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

A. Facilities Committee Report - Mr. Carl Schoder

The Town of Bolton is expected to discuss the parking lot lease agreement at the January Town of Bolton Board meeting.

In addition the Town has researched a potentially more environmentally friendly salt/melt. There is a possibility that the District could purchase this product directly from the Town at their significantly reduced rate. More information will follow as it becomes available.

There has been progress on the baseball/little league field at the Town landfill site. An update will be available once work starts up again in the spring.

Mr. Schoder provided an overview of the drainage report provided by AES Northeast. As a result of the report, some maintenance needs were revealed. More test holes to measure the scope of work will be required. All results will be discussed at the next Facilities Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 7, 2015 at 6:30pm.

B. Policy Committee- Mrs. Pamela Quigan - The following policies were distributed to the Policy Committee for review:

- 1650 - Submission of Questions at the Annual Meeting and Election and Special Meetings
- 3420 - Non-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment in the School District
- 5672 - Information Security Breach and Notification
- 6120 - Equal Employment Opportunity
- 6121 - Sexual Harassment of District Personnel
- 6122 - Employee Grievances
- 7320 - Alcohol, Tobacco, Drugs and Other Substances
- 7530 - Child Abuse and Maltreatment
- 7551 - Sexual Harassment of Students
- 8130 - Equal Educational Opportunities

The Policy Committee will hold their next meeting on Monday, January 12, 2015 at 5 p.m.

C. Administrative Report:

1. Grades 6 - 12 Holiday Concert- BCS Gym - Wednesday, December 17 - 7pm
2. Holiday Recess - Monday, December 22, 2014 - Friday, January 2, 2015
3. Olweus Kick Off Week - Monday, January 5 - Friday, January 9, 2015
4. Educational Legacy Planning Update

During the Winter Recess, district offices will be open on December 22nd and 23rd, 29th, 30th, 31st and January 2nd.

The Olweus Anti-Bullying Program week will kick off on Wednesday, January 7th with events going on each day. Schedules will be posted around the building.

The Educational Legacy Planning representative has spoken to a selection of ten students, a Steering Committee comprised of faculty members, and will speak with recent Bolton alumni over the break. Educational Legacy Planning will report on progress at the January Board Meeting.

The SMART Schools Bond Act passed a public vote in November. The District is waiting for direction from the New York State Education Department and expecting more detailed information as to what is expected from Districts in January.

7. **INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM**

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

CSE/CPSE
Approval

VOTE: ALL FAVORABLE MOTION: CARRIED

- B. **MOTION** by Mr. Gabriels, seconded by Mrs. Quigan that the Board of Education approve the request of the Spanish Club to plan a Spring 2016 trip to Spain, as presented.

Spanish
Club Trip
to Spain -
Spring
2016

VOTE: ALL FAVORABLE MOTION: CARRIED

Mr. Roca circulated a preliminary itinerary and he anticipates the participation of 12 to 18 students based on expressed interest.

- C. Soccer Merger Report - Mr. Francisco Roca discussed the four teams that benefited from the soccer merger with Warrensburg Central School; Boys and Girls Modified and Boys and Girls Varsity soccer. The mergers of all teams went well and benefited all athletes involved. A survey circulated among athletes and their parents yielded informative feedback. The merger allowed for increased competition. The benefit of having access to two facilities allowed for additional practice time for all teams. Going forward, coaches will work with both district's transportation departments. One suggestion that resulted from the survey was to host a pre-season meet and greet of players and their parents.

The Board thanked all involved and shared the reports of what a great community experience this past season has been. The Booster Club offered assistance with a pre season meet and greet event. Feedback received from Warrensburg Central School players and their families was very similar and very positive. The coaching staff was integral in the season's success and the team effort that supported it.

8. **SCHOOL DISTRICT BUSINESS**

- A. **MOTION** by Mr. Schoder, seconded by Mrs. Peterson that the Board of Education approve the Treasurer and Central Treasurer's reports for November, 2014, as presented.

Treasurer's
& Central
Treasurer's
Report

VOTE: ALL FAVORABLE

MOTION: CARRIED

- B. **MOTION** by Mrs. Quigan, seconded by Mrs. Beebe that the Board of Education approve the New York State Project S.A.V.E. District -Wide Safety Plan for Bolton Central School, as presented.

NYS Project
S.A.V.E. approval

VOTE: ALL FAVORABLE

MOTION: CARRIED

The plan was developed by Mark Sullivan, Safety Specialist, Risk Management Health & Safety. All components meet New York State Education Department regulations and the plan is very comprehensive. The updated Safety plan will be posted on the District's website upon Board approval.

- C. Distribution of proposed 2015-2016 budget preparation timeline.

Ms. Dennin reported that this year's schedule is similar to past timelines. The first budget workshop will be held on Thursday, January 8, 2015 at 6:30pm in the Library.

- D. Special Board of Education Meeting - B.O.C.E.S. -Special Election-Thursday, January 8, 2015- 6:00pm

- E. **MOTION** by Mrs. Quigan, seconded by Mrs. Peterson that the Board of Education appoint Richard Zaleski as Substitute Cleaner.

R. Zaleski Appt.-
Substitute
Cleaner

VOTE: ALL FAVORABLE

MOTION: CARRIED

9. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. John Gaddy requested more information regarding salt storage on school district property. Mr. Graney advised that a shelter is on order and expected to be installed over the winter break. Mr. Gaddy also requested more information on the paving of the lower lot. Mr. Schoder advised that decisions will be made regarding the aspects of paving pending the outcome of drainage testing. Mr. Gaddy asked the Board to please keep porous paving in mind.

Mr. Dennis Murphy commended Mr. Roca and the Board on the success of the soccer merger and the example it sets for all districts who are considering athletic mergers.

Congratulations and a job well done were extended to athletes who have made the All Star team, the musicians and staff who made the holiday concerts a delight for parents and the community and to the National Honor Society and the staff responsible for the success of the Senior Luncheon.

10. **BOARD OF EDUCATION ITEMS**

MOTION by Mr. Schoder, seconded by Mr. Gabriels to adjourn to executive session to discuss the proposed lease of real property at 7:15 p.m.

Adjourn to
Executive
Session

VOTE: ALL FAVORABLE. MOTION CARRIED.

Mrs. Pfau returned the meeting to regular session at 8:47 PM.

Meeting
Adjourned

MOTION by Mrs. Quigan, seconded by Mrs. Beebe to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 p.m.

VOTE: ALL FAVORABLE. MOTION CARRIED.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Board approved: _____

District Clerk