

BOLTON CENTRAL SCHOOL
BOLTON LANDING, NEW YORK 12814

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Thursday, February 12, 2015 - 6:30 p.m.

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

Public Present:

Mrs. Deborah Andersen	Mrs. Ina Monroe
Mrs. Leona Denne	Mr. Kevin Neacy
Mr. Edward Foy, Jr.	Mrs. Dawn Robinson
Mrs. Jennifer Foy	Mr. Francisco Roca
Mrs. Michele French	Mrs. Andrea Seamans
Mr. Dan Hull	Ms. Jennifer Trowbridge
Mrs. Kerry Kane	Mr. Ryan Volkmann
Mrs. Margaret Maranville	Mr. Douglas Wholey

4. **MINUTES APPROVAL**

MOTION by Mr. Schoder, seconded by Mrs. Peterson that the Board of Education approve the minutes from the Special Meeting held on Thursday, January 8, 2015 and the Regular Meeting held on Monday, January 12, 2015 as presented.

VOTE: ALL FAVORABLE

MOTION: CARRIED

Minute:
Approva

5. **COMMUNICATIONS**

- A. Stand Up for Upstate Schools – Mrs. Pfau gave a brief synopsis of the Stand Up for Upstate Schools forum that was attended by well over a 1,000 people including school administrators, faculty, parents, students, local politicians and area business owners.
- B. The Glens Falls Foundation - Mr. Graney - Up Yonda, with BCS as a partner, has secured a \$6,000 grant to develop a Sensory Garden at the location of the Butterfly Garden. There are many components to this project, and it will provide service-learning opportunities for students while also promoting a school - community partnership.

- C. Acknowledge receipt of email communications regarding athletics from the following: Mr. Thomas Curri, Mrs. Jean VanAuken, Mrs. Nicole Baker, Mr. Kevin Neacy and Mr. Angel Figueroa.

Mr. Graney shared his appreciation for the communications shared by the community regarding athletics. There were some questions on the details and after some consideration, the Board will hold a community forum in order to get accurate information out to the community and allow for questions and/or voice concerns. The date will be Tuesday, March 3rd at 6:30 p.m. The Board of Education and District want all to feel well informed and have all questions answered. The District does have until May 1st to make a decision. The Board and Administration look forward to hearing from the community.

6. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. *Facilities Committee* - Mr. Carl Schoder reported that the committee met on February 5th to review the summary of AES Northeast's Storm Water Drainage report.

Test borings for storm water project revealed a stratum of soil that yielded an odor of petroleum. Further boring revealed a faint odor and reported the contamination is not at a level that needs to be remediated.

The Department of Environmental Conservation researched the potential source of the spill, which included an investigation of drains in the bus garage. It was determined that an oil/water separator is needed. The Town of Bolton was alerted to the lack of separator and the action needed will require the District to comply with Town code. AES Northeast will develop the design of a gravity style separator in order to get constructed. The action required is estimated at a cost of approximately \$20,000 and will need to be approved by the Town. Funds for this action are available and will come from the transportation budget.

Mr. Schoder has examined the Spill Report and has found it to be accurate.

In addition, the storm water management borings revealed the possibility that the District will be able to install a system to accommodate our storm water management needs in the lower parking lot in the old tennis court area.

Mr. Gabriels asked for an update regarding the Generator Grant submitted to the state over a year ago. The District Clerk explained that the grant is still under review and advised Senator Elizabeth Little be made aware of its pending status. Mr. Graney explained that he would be seeing Senator Little on Lobby Day, March 10th. The next Facilities Committee Meeting will be set pending communication from AES.

- B. *Policy Committee*- Mrs. Quigan -First read of the following policies:

- 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

There is a Policy Committee Meeting scheduled for Monday, March 9th at 5:30 p.m.

- C. *Employee Relations Committee*- Mrs. Beebe gave a brief report on the January 26th first meeting with the Bolton Support Personnel Association.

7. **INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM**

- A. *Mid - Year Mentor Report* - Mr. Graney – Mrs. Andersen is mentor to Mr. Volkmann. Mr. Graney highlighted the Mentor report included in Board packets for Board review. On behalf of the Board, Mrs. Pfau thanked Mrs. Andersen for her service.
- B. *2015 - 2016 Instructional Calendar* - Mr. Graney discussed the draft 2015 - 2016 Instructional Calendar included in Board Packets. Testing dates have made scheduling a challenge for next year's calendar; currently there are three snow days built into the schedule. The calendar will be submitted for approval at the March meeting.
- C. *Presentation of French Club Trip to Montreal* – Mrs. Denne presented some of the planned itinerary items. New this year will be a visit to a park housing a portion of the Berlin Wall. Some plans are still in development. Mrs. Beebe asked how many students would be traveling this year and was advised that the estimated number is 20 students at this time.

MOTION by Mrs. Quigan, seconded by Mr. Schoder that the Board of Education approve the overnight trip to Montreal on April 25-26, 2015, as presented.

VOTE: ALL FAVORABLE

MOTION: CARRIED

French Club
Trip -
Montreal
Apr. 25- 26

8. **SCHOOL DISTRICT BUSINESS**

- A. **MOTION** by Mrs. Beebe, seconded by Mrs. Peterson that the Board of Education approve the Treasurer and Central Treasurer's reports for January, 2015 as presented.

VOTE: ALL FAVORABLE

MOTION: CARRIED

Treasurer's
& Central
Treasurer's
Report

- B. **MOTION** by Mrs. Beebe, seconded by Mrs. Peterson that the Board of Education enter into a lease agreement with the Town of Bolton regarding leased premises located south of the Bolton Fire District property on Lake Shore Drive, Bolton Landing, as presented.

VOTE: ALL FAVORABLE

MOTION: CARRIED

Lease
Agreement
With Town
of Bolton -
Parking

Through meetings of the Facilities Committee, the Town of Bolton and some involvement of the Bolton Fire Department, a lease has been drawn up between Bolton Central School and the Town of Bolton for the Town to use the leased premises as "permitted parking" for the general public in the Town.

In addition, during these meetings there have been references to the Town's commitment for the availability of baseball at the town field for school use. Sod needs to be in as soon as possible. *** Public comment appears in public comment section of the minutes.*** There has also been a good faith agreement indicated in a letter from the Town of Bolton filed with the Board of Education at the October 20, 2014 meeting. The intent is to continue a solid partnership between the Town and District.

- C. Educational Legacy Planning Group - In Mr. Hendrik's absence, Mr. Graney reported that the Educational Legacy Planning Group will hold a Community Summit to allow for feedback from the community of the future direction of our District. This initiative has been developed as a result of our Strategic Plan. The Sagamore donated space for the event. The event has been highlighted in our February newsletter and will be on our website. For more information, please contact Christina Dunalewicz in the Superintendent's Office.
- D. 2015 - 2016 Budget Discussion - Ms. Dennin - Staff requisitions are in and due for administrative review. At this time Governor Cuomo's office has yet to release school district state aid runs; state aid accounts for less than 10% of the District's revenue. Without this information, districts cannot accurately plan for the coming year. The District is limited by a tax cap.
- E. **MOTION** by Mr. Schoder seconded by Mrs. Quigan that the Board of Education authorize the participation in the cooperative purchasing program, coordinated by the Washington-Saratoga- Warren- Hamilton - Essex BOCES for the 2015- 2016 school year for the following commodities:

WSWHE
BOCES
Cooperative
Purchasing

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

- F. **MOTION** by Mrs. Quigan seconded by Mrs. Peterson that the Board of Education enter into a contract for Health and Welfare Services with the South Colonie School District for the 2014 - 2015 school year. (One student attending Christian Brothers Academy).

Health &
Welfare
Contract w/
SCSD

VOTE: ALL FAVORABLE

MOTION: CARRIED

9. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Parents in attendance expressed concern regarding the offer of the development of a Town ball field being developed and the likelihood of its availability to the District. Parents wished to know how they could make sure the Town knows how much the field would be a help to the District. The public was advised to maintain strong presence regarding the issue; to let the Town know how they feel, to continue to come to Board of Education meetings and consider attending Town Board meetings. The investment would benefit all in the community.

A parent expressed concern of a recent fire alarm that sounded in the building causing students to exit the building for an extended period of time during cold weather. Mr. Graney explained that the alarm occurred as a result of repair work being done in the building and assured everyone that because of the low temperatures; students were immediately called back in the building. In addition, as part of a revision of the Emergency Plan, accommodations are being planned for similar circumstances.

10. **BOARD OF EDUCATION ITEMS**

MOTION by Mrs. Peterson, seconded by Mrs. Quigan to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of collective negotiation discussion at 7:35 p.m.

Adjourn to
Executive
Session

VOTE: ALL FAVORABLE. MOTION CARRIED.

Mrs. Pfau returned the meeting to regular session at 8:55 p.m.

MOTION by Mr. Foy seconded by Mrs. Beebe to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Meeting
Adjourned

VOTE: ALL FAVORABLE. MOTION CARRIED.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Board approved: March 9, 2015

Christina E. Dunalewicz
District Clerk