

BOLTON CENTRAL SCHOOL
BOLTON LANDING, NEW YORK 12814

REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
BOLTON CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2010

BOLTON CENTRAL SCHOOL LIBRARY

MINUTES

1. The meeting was called to order by President Gabriels at 6:30 PM.
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

2. ROLL CALL

Present were:

Mr. Chris Gabriels
Mr. Dennis P. Murphy
Mrs. Anna Persons
Mrs. Kathleen Pfau

Mrs. Pamela Quigan
Ms. Kathleen Dennin
Mr. Raymond Ciccarelli, Jr.
Mrs. Angelia Smack

Absent: Mrs. Linda Bennett

Mrs. Claire Kingsley

Public present:

Mrs. Donna DiPietro
Mr. Daniel Hull
Mrs. Peg Reilly
Mrs. Susan Volkmann
Mrs. Victoria O'Donnell
Ms. Kelly Bailey (arr: 6:53)

Mr. John Gaddy
Mr. Damian Switzer
Mrs. Lori Jordan
Mrs. Andrea Seamans
Mr. John O'Donnell

Mrs. Tina Schroeder
Mr. Chet McNulty
Ms. Melanie Quigan
Mr. Brett Seamans
Mrs. Jean VanAuken

3. MINUTES APPROVAL

MOTION by Mrs. Persons, seconded by Mrs. Pfau that the Board of Education approve the minutes the meeting held on December 14, 2009, as corrected.

Minutes
Approval

7A - Mr. Murphy questioned mileage report for three people going to the same conference.

VOTE: ALL FAVORABLE.

MOTION CARRIED.

4. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Frequently Asked Questions regarding NYS Race to the Top application

B. Joint AASBA and SCSBA dinner – February 11, 2010 at the Queensbury Hotel. Members should signup with Mrs. Smack prior to February 1st.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Legislative – No report this month

- B. Employee Relations – Mr. Murphy reported on a committee meeting held on Tuesday, January 5 with representatives of the BCSTA. Discussion included enrollment trends and staffing. It was decided that the entire board will meet with representatives of the BCSTA on Monday, January 25th
- C. Facilities – Mr. Ciccarelli and Ms. Dennin met with architect Richard E. Jones regarding the bus garage and would like to meet with the Facilities Committee for further discussion. The clerk will contact Mrs. Bennett and will attempt to set a meeting date.

6. INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM

- A. **MOTION** by Mrs. Persons, seconded by Mrs. Quigan that the Board of Education grant a tenure appointment, in the tenure area of School Nurse Teacher to Mrs. Donna DiPietro, effective February 1,2010. Mrs. DiPietro is currently assigned to the position of Grades PK-12 School Nurse Teacher Tenure
D. DiPietro
VOTE: ALL FAVORABLE. MOTION CARRIED.
- B. Race to the Top Initiative – Mr. Ciccarelli explained the “Race to the Top” initiative which is a Federal \$700 million grant that States can apply for. At this point 612 out of 707 schools in New York State have applied and now it is up to the State Legislature to make application for the State. Mr. Murphy asked for a copy of the Memo of Understanding that Bolton Central School filed.
- C. Discussion of enrollment projections as they pertain to extra and co-curricular programs. Mr. Ciccarelli handed out an information sheet on the enrollment and extra/co-curricular and athletic teams minimum enrollments. There was a long discussion amongst the board and community members in attendance about the future of our district and the possibility of sharing services with other neighboring districts. Topics of discussion included: declining number of participants for athletic teams, pattern of the last 10 years enrollments, school website, ways to entice people to move to Bolton, promotion of our school district. The board will meet with representatives of the Teacher’s Association on January 25 at 6:30 PM to discuss this further.

(Mrs. DiPietro left the meeting at 8:00 PM)

7. SCHOOL DISTRICT BUSINESS

- A. **MOTION** by Mrs. Persons, seconded by Mrs. Quigan that the Board of Education accept the Treasurer’s and Central Treasurer’s Reports for December, 2009, as presented. Treasurers
Reports
VOTE: Mr. Gabriels – Favorable, Mr. Murphy – Abstain, Mrs. Persons – Favorable, Mrs. Pfau – Favorable, Mrs. Quigan – Favorable.
MOTION CARRIED – 4 Favorable – 1 Abstain.
Mr. Murphy asked when the new driver education car went into service.

- B. **MOTION** by Mrs. Persons, seconded by Mrs. Pfau that the Board of Education appoint Arthur Bandel as School Bus Driver, to be placed on the school district's substitute driver list, effective January 12, 2010. **VOTE: ALL FAVORABLE. MOTION CARRIED.**
- A. Bandel
Substitute
Bus driver

Mr. Murphy asked how many substitute drivers we have now –
Answer - 3 - including Mr. Bandel

Mr. Murphy asked several other questions about the number of substitute bus drivers.

- C. **MOTION** by Mrs. Quigan, seconded by Mrs. Persosn that the Board of Education approve the posting of vacancy for Cleaner/ Bus Driver position, effective January 12, 2010 through February 5, 2010. **VOTE: ALL FAVORABLE. MOTION CARRIED.**
- Position
Posting

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. Mrs. Lori Jordon commented about basketball players sloppy appearances after games, particularly at the modified level.

After Mrs. Jordan's comments, Mr. Murphy asked about the Code of Conduct and also asked Mr. Ciccarelli to write a memo to coaches to reiterate the district's expectations for student athletes.

B. Mrs. Peg Reilly asked why the national anthem and players lineups were not being played at home basketball games. Mr. Ciccarelli reported that the PA system has not been working properly but is scheduled to be repaired this week.

C. Mr. Chet McNulty said he has trouble hearing board discussion and suggested the board use a sound system. He also thanked Mr. Ciccarelli for selling basketball jerseys.

D. Mr. O'Donnell asked about the jersey sales.

9. **MOTION** by Mrs. Presons, seconded by Mrs. Pfau that the Board of Education adjourn the meeting at 8:27 PM. **VOTE: ALL FAVORABLE. MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 PM.

Angelia M. Smack
District Clerk

Board approved: As amended – 2/8/10 AMS