

BOLTON CENTRAL SCHOOL
BOLTON LANDING, NEW YORK 12814

REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOLTON CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2009
BOLTON CENTRAL SCHOOL LIBRARY

MINUTES

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

2. ROLL CALL

Present were:

Mrs. Linda Bennett

Mrs. Kathleen Pfau

Mr. Chris Gabriels

Mrs. Pamela Quigan

Mrs. Claire Kingsley

Ms. Kathleen Dennin

Mr. Dennis P. Murphy

Mr. Raymond Ciccarelli, Jr.

Mrs. Donna Snyder

Absent:

Mrs. Anna Persons

Mrs. Angelia Smack

Public Present:

Steve Wilk

Kelly Bailey

Cynthia Watkins

Susan Volkmann

John Gaddy

Susan Cady

Lori Jordan

Paul Jordan

Kim Markham

Victoria O'Donnell

John O'Donnell

Michelle Calzada

Ron Conover

Jean VanAuken

Peg Reilly

Mel Quigan

Deb Peterson

Andrea Seamans

Brett Seamans

Damian Switzer

Melissa Wilson

David Wilson

Tara Mandinec

Heidi Hess

3. MINUTES APPROVAL

MOTION by Mrs. Bennett, seconded by Mrs. Quigan that the Board of Education approves the minutes of the meeting held on October 26, 2009 as presented.

VOTE: ALL FAVORABLE

MOTION CARRIED

4. PERSONNEL

- A. **MOTION** by Mrs. Bennett, seconded by Mrs. Kingsley that the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Diane Burkhardt from the position of Assistant to the District Clerk, effective immediately.

VOTE: ALL FAVORABLE MOTION CARRIED

- B. **MOTION** made by Mrs. Bennett, seconded by Mrs. Kingsley that the Board of Education appoint Donna Snyder to the position of Assistant to the District Clerk for the 2009-2010 school year, effective immediately.

VOTE: ALL FAVORABLE MOTION CARRIED

- C. Termination of cleaner - Action moved to follow at executive session.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. November Labor Relations Report
- B. WSWHE BOCES Annual Labor Relations and Legal update.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Legislative - Mrs. Bennett
- B. Policy - Tabled due to the absence of Mrs. Persons. Set date at a later time.
- C. Audit Committee Report given by Mr. Murphy due to Mrs. Persons absence. Copies of the Charter were distributed stating the mission and purpose of the Audit Committee. Committee met earlier at 5:45 PM. **MOTION** by Mrs. Kingsley, seconded by Mrs. Bennett that the Board of Education accepts the Charter. (Mrs. Kingsley noted that Mr. Murphy did an excellent job.)

VOTE: ALL FAVORABLE MOTION CARRIED

7. INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM

- A. **MOTION** by Mrs. Kingsley, seconded by Mrs. Bennett that the Board of Education accepts the CSE recommendations for changes in IEPs.

VOTE: ALL FAVORABLE MOTION CARRIED

- B. **MOTION** by Mrs. Bennett, seconded by Mrs. Kingsley that the Board of Education approves a request from Johnsburg Central School granting permission for a Johnsburg student to attend Bolton Central School French Club trip to Europe in April 2010.

VOTE: ALL FAVORABLE MOTION CARRIED

- C. **MOTION** by Mrs. Kingsley, seconded by Mrs. Bennett to adopt the 2010-2011 school calendar.

VOTE: ALL FAVORABLE MOTION CARRIED

- D. Discussion ensued about the Modified Spring Sports (softball) It was decided that they needed to have a workshop to decide how they want to approach this issue. No action was taken at this time.

8. SCHOOL DISTRICT BUSINESS

- A. **MOTION** by Mrs. Kingsley, seconded by Mrs. Bennett that the Board of Education accept the Treasurer's and Central Treasurer's Reports for October, as presented.

VOTE: ALL FAVORABLE MOTION CARRIED

- B. **MOTION** by Mrs. Bennett, seconded by Mrs. Kingsley that the Board of Education declare old basketball uniforms as surplus for the purpose of allowing them to be sold as such.

VOTE: ALL FAVORABLE MOTION CARRIED

- C. **MOTION** by Mrs. Kingsley, seconded by Mrs. Bennett that the Board of Education grant acceptance of FMLA request for Mr. Grant Spaulding, effective immediately through February 16, 2010. (Mrs. Kingsley noted that a letter should be sent to Mr. Spaulding from the Board wishing him well and letting him know that if there is anything the Board can do to let them know.)

VOTE: ALL FAVORABLE MOTION CARRIED

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

- A. Mrs. Bailey asked who was taking responsibility for Mr. Spalding during his leave. President Gabriels answered that the duties were being split up between the Coaches and Administration.
- B. Mrs. Volkmann asked if we were going to be offering any nano tech courses. Mr. Ciccarelli answered that courses like that are offered through BOCES at Tech Valley High School. The course name is "STEM".
- C. Mrs. VanAuken asked about tele-communications. Mr. Learning. President Gabriels commented that the benefits did not outweigh the expenses. Mrs. VanAuken commented that this should be available for both special needs students as well as advanced students.
- D. Mrs. Peggy Reilly asked about a class in self-defense. Mr. Gaddy said that was covered in the Health classes. Mr. Switzer remarked that it is sometimes part of Wellness day or covered by the Dare Officer.
- E. Mrs. Kingsley mentioned that students should know who does what on a college campus, ex. Bursar etc. Mr. Switzer said that was covered in Senior Seminar with Mr. McCarthy with our High School Guidance Counselor, Denise Clark, assisting.
- F. Ms. Bailey would like writing and math labs to be on a permanent schedule after school for the high school students. She also suggested National Honor Society students tutoring after school and receiving community service hours for their time.
- G. Mrs. Tina Mandinec mentioned she felt that more formal guidance was needed for parents of children with special needs. Steve Wilk suggested approaching the case managers first. Claire Kingsley suggested calling the Parent Advocate, Kathy Conover.
- H. Ms. Mel Quigan noted that the new board members were doing a great job.

- I. Ms. Cindy Watkins noted that she had contacted her lawyer regarding the loss of her job at Bolton Central School and does not believe the reasons they were giving for letting her go were legal.
 - J. The sports issue was brought up again and discussed. There was discussion about merging and what the different consequences would be if that did happen.
9. **MOTION** by Claire Kingsley, seconded by Linda Bennett to go into Executive Session at 8:24 PM.

VOTE: ALL FAVORABLE MOTION CARRIED

President Gabriels returned the meeting to Regular Session at 8:54 PM

RESOLUTION The Board of Education, having considered the information supplied to it during Executive Session regarding Cindy Watkins, an employee of the School District, hereby resolves as follows:

MOTION by Mrs. Kingsley, seconded by Mrs. Bennett, that Cindy Watkins, who was appointed to the position of bus driver-cleaner on August 29, 2005, and who currently holds the position of cleaner, is suspended with pay commencing November 24, 2009, and that effective December 4, 2009, Cindy Watkins' employment with the School District shall be terminated.

VOTE: ALL FAVORABLE MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Mrs. Kingsley, seconded by Mrs. Pfau to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

VOTE: ALL FAVORABLE MOTION CARRIED

Donna Snyder
Assistant to the District Clerk

Board Approved: _____ 12/14/2009 _____