

BOLTON CENTRAL SCHOOL
BOLTON LANDING, NEW YORK 12814

REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION

JUNE 6, 2011

BOLTON CENTRAL SCHOOL LIBRARY

MINUTES

1. The meeting was called to order by President Murphy at 6:33 PM.
The Pledge of Allegiance, led by Mr. Stanley Walkanowski, was recited by all.

2. ROLL CALL

Present were:

Mr. Chris Gabriels (arr: 6:38)	Mrs. Pamela Quigan
Mr. Dennis P. Murphy	Mr. Carl Schoder
Mrs. Debra Peterson	Ms. Kathleen Dennin
Mrs. Anna Persons	Mr. Raymond Ciccarelli, Jr.
Mrs. Kathleen Pfau	Mrs. Angelia Smack

Public present:

Mrs. Cindy Ackerle	Ms. Margaret D'Acchille	Mrs. Kathy Field
Mrs. Deb Andersen	Mr. Steve Wilk	Mr. Damian Switzer
Mrs. Jennifer Trowbridge	Mr. Daniel Hull	Mrs. Gail DePace
Mr. John Gaddy	Mrs. Deb Gabby	Mr. Anthony Lemise
Mr. Chad Shippee	Ms. Tamara Schoder	Mr. Michael Leone
Mrs. Victoria O'Donnell	Mrs. Mary Ciccarelli	Mr. Stan Walkanowski
Ms. Amie O'Rourke	Mrs. Lori Humiston	Mr. Matt Braman
Mr. Paul Jordon (arr: 6:35)	Mrs. Lori Jordon (arr: 6:35)	Mr. Matthew Smith

3. MINUTES APPROVAL

MOTION by Mrs. Schoder, seconded by Mrs. Pfau that the Board of Education approve the minutes from the meetings held on May 9 and May 17, 2011, as presented.

Minutes
Approval

VOTE: ALL FAVORABLE. MOTION CARRIED.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Introduction of Mr. Chad Shippee, Teacher of Instrumental Music.
Mr. Murphy welcomed Mr. Shippee and asked if he had a chance to evaluate our music program yet.

- B. Letter from Mr. Ciccarelli was noted as received and filed.
- C. Mr. Murphy read sections of Board Policy 8119, and By-Laws 1410 and 1110.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Employee Relations – Report from May 31, 2011 meeting – Mr. Gabriels reported that the committee met with representatives of the Teachers' Association. He will inform the rest of the Board during Executive Session.
- B. Facilities –
 - 1) Mr. Schoder reported on a committee meeting held with Mrs. Rehm and Mr. Conover to discuss items of mutual benefit and concern. It was discussed to gather a joint group of School, Town, and public members for the purpose of discussing matters of public concern for the future. It was the Boards pleasure to use an outside agency to setup forums and compile feedback. The Board asked Mr. Ciccarelli to investigate outside agencies.
 - 2) Schedule committee meeting to review RFP submittals – Mr. Schoder asked Mrs. Peterson to take his place on the committee during the review of RFPs as he works with one of the companies. A meeting was set for June 16, 2011 at 6:30 in the 1st Floor Conference Room.
- C. Policy
 - 1) Distribution of policies for review
 - 2) **MOTION** by Mrs. Persons, seconded by Mrs. Pfau that the Board of Education change from the current grading system of two (2) semesters to four (4) quarter grading periods, based on a committee report at the May 9, 2011 Board Meeting. Change
Grade
System
 - VOTE: ALL FAVORABLE. MOTION CARRIED.**
 - 3) **MOTION** by Mrs. Pfau, seconded by Mrs. Peterson that the Board of Education wave the second reading and complete adoption of a policy regarding the grading system at its first reading – (re: Policy 1410, par. 3). Wave
2 reading
 - VOTE: ALL FAVORABLE. MOTION CARRIED.**
 - 4) Extra and co-curricular eligibility. Mrs. Quigan reported that Mr. Showers was to gather information from other schools regarding their eligibility policies and she had gathered some, as well.
- D. Audit – schedule committee meeting to meet with external auditor. Ms. Dennin will contact Mr. Beecher and schedule a meeting before July 1.
- E. Administrative
 - 1) End of year activities – Mr. Switzer and Mr. Ciccarelli

A break was taken in the meeting at this point for a cake reception to thank Mr. Gabriels for his service to the district.

(The meeting resumed at 7:22 PM)

7. INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM

- A. **MOTION** by Mrs. Persons, seconded by Mrs. Quigan that the Board of Education accept Committee on Special Education recommendations for students #10177, #10178, #10308, #10307, #10207, #10048, #10209, #9238, and #10332, as presented. CSE
Recs.
VOTE: ALL FAVORABLE. MOTION CARRIED.
- B. Mrs. Humiston presented the final itinerary for the Senior Trip to Washington, D.C.
MOTION by Mrs. Peterson, seconded by Mr. Schoder that the Board of Education approve a Senior Trip to Washington, D.C. on June 16-20, 2011, itinerary as presented by the Class Advisor, Mrs. Humiston. Sr Trip
Approval
VOTE: ALL FAVORABLE. MOTION CARRIED.
- C. **MOTION** by Mrs. Quigan, seconded by Mrs. Pfau that the Board of Education approve that all students in grades K-12, not engaged in final exams during the June Regent Exam schedule, June 15-24, 2011, be excused from attendance so that exams may be properly administered. Excuse
Students
VOTE: ALL FAVORABLE. MOTION CARRIED.
- D. **MOTION** by Mrs. Pfau, seconded by Mrs. Peterson that the Board of Education approve the continuation of a probationary appointment for the 2011-2012 school year for Mrs. Denise Clark – Year 3 as Guidance Counselor Cont Prob
D Clark
VOTE: ALL FAVORABLE. MOTION CARRIED.
- Mr. Murphy thanked Mrs. Clark and said she is a wonderful addition to our staff.
- E. **MOTION** by Mrs. Quigan, seconded by Mr. Schoder that the Board of Education approve the following resolution: Elim.
1 Position
 WHEREAS, the administration of the Bolton Central School District performed projections of the enrollment of students at the School for the 2011- 2012 school year, and WmGreen
 WHEREAS, such projections show that the number of enrolled students for the 2011-2012 school year are lower in number from previous school years' enrollments, and
 WHEREAS, as a result of the projected lower enrollments for the 2011-2012 school year, there is no longer a need for one teacher position in the tenure area of Business and Distributive Education at the School, and therefore, one teacher position in the tenure area of Business and Distributive Education must be abolished, and

WHEREAS, prior to abolishing any teacher position in the tenure area of Business and Distributive Education, the administration of the School analyzed adjusting various teachers and teaching assistants schedules in order to continue the services of all currently employed teachers in the tenure area of Business and Distributive Education, and

WHEREAS, such analysis demonstrated that it was impossible to retain all currently employed teachers in the tenure area of Business and Distributive Education by adjusting various schedules without detrimental financial and educational impacts on the teaching assignments at the School, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that one teacher position in the tenure area of Business and Distributive Education is hereby abolished, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the employment of the teacher with the least seniority in the tenure area of Business and Distributive Education, William Green, with appreciation for his efforts, is hereby terminated effective June 30, 2011.

VOTE: ALL FAVORABLE. MOTION CARRIED.

- F. **MOTION** by Mrs. Persons, seconded by Mrs. Pfau that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Mr. Grant Spaulding as Athletic Director, effective June 30, 2011. It was noted that the Board accepted the letter with regret and wished Mr. Spaulding all the best. Resign
Grant
Spaulding

VOTE: MR. GABRIELS - AGAINST
MR. MURPHY - FAVORABLE
MRS. PERSONS - FAVORABLE
MRS. PETERSON - FAVORABLE
MRS. PFAU - FAVORABLE
MRS. QUIGAN - FAVORABLE
MR. SCHODER - FAVORABLE

MOTION CARRIED – 6 FAVORABLE – 1 AGAINST.

8. SCHOOL DISTRICT BUSINESS

- A. **MOTION** by Mrs. Quigan, seconded by Mr. Schoder that the Board of Education approve Treasurer's and Central Treasurer's Reports for May, 2011, as presented. Treasurer's
Reports

VOTE: ALL FAVORABLE. MOTION CARRIED.

- B. **MOTION** by Mrs. Persons, seconded by Mrs. Peterson that the Board of Education accept the low bid and award the Standard Supply contract for the 2011-2012 school year to W.B. Mason in the amount of \$3,484.44. Standard
Supplies

VOTE: ALL FAVORABLE. MOTION CARRIED.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

- A. Mr. Dan Hull, on behalf of the Bolton Teachers' Association, thanked Mr. Gabriels for his many years of service to the school district.
- B. Mrs. Lori Jordon asked when students could start playing soccer on the lower field.
- C. Mrs. O'Donnell asked when results of the Voting Day Exit Poll would be shared with the public.

10. BOARD OF EDUCATION ITEMS

- A. 1) Mrs. Quigan asked if input of grades to Power School for the School Report Card purposes was being done electronically.
2) Mrs. Quigan made a statement that she had heard rumors that BCS was going to tuition out students to other districts and wanted the public **to be aware that the Board does not support this opinion, nor have we authorized anyone to speak on our behalf. (AMS)**
- B. 1) Mrs. Pfau thanked Mrs. Ackerle for the Prom and Mrs. Melanie Persons for the After-Prom party.
2) Mrs. Pfau asked the Board to give Mr. Murphy permission to contact the school attorney, Monica Duffy, regarding Richard E. Jones. Discussion ensued. Mr. Ciccarelli reported that the district still needed to close out the 1999-2000 contract with the general contractor, Wallace E. Johnson. Mr. Gabriels asked why Mr. Ciccarelli would not contact the school attorney and Mr. Ciccarelli reported that he had been told by Ms. Duffy that he was not allowed to contact her. The board agreed that Mr. Murphy and Mr. Ciccarelli would work together to solve these issues.
- C. Mrs. Persons thanked Mr. Gabriels for his time given to the Board.
- D. 1) Mr. Murphy noted that Mrs. Persons will be the senior member on the Board as of July. Newly elected member, Mr. Thomas Herrick, is out of the country at this time.
2) Mr. Murphy asked the members to make a priority list of things they would like to accomplish in the 2011-2012 school year. He also asked the members input on adding a category to the agendas "Old Business/Tables Resolutions" after School District Business. The Board members thought it was a good idea.

11. **MOTION** by Mrs. Quigan, seconded by Mrs. Pfau to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:58 PM, for the purpose of discussing contractual matters.
VOTE: ALL FAVORABLE. MOTION CARRIED.

The Board adjourned to executive session at 7:58 PM and all public, except Mr. Switzer, left the meeting at this time.

President Murphy returned the meeting to regular session at 10:28 PM.

The Board agreed to set another meeting for June 20, 2011 at 6:30 PM for the purpose of finishing the Executive Session discussion.

12. **MOTION** by Mr. Schoder, seconded by Mrs. Quigan to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 PM.

VOTE: ALL FAVORABLE. MOTION CARRIED.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 PM.

Angelia M. Smack
District Clerk

Board approved: 7/11/11 as amended AMS