

BOLTON CENTRAL SCHOOL
BOLTON LANDING, NEW YORK 12814

REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION

OCTOBER 18, 2010

BOLTON CENTRAL SCHOOL LIBRARY

MINUTES

1. The meeting was called to order by President Murphy at 6:30 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

Present were:

Mr. Chris Gabriels	Mrs. Pamela Quigan
Mr. Dennis P. Murphy	Mr. Carl Schoder
Mrs. Debra Peterson	Ms. Kathleen Dennin
Mrs. Kathleen Pfau	Mr. Raymond Ciccarelli, Jr.
	Mrs. Angelia Smack

ABSENT: Mrs. Anna Persons

Public present:

Mrs. Susan Cady	Mrs. Kathy Conover	Mr. John Gaddy
Mr. Dan Hull	Mr. Steve Beuerman	Mr. Damian Switzer
Mr. John O'Donnell	Mrs. Victoria O'Donnell	Mrs. Cindy Parrotta
Mr. Paul Jordon	Mrs. Lori Jordon	Mrs. Jean VanAuken
Mrs. Andrea Seamans	Mr. Brett Seamans (arrived 8:03)	

3. MINUTES APPROVAL

MOTION by Mrs. Quigan, seconded by Mr. Gabriels that the Board of Education approve the minutes from the meeting held on September 13, 2010, as amended.

Minutes
Approval

5G – Mr. Schoder will invite Town representatives after the October committee meeting.

VOTE: ALL FAVORABLE.

MOTION CARRIED.

4. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Letter received from Mrs. Tracy Morrow
- B. Letter received and filed from Mrs. Mary Marchello and Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Datello
- C. Retirement letter from Mr. Stanley Walkanowski (See Item 7D)
- D. Thank you note received from Mr. Patrick Ross

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Legislative – No report this month

B. Building/Facilities– Mr. Schoder reported on their October 6 meeting where they tried to develop a game plan. The committee reviewed past building condition and fire inspection reports with no major red flags coming up. They also reviewed service contracts and a “wish list” of maintenance and improvement items. The group prioritized and grouped items for future review and recommendation. Mr. Schoder reported that they were awaiting the Building Condition Survey from W.P.S. and will meet again on November 9 at 7 PM.

C. Employee Relations – Mr. Gabriels reported on a meeting with BCSTA held on October 7, 2010. He requested an executive session at the end of the meeting to discuss contractual issues with the entire board.

D. Audit Committee – Ms. Dennin will contact Mr. Jeff Beecher and arrange a date for the committee to meet and review the audit which was received last week.

E. Administrative

1) Mr. Ciccarelli reported that Mrs. Jessica Foy and her husband, Jesse, recently had a baby boy.

2) The Annual Fire and Safety Inspection will be conducted on October 26.

3) Annual Minnowbrook Superintendent’s Conference Report – Mr. Ciccarelli

4) Discussion for arrangements for Board workshop, to facilitate development of Basic School Philosophy, with Mr. Jay Rifenburg. Mrs. Quigan reported that the Ad-hoc Committee would like to meet with a student group before meeting with Mr. Rifenburg. Consensus of the board was to meet with Mr. Rifenburg during an evening weeknight. Mr. Ciccarelli will make some preliminary inquiries into a date for a workshop.

5) Buffalo News Editorial regarding support for public education

6) Mr. Ciccarelli read a proclamation for School Board Recognition Week

7) Report on promotional DVD Project. Mr. Ciccarelli reported that our Electronic Media and Communication classes will provide information to the WSWHE BOCES Media Department to compile and produce a DVD with a 3-5 minute long presentation. Additional chapters on different topics would be added.

6. INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM

A. No CSE business this month.

- B. **MOTION** by Mr. Gabriels, seconded by Mrs. Peterson that the Board of Education appoint Denise Clark to the position of National Honor Society Advisor for the 2010-2011 school year. Remuneration as stipulated in the contractual agreement with the BCSTA. D. Clark NHS
VOTE: ALL FAVORABLE. MOTION CARRIED.
- C. **MOTION** by Mr. Gabriels, seconded by Mrs. Quigan that the Board of Education appoint Stephen Showers to the position of National Honor Society Co-Advisor for the 2010-2011 school year. Remuneration as stipulated in the contractual agreement with the BCSTA. S. Showers Co NHS
VOTE: ALL FAVORABLE. MOTION CARRIED.
- D. **MOTION** by Mr. Gabriels, seconded by Mr. Schoder that the Board of Education accept the letter of retirement with regret and sincere appreciation for his years of service to our students, from Mr. Stanley Walkanowski, effective June 30, 2011. Walkanowski retirement
VOTE: ALL FAVORABLE. MOTION CARRIED.
- Mr. Gabriels commented on the quality of the program that Mr. Walkanowski has created.

7. SCHOOL DISTRICT BUSINESS

- A. **MOTION** by Mrs. Gabriels, seconded by Mrs. Pfau that the Board of Education approve Treasurer's and Central Treasurer's Reports for September, 2010, as presented. Treasurer's Reports
VOTE: ALL FAVORABLE. MOTION CARRIED.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

- A. Mr. Paul Jordon asked several questions, including why our basketball teams were not in any sort of league.

(Mr. Seamans arrived at the meeting at 8:03.)

It was reported that last spring, Mr. Ciccarelli had recommended to the board to join the Adirondack League for next spring season, Mr. Spaulding recommended either "all in or all out" and the board decided to join them for all sports. Schedules had already been completed for the year and it was too late to be included for the winter schedules. Our basketball teams will be playing a hybrid or transitional schedule with full schedules. The basketball teams will not be eligible for Adirondack League championship play this winter but will be able to participate in Section 2 play.

Mrs. Pfau reminded the public that even if we had stayed in the MVAC for basketball, we would have not been invited to play in the MVAC Championship because that league had banned us because we weren't playing all sports in the MVAC.

- B. Mrs. O'Donnell asked about a replacement for Mr. Walkanowski and the replacement of band uniforms. It was answered that Mr. Walkanowski will be replaced with a certified music teacher and there has already been \$15,000 allocated to purchase uniforms. She also asked if there were plans for the band to play for a Warrensburg football game again this year. The answer was "no." Mrs. O'Donnell also asked about extra science help for juniors
- C. Mrs. VanAuken expressed her concerns regarding the weight of student's backpacks.
- D. Mrs. Quigan reported that the girls varsity soccer team and their coach, Mr. Morency, had a bake sale that raised over \$500 that will be donated to the breast cancer walk at the Queensbury High School.

9. BOARD OF EDUCATION ITEMS - No comments this month

10. **MOTION** by Mrs. Pfau, seconded by Mrs. Quigan that the Board of Education adjourn to Executive Session at 7:44 PM, or the purpose of contractual matters.
VOTE: ALL FAVORABLE. MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Murphy returned the meeting to regular session at 8:53 PM.

11. **MOTION** by Mrs. Quigan, seconded by Mrs. Peterson to adjourn the meeting at 8:53PM.
VOTE: ALL FAVORABLE. MOTION CARRIED.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 PM.

Angelina M. Smack
District Clerk

Board approved: 11/8/2010 as amended AMS