

BOLTON CENTRAL SCHOOL  
BOLTON LANDING, NEW YORK 12814

REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE  
BOARD OF EDUCATION

SEPTEMBER 13, 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:

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

Public present:

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| Mr. John Gaddy                     | Mr. Dan Hull                     | Mrs. Susan Parker  |
| Mrs. Susan Cady                    | Mr. Damian Switzer               | Ms. Tamara Schoder |
| Mr. John O'Donnell                 | Mrs. Victoria O'Donnell          | Mrs. Deb Andersen  |
| Mrs. Andrea Seamans (arrived 6:53) | Mr. Brett Seamans (arrived 7:10) |                    |
| Mr. Paul Jordon (arrived 7:17)     |                                  |                    |

3. MINUTES APPROVAL

**MOTION** by Mrs. Persons, seconded by Mr. Schoder that the Board of Education approve the minutes from the meeting held on August 23, 2010, as presented.

Minutes  
Approval

**VOTE: ALL FAVORABLE.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

4. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Adirondack Area School Boards Association Meeting - September 23, 2010
- B. Thank you from the Bolton Health Committee
- C. Thank you letter from the Bolton Free Library

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Legislative – Mr. Murphy reported that the State has finally adopted a budget and that Ms. Dennin was almost on the mark with predicting what our State Aid would be. We have not yet been notified what our Federal Stimulus Funds will be.

- B. Building/Facilities– Report from September 8, 2010 committee meeting – Mr. Schoder reported that the committee talked about prioritizing issues and, with input from staff, will develop a list to present to the whole board soon. The committee will be meeting again on October 6<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Schoder also reported that Deanne Rehm and Ron Conover have reached out to discuss the sharing of services with the Town of Bolton. Mr. Schoder will invite Town representatives **to meet after** the October committee meeting.
- C. Policy – Mrs. Quigan reported on recent committee meeting. Items that were discussed included: Suggested that two board members approve any expenditure over \$5,000; Two vs. four semesters to the school year; Eligibility status for athletics and extra-curricular activities; and Board meeting packets being delivered on Tuesday instead of Friday at the latest. There was discussion among the board and it was decided to speak with the school attorney for clarification.
- D. Ad-hoc – Mrs. Quigan reported that the committee had not yet met.
- E. Employee Relations – Set meeting with BCSTA for 6:00 PM on October 7, 2010. Topics for discussion will include Mentoring Program and new evaluation policies.
- F. Administrative
  - 1) Social Networking Policy –Mr. Ciccarelli spoke of concerns about social networking sites and how they are used by students and staff. With the boards approval, he will gather information for the Policy Committee to review and develop a policy.

## 6. INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM

- A. Mr. Ciccarelli reported opening enrollment of 246 in grades PK-12. He commended Ms. Dennin and the non-instructional staff, and Mr. Switzer and the instructional staff for a great opening of the school year. Mr. Switzer reported on opening assemblies for students and that the new activity period is working well.
- B. **MOTION** by Mrs. Pfau, seconded by Mrs. Peterson that the Board of Education appoint Cindy Ackerle to the position of Student Council Advisor for the 2010-2011 school year. Remuneration as stipulated in the contractual agreement with the BCSTA.  
**VOTE: ALL FAVORABLE. MOTION CARRIED.**
- C. Appointment of National Honor Society Advisors - tabled

## 7. SCHOOL DISTRICT BUSINESS

- A. **MOTION** by Mrs. Persons, seconded by Mr. Schoder that the Board of Education approve Treasurer's and Central Treasurer's Reports for August, 2010, as presented. Treasurer's Reports

**VOTE: ALL FAVORABLE. MOTION CARRIED.**

- B. Pre-K Lunch Program discussion on charging students for lunch.

**MOTION** by Mrs. Quigan, seconded by Mrs. Pfau that the Board of Education set the same rate of cost for meals for Pre-Kindergarten students as for all other students, effective October 1, 2010. Pre-K Meal Charges

There was discussion – Mr. Schoder asked cost to district if students didn't pay; Mr. Gabriels suggested that the decision to not charge was to create greater enticement for parents to enroll children; Mr. Schoder asked if parents were made a promise of free meals.

**VOTE: 6 FAVORABLE – 1 OPPOSED. MOTION CARRIED.**

- C. **MOTION** by Mrs. Quigan, seconded by Mrs. Pfau that the Board of Education award a contract for services to W.P. S. Consulting Engineers, P.C. in the amount of \$6,122.00, to complete the New York State Education Department required five-year building condition survey in a format prescribed by Section 155.4 of the Commissioner's Regulations Rebuilding Schools to Uphold Education (R.E.S.C.U.E.). W.P.S. Consulting Engineers shall complete the survey no later than November 15, 2010 and submit a report to the State Education Department prior to January 15, 2011. Bldg. Condition Survey

**VOTE: ALL FAVORABLE. MOTION CARRIED.**

## 8. PUBLIC COMMENT

- 1) Mrs. Parker suggested that National Honor Society Advisors be members of the NHS.
- 2) Mrs. O'Donnell expressed her objection to student athletes leaving school early for away games. Asked if games times could be changed. She was told that the League sets the time.
- 3) Mrs. O'Donnell also asked if band uniforms were to be replaced this year. It was noted by the board that \$15,000 had been earmarked for uniform replacement.
- 4) Mrs. Seamans wanted to verify that any Social Networking policy included instructional staff as well as students as she believed that a teacher last year had Facebook on her computer during classtime. Mrs. Parker agreed that gaming, texting, and social networking do not belong in the classroom.

9. BOARD OF EDUCATION ITEMS - No comments this month
10. **MOTION** by Mrs. Persons, seconded by Mrs. Peterson that the Board of Education adjourn to Executive Session at 7:37 PM, or the purpose of contractual matters.  
**VOTE: ALL FAVORABLE. MOTION CARRIED.**

Mr. Murphy returned the meeting to regular session at 8:37 PM.

11. **MOTION** by Mrs. Persons, seconded by Mrs. Quigan to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 PM.  
**VOTE: ALL FAVORABLE. MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 PM.

*Angelia M. Smack*

District Clerk

Board approved: October 18, 2010 as amended / AMS