

BOLTON CENTRAL SCHOOL  
BOLTON LANDING, NEW YORK 12814

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
AUGUST 24, 2015

MINUTES

1. In Mrs. Pfau's absence, the meeting was called to order by Mrs. Quigan at 6:30p.m.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mrs. Quigan.

3. **ROLL CALL**

*Present:*

Mrs. Julie Beebe

Mrs. Tammie DeLorenzo

Mr. Jesse Foy

Mrs. Debra Peterson (Left at 7:08pm)

Mrs. Pamela Quigan

Mr. Carl Schoder

Ms. Kathleen Dennin

Ms. Christina Dunalewicz

Mr. Michael Graney

*Absent:*

Mrs. Kathleen Pfau

*Public Present:*

Mr. Tom Smith

Mrs. Deborah Andersen

Mrs. Laura Beuerman

Mr. Daniel Hull

Mrs. Penny Cleavland

Mr. Buddy Foy

Mr. Kevin Neacy

Mr. Francisco Roca

Mrs. Michele French

Ms. Jennifer Trowbridge

Mr. Brett Seamans

Mrs. Andrea Seamans

Mrs. Denise Johnson

Mr. Chad Shippee

Mr. Fred Lethbridge

Mrs. Jean VanAuken

Mr. Kirk VanAuken

4. **MINUTES APPROVAL**

**MOTION** by Mrs. Beebe, seconded by Mrs. Peterson, that the Board of Education approve the minutes from the Reorganizational and Regular meetings held on July 6, 2015 as presented.

**VOTE: ALL FAVORABLE**

**MOTION: CARRIED**

Minutes  
Approval

5. **COMMUNICATIONS**

- A. Sensory Garden - UpYonda Farm - Recently Mr. Graney and Mrs. French attended the ceremonial ribbon cutting for the grand opening of *Alice's Sensory Garden* hosted by Up Yonda Farm staff. Thanks to the efforts of several local organizations and a grant award funded by The Glens Falls Foundation, developing *Alice's Sensory Garden* has fostered a continued partnership while developing an exciting new learning environment for members of the community and students.
- B. AASBA Meeting - This month's meeting will be held on Thursday, September 24, 2015 at the Queensbury Hotel at 6 p.m. The speakers will be Dr. Rick Timbs, Statewide School Finance Consortium and Ms. Terri Crowley, Hinman Straub. Please respond to the District Clerk by September 15th if you wish to attend.

6. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. Facilities Committee- Mr. Schoder discussed the status of the oil/water separator project for the bus garage. The goal is to complete the work before the start of the new school year. The deadline to present quotes to the District for this work has been extended by 48 hours.

An update was given on the status of using the Town field for baseball. Environmental testing results are still pending and the District will meet with the Town in the near future. The District is due for its five-year state mandated, building conditions survey. AES Northeast will perform the inspection within the next week.

Mr. Chuck Morel, School Maintenance Mechanic and the entire maintenance staff have completed a large amount of work over the summer break. Beyond the annual cleaning that takes place, several areas have had carpet replaced and been repainted. Mrs. French’s office has been expanded, a NYSED approved test storage vault has been constructed and a weight room expansion is taking place. Lastly BTIP was on site to treat stands of Japanese Knotweed along the northern edge of the property, as well as working with neighboring property owners. All neighboring properties of the District were notified by mail more than 48 hours prior to the pesticide application.

- B. Policy Committee- Mrs. Quigan reported that the Policy Committee will meet on Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

**MOTION** by Mrs. Peterson, seconded by Mrs. DeLorenzo, that the Board of Education adopt the following policy as submitted:

- 1410 Policy and Administrative Regulations
- 7130 Entitlement to Attend - Age and Residency

Policy Approval #1410, #7130

**VOTE: ALL FAVORABLE**

**MOTION: CARRIED**

The following policies have been submitted for a first reading:

- 5220 District Investments
- 7132 Non-Resident Students
- 7420 Sports and Athletics Program

7. **INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM**

- A. Mrs. French gave a presentation on the statistics of the 2014-2015 academic and testing results, how our students performed, and how opt out students may have affected scores. In addition how Bolton students’ scores fare in comparison to seven neighboring districts was discussed and Mrs. French explained the impact class size has on results.

Albany Business Review has ranked Bolton Central School 13<sup>th</sup> out of the 92 Capital Region School Districts, up from 18<sup>th</sup> in 2014.

- B. **MOTION** by Mrs. DeLorenzo, seconded by Mr. Schoder, that the Board of Education grant preliminary approval for the Writer's Club to plan a trip to Scotland and Ireland during the 2017 Spring Recess  
**VOTE: ALL FAVORABLE**                      **MOTION: CARRIED**

Mrs. Beurman reported that this early approval of this trip would allow students to stretch out payments over a longer period of time. The trip is all-inclusive aside from lunches, tips and souvenirs. If 25 student travelers sign up, this number of travelers will allow for more scheduling options as to setting the itinerary of the trip. Students in grades 10 – 12 are welcome to participate, this includes current students in grades 9 – 11. There are also four chaperones, which traditionally works out to a 6:1 chaperone to student ratio.

- C. Mr. Francisco Roca, Athletic Director, shared a presentation that summarized Bolton Central School's baseball and softball program for the 2015 - 2016 season. The projected student athlete involvement will prohibit the ability to field teams at some levels. The presentation addressed all questions and concerns. The goal, as always, is to maintain opportunities for student athletes. This will be a one-year commitment that will be reassessed each year, as needed.

Members of the public in attendance shared their thoughts on the discussion. Specifics and logistics were presented and discussed. Mr. Schoder questioned how combined sports are handled in other districts and if there is a precedent moving between athletic sections. Mr. Roca reported that Johnsbury CSD has dual membership in two sections. With enrollment issues as they are, these types of mergers are the "new normal."

- D. **MOTION** by Mr. Schoder, seconded by Mr. Foy, that the Board of Education approve submission of an application to Section 7 of NYSPHSAA for the purpose of combining the baseball and softball programs with the Schroon Lake Central School District for the 2015-2016 season.  
**VOTE: ALL FAVORABLE**                      **MOTION: CARRIED**

The Board of Education thanked the public for attending the meeting and for their involvement in this ongoing discussion that affects all our students.

## 8. SCHOOL DISTRICT BUSINESS

- A. **MOTION** by Mrs. Beebe, seconded by Mrs. DeLorenzo, to accept the recommendation that the Board of Education approve the Treasurer and Central Treasurer's reports for June and July 2015, as presented.  
**VOTE: ALL FAVORABLE**                      **MOTION: CARRIED**

B. **MOTION** by Mrs. Beebe, seconded by Mr. Schoder to adopt the tax levy for the 2015-2016 school year in the amount of \$7,227,593 to be raised by taxes on real estate as follows:

2015-2016  
Tax Levy

Town of Bolton	\$5.2281	per thousand assessed valuation
Town of Hague	\$6.8252	per thousand assessed valuation
Town of Horicon	\$5.2281	per thousand assessed valuation

**VOTE: ALL FAVORABLE**

**MOTION: CARRIED**

9. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

In addition to the previous Town of Bolton/Bolton Central School baseball field discussion, the Town of Bolton and the District meet every two to three weeks to follow-up.

Mr. Buddy Foy referred to some fitness equipment that the District may be interested in for the future.

There was a question as to other options that may be in planning stages should the Town field not work out as planned. At this time the primary focus is on the potential opportunity to partner with the Town on this project.

10. **BOARD OF EDUCATION ITEMS**

**MOTION** by Mrs. Bebee, seconded by Mrs. DeLorenzo, that the Board of Education adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Meeting  
Adjourned

**VOTE: ALL FAVORABLE**

**MOTION: CARRIED**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Board approved: \_\_\_\_\_

District Clerk