

BOLTON CENTRAL SCHOOL
BOLTON LANDING, NEW YORK 12814

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
AUGUST 14, 2017

MINUTES

1. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Pfau at 6:35p.m.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mrs. Pfau.

3. **ROLL CALL**

Present:

Mrs. Julie Beebe	Mr. Jesse Foy
Mrs. Tammie DeLorenzo	Mrs. Denise Johnson
Ms. Michelle Calzada	Mr. Michael Graney
Mrs. Kathy Pfau	Ms. Kathleen Dennin
Mrs. Pamela Quigan	Ms. Christina Dunalewicz

Public Present:

Mr. Chad Shippee	Mr. Daniel Hull	Mr. David Saffer
Mrs. Dawn Robinson	Mrs. Deb Andersen	Mrs. Amy Clesceri
Mr. Phil Sherotov	Dr. Paul Rice	Mrs. Melanie Persons
Mr. James Miller	Mrs. Tenee Casaccio	Mr. Michael Leone
Ms. Elaine Brown	Mrs. Jean Van Auken	Mr. George Goodwin
Ms. Kate Brown	Mr. A.J. Travaly	Mr. John O'Carroll
Ms. Cheryl DeMeo	Ms. Janice Beers	Mrs. Kathy O'Carroll
Mr. Rick DeMeo	Ms. Laura Saffer	Mrs. Melanie Ostberg
Mr. Gary LaVoy	Mr. Maurice Ornstein	Mrs. Andrea Seamans
Ms. Carole Newell	Mr. Thomas Jordan	Mrs. Margaret Maranville
Ms. Christina Savage	Ms. Henrietta Martyniak	Ms. Joan Beers
Mr. Walter Rehm	Mrs. Susan Heusner	Mr. Hal Heusner
Mrs. Kathy Conover	Mr. Timothy Daken	Mrs. Amie Sawyer
Mr. Steve Beuerman	Mrs. Lynn Call	Mr. David Call
Ms. Jean Norton	Mrs. Lucinda French	Mrs. Dolores Truax
Ms. Carol Persons	Ms. Ashley Truax	Mr. Chris Gabriels

4. **MINUTES APPROVAL**

MOTION by Mrs. Beebe, seconded by Ms. Calzada, that the Board of Education approve the minutes from the Reorganizational and Regular meetings held on July 13, 2017 as presented.

VOTE: ALL FAVORABLE

MOTION: CARRIED

Minutes
Approval

5. **COMMUNICATIONS**

- A. AASBA 2017 – 2018 meeting schedule – Mrs. Pfau – More information will be provided as it becomes available.
- B. Following the end of the business meeting, the annual building and facilities tour will be conducted.

- C. Albany Business Review Schools Report Presentation - This year Bolton Central School District's rank rose from 12th to 7th among the top 92 ranked schools. Across the board, Bolton Central School's students' performance, from elementary Common Core exams to high school regents, ranked in the top 10 of the region. In Math, BCS students ranked 7th and in English, BCS students ranked 4th. We are proud of the achievements of our students and look forward to sharing their bright future with our community. The District was not ranked at the high school level due to having less than 20 students take the SAT exam. Our elementary program moved to 16th place. Mrs. Pfau thanked faculty and staff for their ongoing dedication to students.
- D. New York State Assessments and Regents Exams – Mr. Shippee reported that New York State has not released the scores yet. There should be a report at the September meeting.

6. **SCHOOL DISTRICT BUSINESS**

- A. **MOTION** by Mrs. Quigan, seconded by Mrs. Beebe, to accept the recommendation that the Board of Education approve the Treasurer and Central Treasurer's reports for June and July 2017, as presented.

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VOTE: ALL FAVORABLE MOTION: CARRIED

- B. **MOTION** by Ms. Calzada, seconded by Mrs. DeLorenzo that the Board of Education accept the Free and Reduced Meal Policy Statement, as attached.

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VOTE: ALL FAVORABLE. MOTION CARRIED.

- C. **MOTION** by Mrs. Beebe, seconded by Mrs. Johnson to adopt the tax levy for the 2017-2018 school year in the amount of \$7,417,590 to be raised by taxes on real estate, as follows:

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Town of Bolton	\$5.3092	per thousand assessed valuation
Town of Hague	\$6.4458	per thousand assessed valuation
Town of Horicon	\$4.9375	per thousand assessed valuation

VOTE: ALL FAVORABLE MOTION: CARRIED

The Bolton rate is a \$.07 or 1.29% increase over 2016-2017 rate.

- D. Presentation of Capital Project Progress.

Mr. Graney, Mr. Shippee reported on various aspects of the project.

Based on community feedback through the results of the March 8, 2017 Referendum Vote, the district made changes to the proposal. Portions of the scope were revised without significantly altering the integrity of the project as a whole. The first goal was to reduce cost. The amount to be bonded has been reduced by approximately \$525,000 dollars. One significant change was the addition of a green roof option to the proposed auditorium which will/should?? some storm water management issues. The project is still

designed to alleviate educational space constraints to allow the District to provide career based experiences in STEAM to our students.

There has been further discussion and there will be further research of a fee structure for public and private use of the proposed auditorium. The District has researched several fee structures from districts within our BOCES for comparison and will be reaching out to other performance spaces to learn more about common practice. The estimated operating costs of the proposed space are estimated to be less than a dollar per square foot per year.

The floor was opened for public comment.

Discussions are under **Item 9 – Public Comment.**

- E. **MOTION** by Mrs. Beebe, seconded by Mrs. Johnson, that BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE BOLTON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (the “School District”) that a special meeting of the qualified voters of the School District be and the same is hereby called to be held in the lobby of the Bolton School, 26 Horicon Avenue, Bolton Landing, New York on Tuesday, October 24th, 2017 from 12:00 noon until 8:00 p.m. prevailing time for the purpose of voting on the following proposition:

SHALL the Board of Education be authorized to (1) construct additions to and reconstruct various District buildings, construct a maintenance building, perform site work, acquire original furnishings, equipment, machinery or apparatus required for the purpose for which such buildings are to be used and pay incidental costs related thereto, at a maximum cost of \$8,780,000, (2) expend such sum for such purpose, including the expenditure of \$610,750 from a donation/endowment, \$1,121,750 of fund balance and \$324,500 of capital funds, (3) levy the necessary tax therefore, taking into account state aid and the amount expended from available funds, to be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education, and (4) in anticipation of the collection of such tax, issue bonds and notes of the District at one time or from time to time in the principal amount not to exceed \$6,723,000, and levy a tax to pay the interest on said obligations when due?

The vote upon such proposition shall be by ballot registered upon voting machines. The hours during which the polls shall be kept open shall be from 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m. prevailing time or for as long thereafter as necessary to enable qualified voters who are in the polling place at 8:00 p.m. to cast their ballots.

Personal registration of voters is required either pursuant to Section 2014 of the Education Law or Article 5 of the Election Law and no person shall vote whose name does not appear on the register of the School District. If a voter has heretofore registered pursuant to Section 2014 of the Education Law and has voted at an annual or special district meeting within the last four (4) calendar years, he or she is eligible to vote at this meeting; if a voter

is registered and eligible to vote under Article 5 of the Election Law, he or she is also eligible to vote at this meeting. All other persons who wish to vote must register.

The Board of Registration shall meet in the Main Office of the School District, 26 Horicon Avenue, Bolton Landing, on Tuesday, October 10, 2017 from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., prevailing time, to prepare the register of voters of the School District. Any person who has not currently registered under the permanent personal registration by the last date found on such registers or list furnished by the board of elections, and has not voted at an intervening election, must, in order to be entitled to vote, present himself personally for registration. The register prepared by the Board of Registration shall be filed in the office of the District Clerk, 26 Horicon Avenue, Bolton Landing, New York and will be open for inspection immediately upon its completion by any qualified voter of the School District during regular office hours on each business day until the date of the vote.

Absentee ballots may be applied for at the office of the School District Clerk. **Applications for absentee ballots must be received by the School District Clerk at least seven days prior to the vote if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter**, or on or prior to Monday, October 23rd, 2017, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. Absentee ballots must be received by the School District Clerk not later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 24th, 2017. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued will be available in the office of the School District Clerk from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. prevailing time on each of the five days school is in session prior to the day of the election. Any qualified voter may challenge the acceptance of the ballot of any person on such list, by making his challenge and reasons therefor known to the Inspector of Election before the close of the polls.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish a notice of such meeting in two newspapers of general circulation within the School District, four (4) times within the seven (7) weeks next preceding such School District meeting, the first publication to be at least forty-five (45) days prior to the date of the meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution takes effect immediately upon its adoption.

VOTE: ALL FAVORABLE. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Facilities Committee- The committee will meet Wednesday, August 31st at 9:00 a.m.
- B. Policy Committee- A Committee Meeting will be held prior to the September meeting.

MOTION by Mrs. Beebe, seconded by Mrs. DeLorenzo that the Board of Education adopt the following policies as submitted:

5630 Facilities Inspection, Operation and Maintenance Policy
7110 BCSD Comprehensive Student Attendance Policy

Policy
Approval
#5630,
#7110

VOTE: ALL FAVORABLE

MOTION: CARRIED

7. **INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM**

A. **MOTION** by Mrs. Beebe, seconded by Mrs. Johnson, that the Board of Education approve the following Extra Curricular appointments for the 2017 – 2018 school year. Stipend, Duties and Conditions are stipulated in the current Collective Bargaining Agreement with the BTA, as presented.

Additional
Extra
Curricular
Appts.

Youth and Government
Varsity Boys Soccer
Modified Boys Soccer

Mrs. Denise Clark
Mr. Todd Markham
Mr. Stephen Clark

VOTE: ALL FAVORABLE

MOTION: CARRIED

9. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

The public discussions included, but were not limited to:

- The number of events the District holds in the current gymnasium and how that schedule affects physical education teaching, and athletic practice and game schedules.
- The suitability of the gymnasium as a performance space.
- The updated effect of the proposed project cost in relation to school tax rates and the rates of surrounding districts in comparison to Bolton Central School.
- The feasibility of a district merger, the level of willingness of neighboring districts, and the impact to students and the community.
- Enrollment numbers and cost per student.
- The need to adhere to State Education mandates for education practice and environment safety compliance.
- The current positive ranking of Bolton Central School within the Capital District and the need to maintain a level of innovation and progress to remain viable.
- The District's strong desire to work with the community for the benefit of all but most especially for the success of ALL students.

10. **BOARD OF EDUCATION ITEMS**

A. **MOTION** by Mrs. DeLorenzo, seconded by Mrs. Quigan that the Board of Education adjourn to Executive Session at 8:44 PM, for the purpose of discussions regarding proposed, pending or current litigation.

Adjourn to
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Session

VOTE: ALL FAVORABLE. MOTION CARRIED.

Mrs. Pfau returned the meeting to regular session at 9:02 p.m.

MOTION by Mr. Foy, seconded by Mrs. Beebe, that the Board of Education adjourn the meeting at 9:02 p.m.

VOTE: ALL FAVORABLE

MOTION: CARRIED

Meeting
Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Board approved: _____

District Clerk

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