

Bolton School Board Meeting Minutes  
December 2, 2009

Present: Alain Cohen, Andrew Pond, Kathy Smith, Rich Miller, Michael Woods, Mary Woodruff, John Alberghini

Guest: Joanne Machia

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm.

Public Comments:

- H1N1 Flu Clinic held at CHMS went smoothly.
- Mary Woodruff said the dates for "Smilie Reads" and the Spring Concert are being finalized.
- Communication from school to parents is being done electronically whenever possible via email.

Negotiations Update: Little to report in made in teacher negotiations. Support staff negotiations in factfinding. Negotiations Committee meeting is scheduled for December 21<sup>st</sup>.

Principal's Report:

- The board continues to support the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Community Grant. A letter of intent to apply has been sent.
- The principal has been invited to a luncheon by the VT National Guard as a result of raising \$533.79 by students for Operation Military Holiday.

Superintendent's Report:

- The Unified District Governance Study has been approved by all boards and the Executive Committee has approved moving forward with the VSBA and Phase I. **Michael Woods moved to appoint Andrew Pond to the Unified District Study Committee. Alain Cohen seconded the Motion. Motion carried.**
- John Alberghini reported on the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant. **Alain Cohen moved to authorize application(s) to apply for the Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant. Michael Woods seconded. The motion carried.**

2010-11 Budget Development: John Alberghini discussed the state budget gaps and the dire projections for various school funding. The Commissioner of Education recommended level funding or reduction of school budgets. The Commissioner would like greater authority to combine districts and supervisory unions.

The board reviewed the 2010-11 budget draft with Joanne Machia and discussed the uncertainties of state funding. **Alain Cohen moved to approve FY11 budget of \$1,301,826. Rich Miller seconded the motion and the motion carried.**

Consent Agenda: **Rich Miller moved to approve the consent agenda including monthly expenses of \$77,704.34. Alain Cohen seconded the motion and the motion carried.**

Policy vote: **Rich Miller moved to approve the Limited English Proficiency and Student Education Records policies. Michael Woods seconded the motion and the motion carried.**

Next meeting scheduled for January 6, 2010, 6:30 pm at Smilie Memorial School.

**Alain Cohen moved to adjourn to executive session to discuss negotiations. Rich Miller seconded the motion and the motion carried.** Board meeting adjourned to executive session at 8:31 pm.

**Alain Cohen moved to adjourn from executive session. Rich Miller seconded the motion and the motion carried.** Board meeting adjourned from executive session at 8:52 pm.

**Alain Cohen moved to adjourn meeting. Rich Miller seconded the motion and the motion carried.** Board meeting adjourned at 8:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Andrew Pond

Unofficial until approved.