Hartland Consolidated Schools
Regular meeting - Board of Education
December 11, 2006

Members present: T. Moody, E. McPherson-Brown, C. Aberasturi, N. Kessel, C. Sinelli, E. Jankowski, K. Kaszyca (arrived 7:25 p.m.)
Members absent: None
Admin. Present: J. Sifferman, S. VanEpps, S. Bacon, L. Mayes, G. Waldrup, C. Hughes, L. Smither, M. Otis, B. Meadows, S. Usher,
Guests: G. McFarland, L. McFarland, J. Lyons, H. Keeling, R. Kopka, R. Wieland, A. Chilenko, S. Bunn, E. Zachmann, S. Hall, K. Bantle, A. Beaune, M. Miotto, L. Tayl.or, N. Spragg, S. Mullens, A. Brabant, J. Combs, A. Hopkins, A. Lampkins, N. Savoy, J. Martin, K. Karwoski, B. Hemmi, N. Paielli, T. Devine, J. Denzer

President Jankowski called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Hartland Educational Support Service Center. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

12/11 AGENDA APPROVED

Motion by Moody, supported by Kessel that the agenda for the December 11, 2006 regular meeting be approved, and that public participation be allowed on all items except Item II., Closed Session, and Item III.B., Student Expulsion. Motion carried 6-0.

11/13 MINUTES APPROVED

Motion by Aberasturi, supported by Sinelli that the minutes of the November 13, 2006 regular meeting be approved with the correction of the omission of Ms. Sinelli's name from "Members present" and deleting Mr. Horning's name from the same. Motion carried 6-0.

CALL TO PUBLIC

Harley Keeling spoke during Call to the Public regarding the rewarding of 11th and 12th grade students who improve their grade point average after receiving their driver's licenses. He also spoke about the need for all drivers, particularly young ones, to drive safely, noting the recent deaths of two Hartland residents due to excessive speed. Mr. Aberasturi noted that perhaps a student's GPA could be tied into their ability to obtain a parking pass.

SUPT. REPORT

Superintendent Sifferman introduced Karen Giles-Smith of the United Dairy Industry of Michigan who awarded Terri Sincock, Food Service Supervisor, a $5,000 grant for the Farms Intermediate School's "Dairy Detectives" program. These funds will go toward additional nutrition education programs throughout the district. Ms. Sincock noted that with the recent repackaging of the milk into plastic bottles, milk sales have increased by 40 bottles a day. She also noted that more nutritious menus have been implemented district-wide following the "Eat Smart, Play Hard" campaign from the USDA, including a fruit and vegetable bar at Farms and individual chef salad offerings throughout the district.

Ms. Sifferman then introduced Steve Lorenzo and Doug Madden, Program Director and Project Manager respectively, from Barton Malow. They introduced themselves to the Board and gave a brief update of what has happened so far on the bond project, noting that the first bids will likely go out in February 2007. Ms. Sifferman noted that the official signing by the Governor of the "Green Schools Bill" would occur Thursday, December 14, and any Board members who would like to attend are welcome. (Mr. Kaszyca arrived here – 7:25 p.m.) She also noted that the district

would open for "Schools of Choice" for the second semester with limited offerings in grades 1-3, 7, 9-12. Ms. Sifferman indicated that they are currently also working on enrollment numbers to determine the number of portable classrooms that will be needed for 2007/08.

SUPT. REPORT (CON'T)

Ms. Sinelli thanked Jess Waske and his advanced jewelry class for allowing her to visit. She noted that the students were particularly thankful for the facilities as they rival many college programs. Ms. Sinelli also thanked Barb Mattioli, Kathi Cartwright and the Hartland Optimists Club for a wonderful Student Appreciation Awards ceremony. She also noted that the Challenge Day program has grown exponentially since its inception only a few years ago. Ms. Kessel noted that the policy manual review process was progressing and the first draft would be out to the Board in a few weeks. She also thanked Mr. Keeling for his sentiments and suggested he share them with the newspapers. She noted that this Wednesday, the high school NHS would begin their "Red Ribbon" campaign encouraging responsible driving.

BOARD REPORTS

Motion by Moody, supported by Kessel that the Board of Education enters into closed session to discuss strategies for a possible land purchase. Moody-yea, Aberasturi-yea, McPherson-Brown-yea, Kessel-yea, Sinelli-yea, Kaszyca-yea, Jankowski-yea. The Board entered into closed session at 7:32 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board returned to open session at 8:10 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

Motion by Kaszyca, supported by Moody that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations, approves the financial report as of November 30, 2006 and the payment of invoices totaling $2,413,467.04 and payroll obligations totaling $2,054,790.85. Motion carried 7-0.

PAYMENT OF INVOICES

Motion by Moody, supported by Kessel that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, after hearing the charges and evidence presented at the hearing, the statements of Mr. Livingway, the student's parents, and the student, expels said student from Hartland Consolidated Schools for the remainder of the first semester of the 2006/07 school year. Said student may return to Hartland Consolidated Schools at the start of the second semester, January 29, 2007. Motion carried 7-0.

STUDENT EXPULSION

Motion by Moody, supported by McPherson-Brown that the Board of Education, pursuant to the Revised School Code, hereby imposes a summer tax levy beginning July 1, 2006, as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

SUMMER TAX COLLECTION

Motion by Kaszyca, supported by Moody that the Board of Education adopts the bond authorizing resolution for the 2006 Renovation Bond Issue as presented relative to the details of the issue and sale of the bonds. Motion carried 7-0.

BOND RESOLUTION

Ms. Sifferman noted that at the recent Building & Site Committee meeting, both Mr. Bacon and Mr. Waldrup noted that there have been some issues in recent months regarding transportation. The committee thought it would be a good idea to reconvene the Transportation Sub-committee to discuss issues related to increased ridership, instruments and athletic equipment on busses, and current field trip and

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athletic transportation policies and rules. The sub-committee will begin meeting the week of January 8, 2007. TRANS. (CON'T)

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m. ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Elsie McPherson-Brown
Secretary

Paula Waters
Recording Secretary