

Hartland Consolidated Schools
Special meeting - Board of Education
June 26, 2006

Members present: T. Moody, C. Aberasturi, K. Kaszyca, M. Horning, E. McPherson-Brown, N. Kessel, E. Jankowski
Members absent: None
Admin. Present: J. Sifferman, S. Bacon, S. VanEpps, L. Smither, C. Hughes, P. Nottle, B. Cain, M. Otis, K. Evenson, G. Waldrup
Guests: R. Schlosser, D. Madden, N. Angerilli, J. Denzer, C. Sinelli, B. Benford, L. Gilroy, L. Bates, C. Drafta, H. Keeling, D. Dunville, S. Aberasturi, V. Garcia, K. Horning, P. Horning, P. Horning, K. Gausden

President Jankowski called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. in the Board Room of the Hartland Educational Support Service Center. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Moody, supported by McPherson-Brown that the agenda for the June 26, 2006 special meeting be approved, that policy be set aside allowing item II.B. to be treated as an Action Item and that public participation be allowed on all items. Mr. Aberasturi stated his objection to Item II.B. being treated as an action item. He stated that as this item had not been reviewed at a formal Personnel Committee meeting, it should be postponed until the next meeting. Mr. Horning noted that the members of the Personnel Committee had discussed the item and had no issues and therefore it was put on the agenda as an action item as has been past practice. Ms. Kessel called for the vote. Motion carried 6-1 (Aberasturi - nay). 6/26/06 AGENDA APPROVED

Motion by McPherson-Brown, supported by Kessel that the minutes of the June 12, 2006 regular meeting and closed session be approved. Motion carried 7-0. 6/12 MINUTES APPROVED

Nancy Angerilli spoke during the Call to the Public and thanked Mr. Horning for his dedication to Hartland and the children of this district. CALL TO PUBLIC

Superintendent Sifferman thanked Mark Horning for his 16 years of dedicated service to the district, noting that he was the longest serving member in the history of Hartland's Board of Education. She thanked him for always putting children first and for his tireless devotion to the Hartland community. She presented him with a clock honoring his 16 years of service. State Senator Valde Garcia then presented Mr. Horning with a proclamation signed by Garcia, Rep. Hune and Governor Granholm honoring him for his dedicated service to Hartland, its children, and education in the State of Michigan. Ms. Sifferman introduced Mr. Horning's family who were in the audience. President Jankowski read a letter from former superintendent Peter Caroselli noting that he had served his entire 15-year career as superintendent with Mark on the Board. Each Board member then gave a short tribute honoring Mr. Horning's distinguished career on the Board. Mr. Horning thanked the administration, the Boards-past and present, the community and his family for their support and encouragement for all of these years. SUPT. REPORT
TRIBUTE TO HORNING

Superintendent Sifferman introduced Pat Nottle, Principal of Round Elementary, and Barb Benford, Librarian, who gave a presentation on the various happenings at Round Elementary. HAPPENINGS AT ROUND

Sifferman then introduced Scott Usher, Technology Coordinator, and Paul Twigg of Barton Malow, to answer some of the questions posed by the Board during their previous discussion of the proposed bond issue. Twigg presented a 5-year replacement plan within the bond issue in which approximately 300 computers were replaced each year, updating the technology first in the elementary buildings that had not seen upgrades in several years. He also noted that servers and infrastructure issues would also be addressed with the bond, helping to bring parity to all district buildings. Horning noted that he was concerned about spending bond dollars on technology. He felt that education should drive technology and not the reverse. Aberasturi indicated that he felt the high school should receive new equipment first. Twigg noted that both the high school and middle school have had more recent upgrades than the elementary buildings and that the elementary buildings actually use software that requires more advanced machines as there are a lot of graphics and sound. The high school, other than the CAD and Marketing departments, make more use of the Office programs. The general consensus of the Board was that the \$1.9 million for the 5-year replacement plan should be included in the bond (this would be an increase of \$1.4 million.)

TECHNOLOGY
UPDATE

Scott Bacon, Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations, conducted the annual Budget Hearing for the 2006/07 budget. He noted that, at the Board's direction, he had included the \$1.3 million in reductions that had been recommended by the administration. He noted that over the next five years the district would continue to building its fund balance but will experience the need for reductions, though at \$650,000 and \$360,000 for 2006/07 and 2007/08, it will not be as large a hardship as in the past two years. He also noted that changes in the foundation allowance and/or retirement rate could affect the amount of the reductions. Mr. Aberasturi noted that while he was now happy with the format of the budget, he still would like for Mr. Bacon to use actual figures instead of projections. It was decided that Mr. Bacon would work with the Finance Committee, once it was determined, to reach a compromise on this issue. Mr. Aberasturi also noted that he would like to see budget amendments in September or October instead of November or December to get a clearer picture earlier in the year. Mr. Bacon noted that the district did not receive the final student count audit until October and subsequently salaries based on the formula using the count figures and foundation allowance would not be firm until then. This would also be discussed in Finance Committee.

2006/07 BUDGET
HEARING

Mr. Aberasturi asked whether Policy #6113 should be reviewed by the Policy Committee or discussed at a meeting. It was determined that this policy, as well as #6112, as requested by Ms. Moody, would be reviewed by the Policy Committee once the committees were determined. Ms. Kessel noted that she had spent the weekend working with Hartland High School students working as volunteers during the Balloonfest and was very proud of their work ethic and the manner in which they handled themselves during the event. Ms. Jankowski thanked Superintendent Sifferman for setting up the workshop. She also noted that she needed superintendent evaluations from several Board members.

BOARD REPORTS

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. Evenson, Mr. Montgomery, the student's mother, and the student, permanently expels said student from Hartland Consolidated Schools. Motion carried 7-0.

STUDENT
EXPULSION

Motion by Moody, supported by Kessel that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Personnel Committee, approves a 2-year contract effective July 1, 2006 for Scott Bacon, Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Kessel, supported by Horning that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Personnel Committee, approves a 2-year contract effective July 1, 2006 for Laurie Mayes, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction. Motion carried 6-1 (nay - Aberasturi).

Motion by Kessel, supported by Moody that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Personnel Committee, approves a 2-year contract effective July 1, 2006 for Scott VanEpps, Assistant Superintendent of Personnel & Student Services. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Kaszyca, supported by Aberasturi that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Personnel Committee, approves a 2-year contract effective July 1, 2006 for Michelle Otis, Director, Community Education. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Aberasturi, supported by Moody that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Personnel Committee, approves a 2-year contract effective July 1, 2006 for Kirk Evenson, Principal, Alternative Education. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Kessel, supported by Aberasturi that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Personnel Committee, approves a 2-year contract effective July 1, 2006 for Chuck Hughes, Hartland High School Principal. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Moody, supported by Aberasturi that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Personnel Committee, approves a 2-year contract effective July 1, 2006 for Steve Livingway, Hartland Middle School Principal. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Kaszyca, supported by Kessel that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Personnel Committee, approves a 2-year contract effective July 1, 2006 for Tracey Sahouri, Creekside Elementary School Principal. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Kessel, supported by McPherson-Brown that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Personnel Committee, approves a 2-year contract effective July 1, 2006 for Patricia Nottle, Round Elementary School Principal. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by McPherson-Brown, supported by Kessel that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Personnel Committee, approves a 2-year contract effective July 1, 2006 for Lindsay Smither, Lakes Elementary School Principal. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Aberasturi, supported by Moody that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Personnel Committee, approves a 2-year contract effective July 1, 2006 for Bill Cain, Village Elementary School Principal. Motion carried 7-0.

ADMIN.
CONTRACT
RENEWALS
(CON'T)

Motion by McPherson-Brown, supported by Kessel that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Personnel Committee, approves a 2-year contract effective July 1, 2006 for David Minsker, Hartland High School Assistant Principal. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Moody, supported by Aberasturi that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Personnel Committee, approves a 2-year contract effective July 1, 2006 for Mikki Cheney, Hartland Middle School Assistant Principal. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Kessel, supported by McPherson-Brown that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Personnel Committee, approves a 2-year contract effective July 1, 2006 for Bonnie Meadows, Farms Intermediate School Assistant Principal. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Kessel, supported by Moody that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations, approves budget amendments for the Capital Projects Fund and Debt Retirement Fund as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

BUDGET
AMENDMENTS
APPROVED

Motion by Kaszyca, supported by Moody that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations, approves the General Appropriations Act Resolution (2006/07) as presented. Mr. Aberasturi restated his objection to using projections over actuals. Motion carried 6-1 (nay - Aberasturi).

GENERAL APP.
ACT 2006/07
APPROVED

Superintendent Sifferman asked the Board if Item III.B., Bond Issue Discussion, could be moved ahead of the Parent/Student Handbook item as representatives from Barton Malow had already sat through a lengthy meeting. The Board agreed.

Rol Schlosser of Barton Malow was available to answer questions from the Board. The Board will make their final determination at the July 6 organizational meeting.

BOND ISSUE
DISCUSSION

Scott VanEpps presented the changes in the Secondary, Intermediate, and Elementary handbooks. He noted the major change was the locker language, which now more clearly specifies the district's ownership of every locker. The Board asked that VanEpps get clarification on what classifies a "coat" on Page 5, #11 of the Intermediate Handbook. He also indicated that the locker language includes the middle school though the change document indicates "high school". This will come before the Board for action at the July 6 meeting.

PARENT/
STUDENT
HANDBOOK
DISCUSSION

The meeting adjourned at 9:58 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Elsie McPherson-Brown
Secretary

Paula Waters
Recording Secretary