

Hartland Consolidated Schools  
Regular meeting - Board of Education  
December 10, 2007

Members present: T. Dumond, C. Aberasturi, N. Kessel, C. Sinelli, E. Jankowski, K. Kaszyca  
Members absent: E. McPherson-Brown  
Admin. Present: J. Sifferman, S. VanEpps, L. Mayes, G. Waldrup, C. Hughes, T. Sahouri,  
M. Otis, B. Meadows  
Guests: D. Madden, A. Iatrow, M. Devitt, S. Ralston, A. Rammage, S. Weiss, J. Denzer, A.  
Andrews, M. Gutteridge, F. Hodge, M. Guilford

President Kaszyca 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.

Motion by Aberasturi, supported by Dumond that the agenda for the December 10, 2007 regular meeting be approved, and that public participation be allowed on all items. Motion carried 6-0. 12/10 AGENDA APPROVED

Motion by Kessel, supported by Jankowski that the minutes of the November 26, 2007 special meeting be approved. Motion carried 6-0. 11/26 MINUTES APPROVED

Ann Iatrow spoke during Call to the Public regarding the possible discontinuation of the valedictorian and salutatorian designations. Superintendent Sifferman noted that no decision has been made regarding this issue and invited Ms. Iatrow back for the January 14, 2008 meeting during which various changes to the high school curriculum would be discussed. CALL TO PUBLIC

Superintendent Sifferman introduced Doug Madden from Barton Malow who explained the change order summary included in the Board packet. He indicated that this summary included all changes at or over \$20,000 and cited the specific reason for the change. Ms. Sifferman noted that these reports would be included each month in the renovation bond update. Ms. Sifferman also noted that she had received a letter from Rep. Hune regarding the possible reduction or pro-ration of the per pupil foundation allowance received from the state. She indicated that she had responded to Rep. Hune, Governor Granholm and Senator Garcia regarding this issue. SUPT. REPORT

Mr. Aberasturi and Mr. Kaszyca wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Ms. Kessel congratulated Alice Andrews and the Senior Center for a terrific holiday play and reminded the Board and public that the NHS would be kicking off their annual Red Ribbon Campaign against teen drinking on December 12 with an assembly at the high school. BOARD REPORTS

Motion by Kessel, supported by Jankowski that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations, approves the financial report as of November 30, 2007 and the payment of invoices totaling \$1,525,124.43 and payroll obligations totaling \$3,046,970.80. Motion carried 6-0. PAYMENT OF INVOICES

<p>Motion by Jankowski, supported by Dumond that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, recognizes Judy Parlette’s successful completion of the probationary teaching requirements and achievement of tenure as of August 31, 2007. Motion carried 6-0.</p>	<p>RECOGNITION OF TENURE: PARLETTE</p>
<p>Motion by Jankowski, supported by Kessel that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, recognizes Barbara Gazda’s successful completion of the probationary teaching requirements and achievement of tenure as of December 10, 2007. Motion carried 6-0.</p>	<p>GAZDA</p>
<p>Motion by Kessel, supported by Sinelli that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, recognizes Karen Condra’s successful completion of the probationary teaching requirements and achievement of tenure as of January 19, 2008. Mr. Abersturi asked if there was an issue with the Board taking action prior to the tenure date. Ms. Sifferman noted that the Board is not granting tenure but recognizing its achievement, so there is not an issue with the timing. Motion carried 6-0.</p>	<p>CONDRA</p>
<p>Motion by Kessel, supported by Dumond that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Policy Committee, adopts the following new and revised policies as discussed, edited and presented: Policy #2421 – new (Career &amp; Technical Education), 5136 – revised, 5460 – revised, 5540 – revised and 7440 – revised. Motion carried 6-0.</p>	<p>POLICY UPDATES APPROVED</p>
<p>Ms. Sifferman introduced Alice Andrews, Director of Hartland’s Senior Center, who explained the purpose of the new by-laws. She indicated that over time, changes have been made to the advisory board structure and make-up for the center and now they are trying to receive national accreditation and need to have current by-laws and a structured advisory board in place to achieve this. Ms. Andrews indicated that should the Board approve the by-laws as presented, they would then begin the process of forming a new advisory board. Mr. Aberasturi asked if there were any objections to the Board taking action at this meeting to help move the process along. Mr. Dumond noted one typographical error and Ms. Sinelli asked if this would become part of Board policy, which would require two separate readings. A notation was made to correct the error and Ms. Sifferman stated that this was separate from Board policy and could be acted upon tonight if the Board chose.</p>	<p>SENIOR CENTER BY-LAWS – DISCUSSION</p>
<p>Motion by Aberasturi, supported by Kessel that the Board of Education sets aside policy and approves the by-laws for the Hartland Senior Center as presented with noted corrections. Motion carried 6-0.</p>	<p>SC BY-LAWS APPROVED</p>
<p>Ms. Sifferman introduced Principal Chuck Hughes who talked about proposed changes for the cosmetology CTE program. Mr. Hughes noted that the cosmetology program currently costs the district over \$6,000 per student for the 2-year program while all other shared time and dual enrollment programs cost only \$1,200 - \$1,400 per pupil for the same time period. Consequently he has come up with some alterations to the offering that would make it more feasible for the district. Students new to the program would need to sign a contract stating they were willing to commit to completing summer course work as well as an extra credit hour each year on their own and purchasing their own supply kit. Current cosmetology students would be grandfathered for the coming year as the majority of these expenses have already been paid by the district. This, as well as several other changes to the high</p>	<p>COSMETOLOGY PROGRAM – DISCUSSION</p>

school curriculum for 2008/09 will come before the Board at the January 14 meeting. Mr. Hughes noted that he will need to have direction from the Board on how to proceed no later than January 28 as the curriculum guide is distributed in February.

COSMETOLOGY  
(CON'T)

President Kaszyca reminded the Board and public of the goal setting forums scheduled for January 16 and 17.

UPCOMING  
MEETINGS

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Elsie McPherson-Brown  
Secretary

Paula Waters  
Recording Secretary