

Hartland Consolidated Schools
Special Meeting - Board of Education
January 28, 2008

Members present: T. Dumond, C. Sinelli, K. Kaszyca, E. Jankowski, N. Kessel, E. McPherson-Brown
Members absent: C. Aberasturi
Admin. Present: J. Sifferman, L. Mayes, S. VanEpps, S. Bacon, G. Waldrup, T. Sahouri, C. Hughes, K. Evenson, B. Meadows, S. Usher, M. Otis, D. Minsker, L. Smither, B. Cain, S. Livingway
Guests: J. Denzer, J. Muir, J. Lindahl, J. Stout, J. White, J. Delo, M. Zarosley, B. Martin, T. Smith, K. Loveday, K. Jones, S. Pearsall, P. Storey, M. Day, M. Gutteridge, J. Beaver, K. Robson, D. Madden

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 McPherson-Brown, supported by Dumond that the agenda for the January 28, 2008 special meeting be approved, and that public participation be allowed on all items. Motion carried 6-0. 1/28/08 AGENDA APPROVED

Motion by McPherson-Brown, supported by Kessel that the minutes of the January 14, 2008 regular meeting be approved. Motion carried 6-0. 1/14 MINUTES APPROVED

There was no response to Call to the Public. CALL TO PUBLIC

Superintendent Sifferman noted that January is Board Recognition month and indicated that this year the district would show its appreciation differently than in years past, with each building honoring the Board in their own way. Ms. Sifferman began by noting that Hartland's Board of Education is on call 24/7 and always puts the welfare of our students first. She noted that in her opinion this was the best Board in the State of Michigan and, in fact, the entire nation, and she truly appreciated all they do for Hartland Consolidated Schools. She then introduced the building principals, who presented their buildings' tokens of appreciation: SUPT. REPORT
BOARD APPRECIATION

Hartland Middle School - Peggy Storey and the EBCE class with homemade chocolates and cards

Creekside Elementary - Staff members presented a book for each Board member with student-created text and drawings

Hartland High School - "Reason, Respect & Responsibility" shirts for each Board member

LEGACY - Treats for the Board and an invitation to participate in an upcoming science project

Lakes Elementary - A diorama of a school board meeting with Board members as super heroes

Village Elementary - A book, "What is a School Board Member" with notations from first grade students on what they think a Board member does

Round Elementary - A leadership banner for each Board member with a poem written and autographed by the fourth grade class

Farms Intermediate - A "Thank You" DVD created by the students with original artwork

President Kaszyca thanked the principals and their staff and students for the thoughtful and original gifts.

Ms. Sifferman introduced Doug Madden, Barton Malow, who updated the Board on the current progress of the Renovation Bond. He noted that the summer work was almost 100% finished and they were currently in the process of bidding out and awarding contracts for the upcoming summer's work. He noted that the contract awards that are coming before the Board tonight came in \$250,000 under budget. Mr. Bacon asked if they could have a change order report available for the Board at the next meeting.

RENOVATION
BOND UPDATE

Each Board member thanked the administration and staff for the wonderful tokens of appreciation. Mr. Dumond also noted that the goal setting process was moving along and he thanked the community and staff for their participation. Ms. McPherson-Brown noted that wherever she went, HCS was always noted as a first class district and she was proud to serve on the Board. Ms. Sinelli thanked Ms. Sifferman and Mr. Kaszyca for reevaluating the goal setting process. She also wanted to recognize the Hartland Optimists Club who sponsored 18 families over the holidays. Ms. Kessel wanted to recognize the HEA for the wonderful program they put together for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

BOARD REPORTS

President Kaszyca and Ms. Sifferman conferred with Mr. Madden and determined that one consent motion could be made for the contract awards for Bid Packages #4 and #5.

CONTRACT
AWARDS

Motion by Kessel, supported by Jankowski that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Project Manager, awards contracts for Bid Packages #4 and #5 as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

BID PKGS. # 4& 5
APPROVED

Motion by Jankowski, supported by Dumond that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Director of Technology, approves the 2008-2011 Technology Plan and CIPA Statement as discussed, revised and presented. Motion carried 6-0.

TECH PLAN/
CIPA STMT.
APPROVED

Motion by Kessel, supported by Dumond that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the 2008/09 Hartland High School Curriculum Guide as presented. Ms. McPherson-Brown noted that though she has some reservations about the discontinuing of the Valedictorian program, she will withhold judgment and see how it plays out, knowing that it can be reinstated if necessary. Ms. Sinelli had a question regarding the online experience credits. Mr. Hughes noted that they are in the process of incorporating this component into the core curriculum. Motion carried 6-0. Mr. Kaszyca wanted to recognize all of the work that went into creating this document.

HHS CURR.
GUIDE
APPROVED

Motion by Sinelli, supported by Jankowski that the Board of Education adopts the revised policy manual as presented, discussed and amended. Motion carried 6-0. Mr. Kaszyca noted that this manual was now in effect. Ms. Jankowski noted that this had been in the works for several years and she was glad that it was finally coming to fruition.

POLICY
MANUAL
ADOPTED

Superintendent Sifferman began the discussion on the 18-mil Non-homestead ballot proposal slated for the May 8 election. Mr. Bacon noted that last year the Board decided to run the non-homestead millage election every year in the hope that the community would become used to it and it wouldn't need to be "re-taught". This would also avoid additional "rollback" millages and keep the district at the 18 mills required by the state. This will come before the Board for action at the February 11 board meeting.

NON-
HOMESTEAD
MILLAGE
PROPOSAL
DISCUSSION

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Elsie McPherson-Brown
Secretary

Paula Waters
Recording Secretary