

Hartland Consolidated Schools
Organizational meeting - Board of Education
July 16, 2008

Members present: T. Dumond, E. McPherson-Brown, K. Kaszyca, N. Kessel, C. Sinelli, C. Aberasturi, E. Jankowski
Members absent: None
Admin. Present: J. Sifferman, S. Bacon, S. VanEpps, L. Mayes, C. Hughes, M. Otis, G. Waldrup
Guests: J. Denzer, H. Borst, E. McWatt, C. Sauer

Superintendent Sifferman called the meeting to order at 7:35 a.m. in the Boardroom of the Educational Support Center. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Superintendent Sifferman administered the Oath of Office to Thomas Dumond, Eileen Jankowski and Kevin Kaszyca.

Superintendent Sifferman called for nominations for the office of President. Nora Kessel nominated Kevin Kaszyca, seconded by Jankowski. No other nominations were presented. Mr. Kaszyca was elected President, 7-0. PRESIDENT – KASZYCA

President Kaszyca entertained nominations for the office of Vice-President. Elsie McPherson-Brown nominated Nora Kessel, seconded by Kaszyca. No other nominations were presented. Ms. Kessel was elected Vice-President, 7-0. VP – KESSEL

President Kaszyca nominated Cynthia Sinelli for the office of Treasurer. The nomination was seconded by Kessel. No other nominations were presented. Ms. Sinelli was elected Treasurer, 7-0. TREASURER – SINELLI

President Kaszyca entertained nominations for the office of Secretary. Eileen Jankowski nominated Elsie McPherson-Brown, seconded by Kessel. No other nominations were presented. Ms. McPherson-Brown was elected Secretary, 7-0. SECRETARY – MCPHERSON-BROWN

Motion by Jankowski, supported by Dumond that the agenda for the July 16, 2008 organizational meeting be approved, and that public participation be allowed on all items. Ms. Sinelli asked about the proposed lunch price increase. Mr. Bacon noted that the Food Service department finished the year in a better financial position than anticipated, so the increase will be addressed at a later time. Motion carried 7-0. 7/16/08 AGENDA APPROVED

Motion by Aberasturi, supported by Jankowski that the minutes of the June 30, 2008 special meeting and closed session be approved. Motion carried 7-0. 6/30 MINUTES APPROVED

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

Superintendent Sifferman noted that the district had reached a tentative agreement with the teachers' union and thanked Mr. Denzer and the entire negotiating team for their willingness to work with the administration and problem solve. She also noted that the district has set a tentative date of August 4 for closing on the property purchase. Sifferman indicated that once a Finance Committee was established, it would be necessary to set up a meeting prior to August 7 with the auditors as part of SUPT. REPORT

<p>the new accounting regulations. She suggested possibly after the special meeting on July 29 if all the committee members were available.</p>	<p>SUPT. REPORT (CON'T)</p>
<p>Ms. Sinelli congratulated Cromaine Library on their hiring and reception for new library director, Ceci Marlow. Ms. Jankowski thanked everyone involved for their work on the tentative agreement. Mr. Kaszyca asked for the Board members' preferences for committee placements and also thanked everyone involved for the TA. Mr. Dumond thanked Community Education for their summer "String Fling" program. Mr. Aberasturi noted that he had visited several township and school board meetings throughout the county and found the differences interesting. Ms. McPherson-Brown thanked everyone involved for reaching a tentative agreement.</p>	<p>BOARD REPORTS</p>
<p>Motion by Kessel, supported by McPherson-Brown that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations, approves the financial report as of June 30, 2008 and the payment of invoices totaling \$2,631,788.24 and payroll obligations totaling \$2,444,459.23. Motion carried 7-0.</p>	<p>PAYMENT OF INVOICES</p>
<p>Motion by Jankowski, supported by Dumond that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, offers a probationary teaching contract to Erin McWatt for the 2008/2009 school year, at the Step 3, MA salary tract (\$45,917, adjustment to be made following student count day), pending verification of credentials and Public Acts 99, 83 & 189 requirements, if applicable. Ms. Sinelli inquired why we were hiring if enrollment was down. Ms. Sifferman indicated that these three positions were replacing staff members who had retired or moved to other positions. These were not new positions. Motion carried 7-0. Ms. McWatt was introduced by Principal Chuck Hughes.</p>	<p>NEW HIRES: MCWATT – HHS</p>
<p>Motion by Jankowski, supported by Kessel that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, offers a probationary teaching contract to Heather Borst for the 2008/09 school year, at the Step 7, MA salary tract (\$55,812, adjustment to be made following student count day), pending verification of credentials and Public Acts 99, 83 & 189 requirements, if applicable. Motion carried 7-0. Ms. Borst was introduced by Principal Hughes.</p>	<p>BORST – HHS</p>
<p>Motion by Jankowski, supported by Sinelli that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, offers a probationary teaching contract to Christopher Sauer for the 2008/09 school year, at the Step 5, BA+20 salary tract (\$48,990, adjustment to be made following student count day), pending verification of credentials and Public Acts 99, 83 & 189 requirements, if applicable. Motion carried 7-0. Mr. Sauer was introduced by Principal Hughes.</p>	<p>SAUER – HHS</p>
<p>Motion by Sinelli, supported by Dumond that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent of Personnel and Student Services, approves the Secondary, Intermediate and Elementary Parent/Student Handbooks for 2008/09 as presented. Motion carried 7-0.</p>	<p>PARENT/ STUDENT HBS APPROVED</p>
<p>Motion by Aberasturi, supported by McPherson-Brown that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations, approves the School Loan Revolving Fund Annual Loan Application as presented. Motion carried 7-0.</p>	<p>LOAN FUND APP APPROVED</p>

<p>Motion by Jankowski, supported by Dumond that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the district's membership in the Michigan High School Athletic Association for the 2008/09 school year. Motion carried 7-0.</p>	<p>MHSAA MEM. APPROVED</p>
<p>Motion by Dumond, supported by Aberasturi that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves revised Policy #9002, Meeting Dates – Board of Education 2008/09. Motion carried 7-0.</p>	<p>#9002 APPROVED</p>
<p>Motion by Sinelli, supported by Jankowski that any two officers of the Board of Education may sign notes or loans approved by the Board of Education at an official meeting. Motion carried 7-0.</p>	<p>NOTES & LOANS</p>
<p>Motion by Sinelli, supported by Kessel that the Board of Education appoints the Superintendent of Schools as Compliance Officer for Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 for Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972, for Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and for the Age Discrimination Act of 1975. Persons having questions or concerns regarding these statutory areas are to contact Janet Sifferman, Superintendent, Hartland Consolidated Schools, 9525 Highland Road, Howell, MI 48843, (810) 626-2100. Motion carried 7-0.</p>	<p>COMPLIANCE OFFICER</p>
<p>Motion by McPherson-Brown, supported by Kessel that the Superintendent, or her designee, will designate an appropriate available person in each location to post notices of public meetings. Motion carried 7-0.</p>	<p>POSTING NOTICES</p>
<p>Ms. Sifferman briefly reviewed the proposed updates and additions to the Policy manual, asking the Board contact her if they had any questions. She noted these would come back before the Board at the next meeting for another reading and action.</p>	<p>UPDATES – POLICY MANUAL</p>
<p>Ms. Sifferman indicated that the Building & Site Committee had met to discuss purchasing REU's at a reduced rate from the township for the new property. She stated that the funds left over from the purchase of the property could be used for this purpose or for additional items not currently included in the 2006 Bond. The committee recommended purchasing REU's for one building, which would leave approximately \$145,000 for other issues. Mr. Bacon noted that the township was extending the reduced rate through August, as the district will not close on the new property until August 4.</p>	<p>REU PURCHASE</p>
<p>President Kaszyca noted that the next meeting would be held at 7:30 a.m. on July 29. He also indicated that the organizers of the annual Hartland Heritage Day were looking for judges. He will forward the e-mail he received on to the rest of the Board.</p>	<p>NEXT MEETING 7/29/08</p>
<p>Meeting adjourned at 8:15 a.m.</p>	<p>ADJOURNMENT</p>

Respectfully submitted,

Elsie McPherson-Brown
Secretary

Paula Waters
Recording Secretary