

Hartland Consolidated Schools
Special meeting - Board of Education
August 25, 2008

Members present: E. McPherson-Brown, C. Sinelli, K. Kaszyca, T. Dumond, E. Jankowski, C. Aberasturi
Members absent: N. Kessel
Admin. Present: J. Sifferman, S. Bacon, S. VanEpps, S. Livingway, M. Otis, C. Hughes, K. Simpson, G. Waldrup, T. Sahouri
Guests: C. Drafta, Ronda Errigo, S. Wissner, A. Schneider, A. Bergseiker, J. Denzer

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

Motion by McPherson-Brown, supported by Aberasturi that the agenda for the August 25, 2008 special meeting be approved, and that public participation be allowed on all items except Item II.B., Re-admittance of Expelled Student. Motion carried 6-0.

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APPROVED

Motion by Dumond, supported by Jankowski that the minutes of the August 11, 2008 regular meeting be approved. Motion carried 6-0.

CALL TO PUBLIC

There was no response to the Call to the Public.

SUPT. REPORT

Superintendent Sifferman noted that the Board had just had a tour of the ongoing renovations at Farms, Lakes and Ore Creek, as well as visiting the newly acquired property. She then introduced Doug Madden of Barton Malow who updated the Board and public on the project as well as giving a financial overview to date. Mr. Madden noted that there was still over \$300,000 in the contingency fund, but expected that to go lower as the rest of the project is bid out and work continues. He did note that the bid on the work at the high school did come in below budget, and Mr. Bacon noted that the land purchase even with the REU purchase would come in below the \$1,000,000 budgeted in the bond. Ms. Sifferman noted that pictures of the project would go up on the web site after the start of the school year.

Ms. Sifferman then introduced Principal Chuck Hughes who talked about the results of the MME/ACT testing last spring. He had comparisons of Hartland with other Livingston County districts, contiguous districts, and among the KVC, KLAA, and state. Hartland students continue to perform very well, consistently well above state averages and at number one or two among Livingston County districts. Mr. Hughes did note that the writing scores were a concern and something the high school staff will be working on in the coming year. He also had the latest figures on graduation and drop-out rates, just released this week, which show Hartland graduation rate at 98.3%, the highest in the KLAA, with a drop-out rate of .99%, third lowest in the KLAA. Ms. Sifferman and President Kaszyca thanked Mr. Hughes for all of his hard work and his dedication to his job and his students. Ms. Sinelli and Ms. Jankowski noted that the environment at Hartland High School is conducive to keeping students interested and wanting to finish their careers in Hartland.

Ms. Jankowski
thanked
Superintendent
Sifferman for the

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tour, noting the improved environment for Hartland's students. Mr. Kaszyca noted that he had completed the committee assignments and if anyone had any changes, to please let him know. Mr. Aberasturi thanked the Board and the public for their support during the recent election.

NEW HIRES:
SCHNEIDER - OC

Motion by Sinelli, supported by Jankowski that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, offers a probationary teaching contract to Annette Schneider for the 2008/09 school year, at the Step 1, BA+10 salary tract (\$39,353, adjustment to be made following student count day), pending verification of credentials and Public Acts 99, 83 & 189 requirements, if applicable. Motion carried 6-0. Ms. Schneider was introduced by Principal Steve Livingway.

BOWERSOX-
ERRIGO - HHS

Motion by Sinelli, supported by Dumond that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, offers a probationary teaching contract to Ronda Bowersox-Errigo for the 2008/09 school year, at .8 of the Step 1, BA salary tract (\$30,466, adjustment to be made following student count day), pending verification of credentials and Public Acts 99, 83 & 189 requirements, if applicable. Motion carried 6-0. Ms. Errigo was introduced by Principal Chuck Hughes.

ROCKAFELLOW-
CSE

Motion by Jankowski, supported by McPherson-Brown that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, offers a probationary teaching contract to Ty Rockafellow for the 2008/09 school year, at the Step 1, BA salary tract (\$38,083, adjustment to be made following student count day), pending verification of credentials and Public Acts 99, 83 & 189 requirements, if applicable. Motion carried 6-0. Principal Tracey Sahouri noted that Mr. Rockafellow was not able to attend tonight's meeting but would come to a future meeting to meet the Board.

WISSNER - FIS

Motion by Jankowski, supported by Dumond that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, offers a probationary teaching contract to Scott Wissner for the 2008/09 school year, at the Step 1, MA salary tract (\$42,020, adjustment to be made following student count day), pending verification of credentials and Public Acts 99, 83 & 189 requirements, if applicable. Motion carried 6-0. Mr. Wissner was introduced by Principal Keenan Simpson.

EXPELLED
STUDENT
REINSTATED

Motion by McPherson-Brown, supported by Jankowski that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent for Personnel & Student Services, readmits said previously expelled student into Hartland Consolidated Schools as a student at Farms Intermediate School. Mr. Aberasturi asked if the principal and staff at the building were in support of this motion. Mr. VanEpps noted that he had extensive conversations with both the principal and staff members and they did support the administration's recommendation. Motion carried 5-1 (nay - Sinelli).

2008/09 TUITION
RATES

Motion by Sinelli, supported by Aberasturi that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations, approves the proposed tuition rates for the 2008/09 school year as follows: \$1,435 - elementary, \$1,745 - secondary. Motion carried 6-0.

FUEL DELIVERY
CONTRACT
APPROVED

Motion by Dumond, supported by McPherson-Brown that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations, approves a resolution authorizing the continuation of the district's

contract with
Karbowski Oil
Company for the
delivery of fuel
under the terms of

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the previous contract approved June 11, 2007. Motion carried 6-0.

DISCUSSION:
EQUIPMENT
PURCHASE

Mr. Bacon and Mr. Waldrup discussed the possible purchase of a used tow-able boom lift. Mr. Waldrup noted that the district uses this equipment several times during the year to replace parking lot lighting, etc. We currently spend \$5,000 - \$6,000 each year in rental fees for this equipment and Mr. Waldrup noted that often, repairs are put off until several accumulate to make renting the equipment worthwhile. He also noted that often the district must wait two to three weeks before the equipment is available. The lift he is looking at has been used only once and is currently owned by Beaumont Hospital. They discovered they required a different type of machinery for their needs. New, this machine would cost approximately \$60,000, but the district can purchase it for \$25,000. Mr. Bacon noted that maintenance has \$45,000 in their budget for this type of purchase. Ms. Sinelli asked if, in the spirit of consolidation, LESA couldn't purchase this equipment and then loan it out to the five districts. Ms. Sifferman indicated that we would then have the same scheduling issues we encounter now. She also noted that perhaps we could purchase it and then rent it out to the other districts. This will come before the Board for action at the September 8 meeting.

UPCOMING
MEETINGS

President Kaszyca noted the upcoming meetings on September 8 and September 22, as well as the Opening Day Breakfast on August 28. A Building and Site Committee meeting was set up for September 2, 2008 at 7:30 a.m. to discuss the REU purchase for the new property.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elsie McPherson-Brown
Secretary

Paula Waters
Recording Secretary