

Hartland Consolidated Schools
Regular meeting - Board of Education
September 8, 2008

Members present: N. Kessel, C. Aberasturi, C. Sinelli, T. Dumond, K. Kaszyca
Members absent: E. Jankowski, E. McPherson-Brown
Admin. Present: S. Bacon, S. VanEpps, L. Mayes, B. Cain, M. Otis, C. Hughes, G. Waldrup,
K. Simpson
Guests: J. Denzer, M. Nogoy, A. Gordon, J. Franklin, J. Kenrick, B. Held, M. Held,
T. Armstrong, K. Schiess, C. Sloan, S. Sloan, E. Tiano, P. Tiano

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 September 8, 2008 regular meeting be approved, and that public participation be allowed on all items. Motion carried 5-0. 9/8/08 AGENDA APPROVED

Motion by Dumond, supported by Kessel that the minutes of the August 25, 2008 special meeting be approved. Motion carried 5-0. 8/25 MINUTES APPROVED

Mr. Kenrick of the Autumn Woods subdivision spoke during Call to the Public regarding a transportation issue. CALL TO PUBLIC

President Kaszyca noted that Superintendent Sifferman was not present due to a serious medical situation with her mother. Scott Bacon, Assistant Superintendent for Business and Operations, filled in for Ms. Sifferman during the Superintendent's Report. He noted that other than the previously mentioned transportation issue, the school year began smoothly. He also noted that construction at Farms, Lakes and Ore Creek was in the final "punch list" stage and the buildings look great. The next phase of construction will include the HESSC and the high school. Mr. Bacon noted that due to construction on Clark and Dunham Roads, the district needed to make alterations to six bus routes, as well as opening the gates at Creekside at dismissal in addition to the morning to handle the increased traffic. Mr. Bacon indicated that while final numbers are not in, it appears the district could be down as many as 60 students for the 2008/09 school year. He noted that the district did finish better than anticipated for 2007/08 and have one less teacher, which will help cushion the blow for this year. However he did note that this loss would continue to be an issue in the upcoming years. SUPT. REPORT

Mr. Bacon convened the 2008/09 Breakfast Hearing. He noted that the district currently must offer breakfast for the Legacy program, and through a miscommunication with the state, is also offering it at Round School. A voluntary breakfast program is conducted at the high school as the district already has the employees on site. Food Service Director, Terri Sincock, noted that so far only three students have participated at Round. The Board asked if the programs at Round and the high school would have to be continued even with little participation. Ms. Sincock noted that since the program was not mandated for those buildings as it was for Legacy, they could quit but would need to give parents adequate notice. Mr. Bacon asked if there was anyone who believed the breakfast program should be expanded into the other buildings. No one felt that was necessary. Mr. Bacon adjourned the Breakfast Hearing. BREAKFAST HEARING 2008/09

Ms. Sinelli thanked the Lions Club for their donation to Challenge Day. She also thanked Fire Rock for their contribution of a golf simulator to the high school's golf team. Ms. Kessel thanked everyone for their support during her recent difficulties and reminded everyone of the Relay for Life event scheduled for October 4 & 5. Mr. Kaszyca thanked Ms. Kessel for her continued work and dedication for Relay for Life. He also thanked the administration and teachers for a smooth opening and reminded everyone about Hartland Heritage Day.

BOARD REPORTS

Motion by Kessel, supported by Dumond that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations, approves the financial report as of July 31, 2008, and the payment of invoices totaling \$4,070,965.21 and payroll obligations totaling \$1,581,158.18. Motion carried 5-0.

PAYMENT OF INVOICES

Motion by Kessel, supported by Aberasturi that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, offers a probationary teaching contract to Jaime Martin for the 2008/09 school year, at the Step 3, MA salary tract (\$46,327, adjustment to be made following student count day), pending verification of credentials and Public Acts 99, 83 & 189 requirements, if applicable. Motion carried 5-0. Ms. Martin was introduced by Principal Hughes.

NEW HIRE:
MARTIN – HHS

Motion by Dumond, supported by Kessel that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations and the Building & Site Committee, authorizes the administration to enter into an agreement with Hartland Township for the purchase of REUs using monies set aside from the 2006 Renovation Bond and pursuant to the terms of the agreement as presented. Motion carried 5-0. Mr. Kaszyca thanked everyone for their work on this.

REU
AGREEMENT
APPROVED

Mr. Bacon indicated that, per Ms. Sinelli's suggestion, LESA is interested in possibly purchasing the boom lift for county districts. The company will hold the price until October 13. LESA is currently polling the other four districts. This could come back before the Board for action at the October 13 meeting.

DISCUSSION:
PURCHASE OF
BOOM LIFT

Mr. Kaszyca noted that in light of the current enrollment numbers, a Finance Committee meeting should be scheduled soon.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Elsie McPherson-Brown
Secretary

Paula Waters
Recording Secretary