

Hartland Consolidated Schools
Special meeting - Board of Education
November 24, 2008

Members present: K. Kaszyca, C. Aberasturi, T. Dumond, C. Sinelli, N. Kessel,
Members absent: E. Jankowski, E. McPherson-Brown
Admin. Present: J. Sifferman, S. Bacon, S. VanEpps, L. Mayes, C. Hughes, M. Otis, D.
Petish, L. Pumford, D. Minsker
Guests: J. Denzer, B. Santo, J. Wozniak, S Perkins, S. Devitt, V. Buelow, L. Stark, K.
Learmont, B. Learmont, J. Spark, J. Paulsen, L. Hearn, L. Perkins, B. Perkins, M.
Byron, J. Johnson, L. Aebersold, E. Suhre, K. Suhre, L. Rossetto, N. Monitz, T.
Sinelli, G. Sinelli, D. Gugin, N. Gugin, D. Diamond, J. Diamond, P. O'Connell, N.
Grodzichi, S. Laski, N. Cloutier, R. Hamilton, H. Keeling, B. Sturtevent, D. Baier,
S. Hellner, R. Tyson, S. Flierman, K. Flierman, J. Lashbrook, N. Weil, N.
McNulty, S. Newcomer, H. Trott, B. Bedell, K. Kaufman, J. Bennett, C. Gilhooly,
K. Zadorozny, C. Zadorozny, A. Macfarlan, S. Stubbs, L. Martin, E. Elphinstone,
J. Bern, J. Groehn, S. Welti, S. Brown

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 Sinelli, supported by Kessel that the agenda for the November 24, 2008 special meeting be approved, that policy be set aside allowing Item II.A. to be treated as an action item, and that public participation be allowed on all items. Motion carried 5-0. 11/24 AGENDA APPROVED
- Motion by Kessel, supported by Dumond that the minutes of the November 10 regular meeting be approved. Motion carried 5-0. 11/10 MINUTES APPROVED
- Mr. Harley Keeling spoke during Call to the Public. CALL TO PUBLIC
- Superintendent Sifferman introduced Principal Chuck Hughes who talked about the various activities and projects going on at Hartland High School. He introduced Nathan Oake, teacher and sponsor of the DECA club, and three DECA members – Tony Sinelli, Joseph Attard and Haleigh Holderness – who discussed what DECA is and some highlights. This included a membership of 392 students, largest in Michigan and one of the top five in the country. They also highlighted the thousands of dollars raised each year through various fundraising events for Muscular Dystrophy. Mr. Hughes then introduced Debbie Baier, teacher and sponsor of FCCLA, and three FCCLA members – Victoria Beulow, Sarah Devitt, and Lindsay Stark. Ms. Baier noted that her fellow consumer sciences teacher, Dawn Farrell was named Consumer Sciences Teacher of the Year for 2008. The club members discussed the different activities they have participated in, including several “green” initiatives for the Green Schools program and various fundraising activities for local animal shelters and a canned food drive. Mr. Hughes then introduced Lynn Rossetto, coach of the Hartland Equestrian Team, and three senior captains – Paige Bolen, Kate Flierman, and Stefanie Perkins. The team is two-time back-to-back state champions and the captains discussed what being a part of the team has meant to them and the opportunities it has provided. SUPT. REPORT
HHS HAPPENINGS
- Ms. Sifferman then introduced Nora Kessel, organizer of the Hartland Relay for Life event. Ms. Kessel passed out literature on healthy living and cancer prevention and RELAY FOR LIFE

detection. She presented a video outlining the purpose and importance of the Relay for Life event and thanked everyone involved in this year's successful campaign, including Hartland administration, teachers, staff and students, as well as many community clubs and organizations. She also thanked her team at ACS.

SUPT. REPORT
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Superintendent Sifferman introduced Nadine Cloutier, editor of *Community Life*, who informed the Board regarding an initiative in coordination with Cromaine District Library to digitize and make available on the Cromaine web site all issues of *Community Life* since it began in 1933. Cromaine would be acquiring the funding for this project, however the district is the current "owner" of *Community Life*, and consequently once the project gets underway and copyrights are applied for, the Board will have to grant its approval of the project. Mr. Kaszyca noted that this was an important process to ensure that this historical record of the community is not lost.

DIGITIZING
COMM. LIFE

Ms. Sifferman updated the Board and public on the progress to date on the Board goals developed last spring.

GOAL UPDATE

Ms. Sinelli noted that tonight's presentations exemplified why she was so proud to be part of the Hartland and Hartland Schools communities. Mr. Kaszyca echoed her sentiments and stated it was a privilege to work with everyone here.

BOARD REPORTS

Motion by Kessel, supported by Sinelli that the Board of Education, pursuant to the Revised School Code, hereby imposes a summer tax levy for July 1, 2009, as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

SUMMER TAX
LEVY APPROVED

Motion by Dumond, supported by Kessel that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction and the Curriculum Committee, approves the revisions to the 4th and 7th grade social studies curriculums and allocates \$14,000 for the purchase of texts and materials. Motion carried 5-0.

CURR. CHANGES
APPROVED

Motion by Sinelli, supported by Kessel that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Personnel Committee, approves the adjustment to the Superintendent's contract as presented. Motion carried 5-0. Ms. Sifferman thanked the Board for their support and noted that it was truly a privilege to work in Hartland.

ADJUSTMENT:
SUPT.
CONTRACT

The Board discussed the new and updated policies provided by NEOLA. These will come before the Board for action at the December 15 regular meeting.

POLICY
UPDATES

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Elsie McPherson-Brown
Secretary

Paula Waters
Recording Secretary