

Hartland Consolidated Schools
Special Meeting - Board of Education
January 26, 2009

Members present: T. Dumond, C. Sinelli, K. Kaszyca, E. Jankowski, N. Kessel, C. Aberasturi
Members absent: E. McPherson-Brown
Admin. Present: J. Sifferman, L. Mayes, S. VanEpps, S. Bacon, G. Waldrup, T. Sahouri, C. Hughes, K. Evenson, M. Cheney, K. Simpson, M. Otis, D. Minsker, L. Smither, B. Cain, T. Howerton, A. Lashbrook, D. Petish, L. Pumford
Guests: J. Denzer, S. Pearsall, C. Snuverink, P. Whelan, J. Delo, M. Kellett, D. Arnett, M. Day, J. Johnson, M. Zarusley, R. Nelson, L. Tormey, C. Laird, B. Ganster, S. Osterhoff, L. Haar, M. Gutteridge, K. Karol, K. Knoeferl, K. Letovsky

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.

APPROVED

Motion by Aberasturi, supported by Dumond that the agenda for the January 26, 2009 special meeting be approved, that policy be set aside allowing Item II.D. to be treated as an action item, and that public participation be allowed on all items. Motion carried 6-0.

1/12 MINUTES
APPROVED

Motion by Jankowski, supported by Sinelli that the minutes of the January 12, 2009 regular meeting be approved. Motion carried 6-0.

CALL TO PUBLIC

There was no response to Call to the Public.

SUPT. REPORT

Superintendent Sifferman noted that January is Board Recognition month and noted an editorial that appeared in the *Daily Press & Argus* indicating the sacrifices these volunteers make and the yeoman service they do, but also noting that additional funding from the state would be more helpful than a proclamation. Ms. Sifferman then introduced each building principal who presented their building's recognition for the Board.

BOARD
APPRECIATION

Hartland High School - The Varsity Men's Choir performed an original composition entitled "I'm Dreaming of a Perfect School Board".

LEGACY - Kelly Robson and student Cory Michelin presented a "Thank you" video shot by Corey and including many LEGACY students.

Ore Creek - An original piece of artwork created by student Courtney Laird.

Farms Intermediate - Students from Lisa Tormey's class created papier-mache "career snowmen" for each Board member.

Round Elementary - A calendar featuring pictures of Round Elementary students in their favorite places, i.e. rock wall, playground, computer lab.

Village Elementary - Gift bags and posters featuring thank-yous from Village students.

Lakes Elementary - Tote bags featuring pictures and quotes from Lakes students.

Creekside Elementary - Blankets handknotted by Creekside students presented to each Board member from a grade level or department.

Superintendent Sifferman thanked the Board for their generous service and asked that everyone stand and applaud the Board.

STIMULUS PKG.
compile a list of
"shovel ready
projects" that
would fall within
the parameters of

Ms. Sifferman noted that the stimulus packages currently being debated include monies for public education. Consequently she has received notice from the state to

the stimulus package. George Waldrup has put together a list of approximately \$15 million in shovel ready projects and sent this on to the state.

BOARD REPORTS

President Kaszyca thanked the principals and their staffs and students for the thoughtful and original gifts, noting it is an honor to serve. Ms. Jankowski indicated that she was overwhelmed by the kindness and also felt it was a privilege to serve. Ms. Sinelli thanked the administrators and staff for all that they do and reminded everyone of the upcoming Youth Appreciation Night sponsored by the Optimists' Club on February 16 at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Dumond thanked everyone for their generosity and noted that there is only one reason for serving and that is the children. He also noted that he had the privilege of participating in the recent judging of the Schools of Choice marketing project at the high school and was very impressed by the scope and imagination of the proposed concepts. Mr. Aberasturi thanked everyone for their generosity. Ms. Kessel also thanked everyone and reminded the Board and public of the upcoming annual Bowl for Kids' Sake in March for Big Brothers/Big Sisters. (Ms. Jankowski stepped out during Board Reports - 7:34 p.m.)

PAYMENT OF INVOICES

Motion by Kessel, supported by Aberasturi that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations, approves the financial report as of December 31, 2008 and the payment of invoices totaling \$ 1,985,519.08 and payroll obligations totaling \$ 2,134,935.95. Motion carried 5-0.

TA - AFFILIATES

Motion by Aberasturi, supported by Dumond that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the ratification of the tentative agreement between the Hartland Affiliates Association and the Board of Education as presented. Motion carried 5-0. Superintendent Sifferman thanked all involved in the completion of this agreement. (Ms. Jankowski returned here - 7:38 p.m.)

REP. HEALTH ADDITIONS APPROVED

Motion by Kessel, supported by Aberasturi that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction and the Reproductive Health Advisory Committee, approves the additions to the reproductive health curriculum as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

BROADBAND CONSORTIUM APPROVED

Motion by Sinelli, supported by Jankowski that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, authorizes the Livingston Educational Service Agency (LESA) to represent Hartland Consolidated Schools, in conjunction with all Livingston County districts, during negotiations with Livingston County regarding a countywide broadband collaborative consortium arrangement. Mr. Aberasturi asked what the purpose was of having LESA represent the district. Ms. Sifferman noted that all county districts have been asked to pass this same motion that allows LESA to represent the county and show a consolidated, collaborative unit. Motion carried 6-0.

2009/10 HHS CURR. GUIDE APPROVED

Motion by Kessel, supported by Dumond that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the 2009/2010 Curriculum Guide for Hartland High School as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

SUPT. REPORT (CON'T)

Ms. Sifferman noted the recent e-mail received from Tim Jackson regarding

questions about the proposed LATEC agreement. Principal Hughes indicated that the 15-year stipulation in the contract is necessary to provide continuity when planning purchases of equipment and materials for trade programs, which are very costly. Mr. Kaszyca noted that he had several questions about the contract including if this is the same as the original agreement and if the district should use this opportunity to make changes. Mr. Hughes indicated that in his many years of experience with LATEC, the programs, and the contract, there has not been the need to amend; the contract has proven to be a solid document in the past. This will come before the Board again at the February 9, 2009 regular meeting.

DISCUSSION

Mr. Bacon then discussed the ballot proposal for the non-homestead millage renewal that will appear at the May 5, 2009 election. He noted that though we now do this every year, it is still important that we get the word out. At just under \$5,000,000, this is an important source of revenue for the district. Ms. Sifferman indicated that she would be talking with the district's PTO's and PAC's about the proposal as well as doing an article in *Community Life*.

NON-
HOMESTEAD
MILLAGE
PROPOSAL
DISCUSSION

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Elsie McPherson-Brown
Secretary

Paula Waters
Recording Secretary