

Hartland Consolidated Schools
Regular meeting - Board of Education
October 12, 2009

Members present: C. Aberasturi, T. Dumond, C. Sinelli, N. Kessel, K. Kaszyca, E. McPherson-Brown
Members absent: None
Admin. Present: L. Mayes, J. Sifferman, S. VanEpps, M. Otis, D. Minsker, D. Petish, S. Livingway, L. Pumford
Guests: S. Callahan, J. Meo, M. Meo, B. Gazda, N. Spranger, A. Krolczyk, B. Krueger, D. Krueger

President Kaszyca called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the Hartland Educational Support Service Center. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Aberasturi, supported by McPherson-Brown that the agenda for the October 12, 2009 regular meeting be approved, and that public participation be allowed on all items. Motion carried 6-0.

9/28 MINUTES
APPROVED

Motion by McPherson-Brown, supported by Aberasturi that the minutes of the September 28, 2009 special meeting be approved. Motion carried 6-0.

CALL TO PUBLIC

Jamie Nicholson, representing the parent group "Dance Project", addressed the Board regarding concerns with the current school dance format.

SUPT. REPORT

Superintendent Sifferman congratulated the Hartland High School administration on a very successful Homecoming Week, game and dance, noting that 1400 students attended this year's Homecoming Dance. Ms. Sifferman noted that she and Mr. Aberasturi attended the grand opening of the Meijer store in Hartland and that Meijer presented the district with a check for \$25,000, which will be used to fulfill grant requests from various programs in the district. She also noted that several district programs also received funds from Wal-Mart when they opened in August. Ms. Sifferman thanked both businesses for their support of Hartland Schools.

Ms. Sifferman introduced Assistant Superintendent Laurie Mayes, who presented the annual report for the 2008/09 school year. Ms. Mayes also discussed recently implemented changes to the curriculum change process for 2009/10. Mr. Aberasturi noted that as the original documents came before the Board for approval, any changes should also come before the Board.

Motion by Kessel, supported by Aberasturi that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, approves the changes and updates to the curriculum change process documents as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

Superintendent Sifferman then introduced Deputy Shawn Callahan who presented the 2008/09 Student Resource Officer report. Deputy Callahan noted a marked decrease in the number of fighting incidents, as well as assault and bullying complaints. Deputy Callahan attributed some of the decline to the programs the district has in place as well as his continued interaction and increased familiarity with the students. Superintendent Sifferman thanked him for his work, noting he is an important part of the district's administrative team.

10/12 AGENDA
APPROVED

Mr. Aberasturi
noted that he
attended the

Meijer grand opening and spoke with their manager and they indicated that they were always accepting grant proposals from educators as Meijer is a strong supporter of education. Ms. Kessel noted that the Senior Center's annual show is October 20, 21 & 22 and is always entertaining. Mr. Kaszyca thanked the cheer squad and the high school band for their participation in the Meijer grand opening.

PAYMENT OF
INVOICES

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 September 30, 2009, and the payment of invoices totaling \$3,725,216.46 and payroll obligations totaling \$1,807,260.87. Motion carried 6-0.

CHILDCARE
P/S HANDBOOK

Motion by Kessel, supported by Sinelli that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Assistant Superintendent of Personnel & Student Services, approves the Community Education Childcare Parent/Student Handbook as presented and discussed. Motion carried 6-0.

BOARD
INTERVIEWS

President Kaszyca explained the procedure going forward for the remainder of the Board candidate selection process. The Board will hold a second round of interviews, more informal without specific predetermined questions for those candidates the Board chooses to invite. He opened up the floor for nominations.

HUTCHINSON-
2ND INTERVIEW

Motion by McPherson-Brown, supported by Kessel to invite Michelle Hutchinson for a second interview. Motion carried.

MOTION DIED

Motion by Sinelli to invite Natalie Smith for a second interview. Motion died for lack of support.

MEO - 2ND
INTERVIEW

Motion by Dumond, supported by Aberasturi to invite John Meo for a second interview. Motion carried.

There were no other nominations.

The Board discussed when to conduct the second round of interviews.

SPECIAL MTG
10/19 - 6:00 P.M.

Motion by Kessel, supported by Aberasturi that the Board of Education convenes a special meeting on October 19, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. to conduct second interviews for the vacant Board seat. Motion carried 6-0.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elsie McPherson-Brown
Secretary

Paula Waters
Recording Secretary

BOARD REPORTS