

Hartland Consolidated Schools
Regular meeting - Board of Education
September 14, 2009

Members present: C. Aberasturi, C. Sinelli, T. Dumond, K. Kaszyca, E. Jankowski, E. McPherson-Brown (arrived 7:50 p.m.)
Members absent: N. Kessel
Admin. Present: J. Sifferman, S. Bacon, S. VanEpps, L. Mayes, L. Smither, M. Otis, C. Hughes, D. Petish, A. Lashbrook, G. Waldrup, M. Cheney, S. Usher
Guests: C. Ciotti, C. Drafta, E. Geiser, D. Madden, S. Lorenzo, R. Schlosser, P. Twigg

President Kaszyca called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. in the Board Room of the Hartland Educational Support Service Center. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Aberasturi, supported by Jankowski that the agenda for the September 14, 2009 regular meeting be approved, and that public participation be allowed on all items except Item IV.A. Closed Session. Motion carried 5-0.

8/17 MINUTES
APPROVED

Motion by Dumond, supported by Sinelli that the minutes of the August 17, 2009 special meeting be approved. Motion carried 5-0.

CALL TO PUBLIC

There was no response to the Call to the Public.

SUPT. REPORT

Superintendent Sifferman commented on the great opening week of the new school year and thanked everyone for their hard work in making it happen. She reminded the Board of the upcoming Legislative Breakfast on September 21. Ms. Sifferman congratulated Assistant Principal Mikki Cheney on taking first place in the recent Half Iron Man Competition with a time of six hours and three minutes. Mr. VanEpps noted that the student count as of today, noting it changes daily, is 5,555 or 57 students down. He reminded the Board that the district had budgeted for a loss of 50 so we are currently close to projected numbers.

BREAKFAST
HEARING
2009/10

Mr. Bacon convened the 2009/10 Breakfast Hearing. He noted that the district currently must offer breakfast for the Legacy program, and a voluntary breakfast program is conducted at the high school as the district already has the employees on site. The need to provide breakfast is based on the district's percentage of free and reduced lunch applications. The district is currently at 14% and as 20% is the base level requiring a breakfast program, other than Legacy, the district does not have to provide a program. Mr. Bacon noted that a survey was conducted in the spring of 2008 and over 70% of those responding did not believe a breakfast program was warranted. He 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.

CIPA PUBLIC
HEARING

Superintendent Sifferman introduced Scott Usher who convened the CIPA Hearing. Mr. Usher explained that a condition of the district's participation in the U.S. Government's "E-Rate" plan required that the district's Child Internet Protection Act (CIPA) language be read and approved by the Board of Education each year. President Kaszyca read the district's current CIPA statement contained in the Technology Plan approved by the Board last year. There were no comments or concerns expressed so the hearing was adjourned.

9/14/09 AGENDA
APPROVED

Assistant
Superintendent
Laurie Mayes

convened the public hearing to review the Reproductive Health Report for 2008/2009. She discussed the current testing procedures which involve a pre- and post-test at the beginning and end of the reproductive health unit. She noted that there was a significant increase in proficiency in the 2008/09 testing over the 2007/08 scores, which she believes can be attributed to the teachers gaining a better understanding of the approved curriculum.

HS HAPPENINGS

Principal Chuck Hughes updated the Board on the happenings at Hartland High School. As it was only the second week of school, he provided information and data regarding the high school's AYP grade - A, the various programs in place to keep students in school and succeeding including their Adopt-A-Student program for students with four or more failures, the co-teaching program, and the Math Tutor program. He noted that the high school has a dropout rate of less than .5% for four years (9 - 12) and an attendance rate of 95% or better; both of which indicate they are succeeding in keeping students in school and engaged. Ms. Sifferman thanked Mr. Hughes and his entire team for their commitment to their students. (Ms. McPherson-Brown arrived here - 7:50 p.m.)

BOARD REPORTS

Eileen Jankowski tendered her resignation from the Board of Education effective September 30, 2009 citing increased professional and personal commitments. She praised the Board and administration for their unfailing dedication to the students in Hartland. President Kaszyca thanked Ms. Jankowski for her dedicated service and noted that she would be very difficult to replace. Mr. Dumond thanked Mr. Hughes for his excellent presentation and thanked everyone for a great Opening Day Breakfast. Ms. McPherson-Brown noted that she and Ms. Jankowski had traveled a long way together - from Lakes Elementary to now - and she truly appreciated her volunteer spirit and working with her all these years. Ms. Sinelli thanked Mr. Hughes and his staff and also thanked Ms. Jankowski for her years of service noting she was truly a class act and had served as a mentor for her when she came to the Board. Superintendent Sifferman noted that Ms. Jankowski is a terrific mother, a great Board member, a true leader and will be greatly missed.

JANKOWSKI
RESIGNATION

Motion by Aberasturi, 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 August 31, 2009, and the payment of invoices totaling \$4,123,949.31 and payroll obligations totaling \$3,293,735.45. (Note: Totals for both July and August payments.) Motion carried 6-0.

PAYMENT OF
INVOICES

Motion by Jankowski, supported by Sinelli that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction approves the proposed Geophysical Science curriculum as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

GEOPHYSICAL
CURRICULUM
APPROVED

Motion by Sinelli, supported by Dumond that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction approves the revisions to the 8th grade social studies curriculum as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

SOCIAL STUDIES
CURRICULUM
APPROVED

REP. HEALTH
PUBLIC
HEARING

Motion by
McPherson-
Brown, supported
by Jankowski that
the Board of
Education, upon
the

recommendation of the Superintendent, adopts a resolution allowing for the investigation and exploration of a statewide health insurance benefit pool for public employees. Mr. Aberasturi wanted to confirm that the Board was not endorsing any specific plan. Ms. Sifferman agreed noting that this was strictly a resolution to investigate possibilities. Motion carried 6-0.

2010 BOND
ARCHITECTS -
TMP

Motion by Dumond, supported by McPherson-Brown that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Building & Site Committee, authorizes the Superintendent to enter into contract negotiations with TMP Architects for a proposed 2010 bond project. Ms. Sifferman noted that this may seem like "putting the cart before the horse" but she referenced the tight time table involved in a bond election and that the players must be in place should the Board approve going forward with the bond election. Motion carried 6-0.

CONST. MGMT -
BARTON
MALOW

Motion by McPherson-Brown, supported by Dumond that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Building & Site Committee, authorizes the Superintendent to enter into contract negotiations with Barton Malow for a proposed 2010 bond project. Motion carried 6-0.

SP. ED. PAC REP.

Motion by Jankowski, supported by McPherson-Brown that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, nominates D'Ann Schneider to the Special Education Parent Advisory Committee of the Livingston Educational Service Agency. The term for this appointment expires June 30, 2012. Motion carried 6-0.

NAT CITY
RESOLUTION

Motion by Sinelli, supported by Aberasturi that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations, adopts the referenced resolution as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

DISCUSSION:
POLICY
UPDATES

Ms. Sifferman noted that the policy revisions being discussed were part of the quarterly update the district receives from NEOLA usually due to a change in case law or MDE School Code. She did note that she and Mr. Hughes had reworded Policy 5460 to reaffirm that the district did not grant high school graduation credits for classes taken prior to 9th grade, but did count the class toward the rigorous curriculum standards. These will come before the Board for action at the September 28 meeting.

DISCUSSION:
NEW POLICY
COMM LIFE

Ms. Sifferman noted that proposed Policy 9300 is a revision of a policy contained in the district's old policy manual that was not transferred over to the NEOLA manual. Michelle Otis noted that the reason for the revised policy is essentially an economic one as *Community Life* needed to streamline to be more cost-effective. She noted that the area ministers all supported the change. This will come before the Board for action on September 28.

2010 BOND
PROJECT
PRESENTATION

Rol Schlosser of Barton Malow outlined the proposed 2010 Bond project including a review of what had been accomplished with previous bond projects and the scope of this current project. He noted that a lot of the work was a continuation of what had been started with the 2006 Bond including renovating dated mechanical and security systems, technology upgrades for all buildings and buses. He reviewed the timeline and noted that Barton Malow would like to have a finalized work list for the September 28 meeting in order to begin drafting the application for the Treasury Department.

HEALTH INS.
RESOLUTION

Cynthia Sinelli
volunteered to be
the LCASB
Representative for
Hartland Schools.

She noted that there was a meeting on September 9 and the Board is planning three Legislative Breakfasts this year and the annual meeting will be held on March 31, 2010 from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. She also noted that LESA is proposing a round of Board seminars and discussions on various topics.

Mr. Bacon noted that originally the Board had approved a two-year contract for Barton Malow for the 2006 Bond project with the understanding that the third year would be discussed at a later date. He noted they are now in their third year and in January will be starting their fourth. He also noted that there is a budget line in place for the third year. He will be working with Barton Malow on the specifics and this will come before the Board for action on September 28.

Motion by Jankowski, supported by Sinelli that the Board of Education enters into a closed session to discuss future negotiations. Dumond-yea, Aberasturi, yea, McPherson-Brown-yea, Kaszyca-yea, Sinelli-yea, Jankowski-yea. Motion carried 6-0.

The Board entered into closed session at 9:13 p.m.
The Board re-convened open session at 10:35 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 10:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elsie McPherson-Brown
Secretary

Paula Waters
Recording Secretary

DISCUSSION:
BARTON
MALOW
CONTRACT

MOTION FOR
CLOSED
SESSION

OPEN SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

SINELLI - LCASB
REP