

Hartland Consolidated Schools
Regular meeting - Board of Education
November 9, 2009

Members present: K. Kaszyca, C. Aberasturi, T. Dumond, C. Sinelli, M. Hutchinson, N. Kessel, E. McPherson-Brown (arrived 6:33 p.m.)
Members absent: None
Admin. Present: J. Sifferman, S. Bacon, L. Mayes, S. VanEpps, S. Livingway, C. Hughes, K. Evenson, M. Otis, L. Smither
Guests: G. Banks, B. Doring, S. Williams, M. Merciera, J. Muir, R. Hutchinson, N. Spranger, E. Suttman, D. Boyer, J. Whitbeck, C. Goodlaski, P. Burnham, K. Regorrah, G. Janssen, M. Bankes, B. Fry, H. Houtman, J. Nicholson

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 Sinelli that the agenda for the November 9, 2009 regular meeting be approved, and that public participation be allowed on all items except Item III.A. - Closed Session. Motion carried 5-0.

10/26 MINUTES
APPROVED

Motion by Dumond, supported by Kessel that the minutes of the October 26, 2009 special meeting be approved. Motion carried 5-0.

CALL TO PUBLIC

There was no response to Call to the Public. (Ms. McPherson-Brown arrived here - 6:33 p.m.)

SUPT. REPORT

Superintendent Sifferman administered the Oath of Office to Michelle Hutchinson. She then spoke about the accident that occurred that morning at the middle school, noting that the student involved was listed in stable condition and had been moved to ICU for monitoring. Ms. Sifferman thanked Renee Klinger and Ellen Koerner for their quick and helpful response. She also noted that parking at Spranger Field was not a factor in this morning's accident and the Township is in no way to blame for what occurred today. Mr. Aberasturi noted that, according to the quote in today's online *Press & Argus*, the Township was not aware that parking at Spranger was ever an issue. Consequently, he would like the Board to adopt a resolution officially stating the district's position that students should not be parking there. Wording will be crafted for the November 23 meeting.

HAPPENINGS AT
COMM ED

Superintendent Sifferman introduced Michelle Otis, Director of Community Education, who highlighted the work being done in the Day Treatment Program, the Workforce Development program and the WHCO Drug Prevention Grant. Spokespeople from each program, Kristian Kilpatrick, Sue Silver and Randy Pomeroy respectively, talked about how the programs were using the grant monies allotted to help students.

2008/09 FINAL
AUDIT REPORT

Ms. Sifferman introduced Jeff Dolowy and Andrea Link of Plante Moran who presented the district's final audit report for the 2008/09 school year. They noted that the district again received an "Unqualified Opinion" for both the general audit and the audit of federal programs. An "unqualified opinion" means the district had a clean audit with no reportable issues. Ms. Sifferman thanked Mr. Bacon, Ms. Mitchell and the accounting team for their excellent work.

Ms. Sifferman
noted that long-
time Hartland
resident and

11/9 AGENDA
APPROVED

former Hartland Schools' employee Jack McManus passed away on Saturday and will be greatly missed. The funeral will be held on Wednesday, November 11, at 11:00 a.m. at Hartland United Methodist Church.

CALL TO PUBLIC
(REVISITED)

President Kaszyca noted that he had received a Call to the Public card shortly after the item was addressed on the agenda and asked the Board's permission to recognize the submission. They agreed. Ms. Jamie Nicholson of the Dance Project presented a petition that she will distribute among the community and asked how many signatures are needed to address the issues stated. President Kaszyca noted that, as stated previously by the Board, this group needed to continue working with the high school administration to help effectuate change. He noted that it appeared progress is being made and that the administration is committed to working with the group. He also noted that should there come a point when both sides have reached an impasse, then the group would need to bring their concerns to the district administration/superintendent, as the Board trusts that the district and building administrators are more knowledgeable and better able to address issues in the buildings. Ms. Sifferman noted that the points from their petition have been or are being addressed.

BOARD REPORTS

Ms. Kessel welcomed Ms. Hutchinson to the Board. Mr. Kaszyca noted that his trip to the Department of Treasury for the 2010 Bond was very informative. Ms. Sinelli complimented Mr. Hughes and the other building administrators on their use of *Community Life* to impart information.

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 October 31, 2009, and the payment of invoices totaling \$1,746,050.95 and payroll obligations totaling \$3,177,854.88. Motion carried 7-0.

PRE QUAL APP
APPROVED

Motion by Aberasturi, supported by Dumond that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations, approves the Preliminary Qualification Application for the 2010 Renovation Bond as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

GAS CONTRACT
APPROVED

Motion by McPherson-Brown, supported by Kessel that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations, authorizes the administration to enter into a contract with Lakeshore Energy Services, LLC for the purchase of natural gas for a period not to exceed 12 months. The price shall not exceed \$8.17 MMBtu with an approximate total purchase of 674,094 MMBtu on an annualized basis. Motion carried 7-0.

CLOSED SESSION
MOTION

Motion by Sinelli, supported by Aberasturi that the Board of Education enters into closed session to discuss negotiations. Dumond-yea, Aberasturi-yea, McPherson-Brown-yea, Kessel-yea, Kaszyca-yea, Sinelli-yea, Hutchinson-yea. Motion carried 7-0.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board went into closed session at 8:20p.m.

The Board
reentered open
session at 9:20 p.m.

SUPT. REPORT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elsie McPherson-Brown
Secretary

Paula Waters
Recording Secretary

OPEN SESSION

ADJOURNMENT