

Hartland Consolidated Schools
Regular meeting - Board of Education
December 21, 2009

Members present: K. Kaszyca, T. Dumond, C. Sinelli, M. Hutchinson, N. Kessel, E. McPherson-Brown
Members absent: C. Aberasturi
Admin. Present: J. Sifferman, S. Bacon, S. VanEpps, C. Hughes, M. Otis, B. Cain, G. Waldrup, J. Cowan, M. Cheney
Guests: K. Butzier, D. Dunville, D. Dunville, N. Spranger, S. Schmidbauer, A. Gray, A. Depoy, P. Burnham, M. Trott, S. Jones, J. Saaristo, M. Alberts, B. Meadows, B. Meadows, L. Trojan, D. Madden, J. Reck

President Kaszyca called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. in the Board Room of the Hartland Educational Support Service Center. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Dumond, supported by McPherson-Brown that the agenda for the December 21, 2009 regular meeting be approved, and that public participation be allowed on all items. Motion carried 6-0. 12/21 AGENDA APPROVED

Motion by McPherson-Brown, supported by Hutchinson that the minutes of the December 10, 2009 special meeting be approved. Motion carried 6-0. 12/10 MINUTES APPROVED

Nancy Spranger, HEA President, thanked Nora Kessel on behalf of the HEA for her many years of dedicated service to Hartland Schools. She also noted that at the last general membership meeting, the HEA voted in favor of supporting the February 2010 Bond proposal. CALL TO PUBLIC

Superintendent Sifferman thanked Nora Kessel for her service to the district, first as a parent and then as a member of the Board. She noted that Ms. Kessel has certainly left her mark on Hartland Schools and her first priority was always the children. Ms. Sifferman presented Ms. Kessel with an engraved clock commemorating her years on the Board. At this time the Board recessed to share cookies with the public. SUPT. REPORT

Ms. Sifferman passed on what information was currently available regarding the "Race to the Top" initiative that, should Michigan succeed in obtaining these monies, could mean additional money for public school districts or it could mean additional expenses not covered by funding. She noted that the legislature is currently still working on Michigan's plan for this money. Were the district to sign a Memo of Understanding at this point, which is required to participate in the program should it come to fruition, it could obligate the district to programming and hiring that it cannot afford. It was determined that the Board could possibly convene right after the break to discuss signing the memo once more information is available.

Ms Sinelli thanked Ms. Kessel for her service. Mr. Dumond noted that it has been a pleasure serving with Ms. Kessel and appreciates her intelligence, wisdom and especially her common sense. Ms. McPherson-Brown noted that she had spoken with parents regarding the "Race to the Top" funds and some have the misconception that should we win this, we would not need a bond in February. She asked that we attempt to convey what information we do have to the public so they have a better understanding. Ms. McPherson-Brown also thanked Ms. Kessel for her dedicated service. Mr. Kaszyca noted that this was a bit scary as the current Board BOARD REPORTS

works so well as a team and Nora will be greatly missed. Ms. Kessel commended Barton Malow on forgoing their annual Holiday Party and donated the funds to the America Red Cross instead. She was proud of the district's association with Barton Malow. Ms. Kessel then read a farewell statement.	BOARD REPORTS (CON'T)
Motion by Kessel, supported by Dumond that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations, approves the financial report as of November 30, 2009, and the payment of invoices totaling \$2,210,010.05 and payroll obligations totaling \$2,142,867.33. Motion carried 6-0.	PAYMENT OF INVOICES
Motion by Hutchinson, supported by McPherson-Brown that the Board of Education adopts the proposed goals for 2009-2012 as presented. Motion carried 6-0.	BOARD GOALS
Motion by McPherson-Brown, supported by Kessel that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, adopts the Collaborative Communication Committee resolution as presented. Motion carried 6-0.	COLL. COMM. RESOLUTION
Motion by Dumond, supported by McPherson-Brown that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Transportation Sub-Committee, adopts the Regional Transportation Collaborative Resolution as presented. Motion carried 6-0.	TRANS. COLL. RESOLUTION
Motion by McPherson-Brown, supported by Hutchinson that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the project manager, awards a contract to replace the boiler at the Educational Support Service Center to Dickerson Mechanical in the amount of \$199,800.00 as presented. Motion carried 6-0. Mr. Bacon noted that, as with the roof for the "51 Building" the bids for this project also came in considerably under budget.	CONTRACT AWARD - BOILER -HESSC
The Board determined that, should it be necessary for the Memo of Understanding for "Race to the Top", they would convene on January 5, 2010 at 7:30 a.m.	1/5/10 MTG. IF NEEDED
The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m.	ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Elsie McPherson-Brown
Secretary

Paula Waters
Recording Secretary