

Hartland Consolidated Schools
Regular Meeting - Board of Education
February 8, 2010

Members present: C. Aberasturi, K. Kaszyca, M. Hutchinson, B. Perkins, E. McPherson-Brown, C. Sinelli, T. Dumond (arrived 6:40 p.m.)
Members absent: None
Admin. Present: J. Sifferman, L. Mayes, S. VanEpps, S. Bacon, C. Hughes, S. Livingway, A. Howerton, B. Cain, S. Usher, M. Otis
Guests: N. Manley, J. Miller, N. Spranger, B. Wolf, D. Hershey

President Kaszyca called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the media center of Hartland Middle School. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Superintendent Sifferman administered the Oath of Office to Robert Perkins. OATH OF OFFICE

Motion by Sinelli, supported by Hutchinson that the agenda for the February 8, 2010 regular meeting be approved, and that public participation be allowed on all items except Item III - Closed Session. Motion carried 6-0. 2/8/10 AGENDA APPROVED

Motion by Aberasturi, supported by McPherson-Brown that the minutes of the January 25, 2010 special meeting be approved. Motion carried 6-0. 1/25 MINUTES APPROVED

There was no response to Call to the Public. CALL TO PUBLIC

Superintendent Sifferman introduced Steve Livingway, principal of Hartland Middle School, who then led the Board to a classroom for a demonstration of the SmartBoard technology by Melanie Laber, math teacher. She demonstrated the many capabilities of the technology and noted that her students had really embraced the technology. Mr. Aberasturi asked how this technology could be used for subjects other than math. Scott Usher, Director of Technology, noted that an additional use of this technology would be that web sites, such as Google Earth, a news site or online journal, can be uploaded to the board and then the students have the ability to work directly with the images, identifying and marking locations, highlighting key points, etc. This could be useful in many subjects and allow the students another opportunity for "hands-on" learning. Ms. Laber indicated that the images from the board can be saved throughout the lesson and then printed for further review or could be given to students who were absent or require additional time to process information. The lessons themselves could also be recorded, added to the web site, and then downloaded at home. Mr. Usher pointed out that SmartBook is just one of several companies that would likely bid should the 2010 bond pass, but that the concept and capabilities of each system are similar. This technology is earmarked for most classrooms should the bond pass. After the presentation the Board returned to the media center. (Mr. Dumond arrived during the presentation - 6:40 p.m.) SUPT. REPORT

Ms. Hutchinson & Ms. McPherson-Brown welcomed Mr. Perkins to the Board. Mr. Kaszyca noted that the State Solo/Ensemble Music Festival took place at Hartland High School last weekend and that it was a very positive event and showcased our building. BOARD REPORTS

Motion by Sinelli, supported by Hutchinson that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations, approves the financial report as of January 31, 2010 and the payment of invoices totaling \$1,945,378.33 and payroll obligations totaling \$2,206,024.23. Motion carried 7-0. PAYMENT OF INVOICES

Motion by Dumond, supported by McPherson-Brown that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, adopts the regular school election resolution for the May 4, 2010 school election as presented. Motion carried 7-0. ELECTION RESOLUTION

Motion by Aberasturi, supported by McPherson-Brown that the Board of Education enters into a closed session to discuss future negotiations with the teachers' union. Hutchinson-yea, Sinelli-yea, Kaszyca-yea, Aberasturi-yea, McPherson-Brown-yea, Dumond-yea, Perkins-yea. Motion carried 7-0. MOTION FOR CLOSED SESSION

The Board entered into closed session at 7:15 p.m. CLOSED SESSION

The Board returned to open session at 8:45 p.m. OPEN SESSION

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Elsie McPherson-Brown
Secretary

Paula Waters
Recording Secretary