

Hartland Consolidated Schools
Special Meeting - Board of Education
February 24, 2010

Members present: T. Dumond, K. Kaszyca, M. Hutchinson, C. Aberasturi, E. McPherson-Brown
Members absent: C. Sinelli, B. Perkins
Admin. Present: J. Sifferman, L. Mayes, S. Bacon, S. VanEpps, G. Waldrup, C. Hughes, L. Smither
Guests: N. Spranger, L. DePoy, J. Scherba, T. Darling, D. Hershey

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 Aberasturi, supported by McPherson-Brown that the agenda for the February 24, 2010 special meeting be approved, and that public participation be allowed on all items except Item IV. Closed Session. Motion carried 5-0. 2/24 AGENDA APPROVED

Motion by Dumond, supported by Hutchinson that the minutes of the February 8, 2010 regular meeting be approved. Motion carried 5-0. 2/8 MINUTES APPROVED

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

Superintendent Sifferman thanked the Hartland community for the passage of the 2010 Bond proposal from yesterday's election. She noted that J. Robert Crouse's legacy lives on as the community continues to be involved in and support the school district. She also wanted to give special thanks to Hartland PTO & PAC parents who all worked very hard to get information out. Thanks also to Nancy Spranger and the HEA for their support. Ms. Sifferman also wanted to thank Scott Bacon, Scott VanEpps and Scott Usher for the countless hours they spent putting together and presenting the bond program to the various groups, as well as talking individually to whomever called or came in with questions. SUPT. REPORT

Ms. Sifferman then introduced Principal Chuck Hughes who noted that the "3 R's" - reason, respect and responsibility - have become an integral part of life at the high school. He presented the Board with a "3 R's" banner to be hung in the Boardroom.

Ms. Hutchinson indicated that she had attended the Optimists' Youth Appreciation Awards as well as participating in Challenge Day last week, noting that it was a very inspiring week. She also reminded the Board and public that the fundraiser at Outback Steakhouse for Challenge Day will take place on March 13 from 11:30 - 1:00. Mr. Dumond, Ms. McPherson-Brown and Mr. Aberasturi all thanked the administration and community on the successful passage of the bond issue. Mr. Kaszyca thanked Scott VanEpps for all of the work he put into the Youth Appreciation Awards, noting it was a great evening. BOARD REPORTS

Motion by McPherson-Brown, supported by Dumond that the Board of Education, pursuant to Board policy, grants permission for Michelle Hutchinson to register for and attend MASB-CBA Course "Introduction to School Board Service" on May 22, 2010 at the expense of the school district. Motion carried 5-0. CONFERENCE APPROVED

Ms. Sifferman noted that the following policies: 7440, 7440.01, 7540.03, 7540.04, 7542, 7545, 8315 had been revised and that she and Mr. VanEpps had met with Dr. Halik from NEOLA regarding these revisions late last year. These will come before the Board for action at the March 8, 2010 meeting.

DISCUSSION:
REVISED
POLICIES

Ms. Sifferman then initiated the discussion regarding the transportation cooperative, noting that these decisions are very difficult and the district has been through this before with the privatization of the custodial unit as well as the earlier layoffs of several members of the Affiliates' union. She asked that we remember our guiding principles and mission. Several meetings have been held over the past several weeks countywide and in the district to assimilate all the information, how this would effect services, and how it would be implemented. LESA has met on several occasions with the district's transportation department, outlining the application procedures as well as what salary and benefit packages might be available to them. The union met with its membership and decided not to propose an alternative concession package. Those hired by LESA will still be part of the state retirement system though the 18 currently receiving medical benefits through the district will have to procure their own package. Mr. Aberasturi asked if they would be eligible for COBRA. Mr. Bacon believed that they would be and LESA will be offering packages as well. Mr. Kaszyca wanted to make sure the district would still have the opportunity to address contract concerns after the passage of the resolution if that happened at the March 8 meeting. Ms. Sifferman assured him that this resolution was just allowing the district to enter into a contract with LESA and was not the actual contract. The Board will have the opportunity to review and discuss the contract. This will come before the Board for action on March 8.

DISCUSSION:
TRANS.
COOPERATIVE

Motion by Hutchinson, supported by McPherson-Brown that the Board of Education enters into closed session to discuss negotiations with the teachers' union. Roll call: Dumond-yea, McPherson-Brown-yea, Aberasturi-yea, Kaszyca-yea, Hutchinston-yea. Motion carried 5-0.

CLOSED
SESSION

The Board entered into closed session at 7:05 p.m.

The Board reconvened in open session at 8:10 p.m. and the meeting was adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Elsie McPherson-Brown
Secretary

Paula Waters
Recording Secretary