

Hartland Consolidated Schools
Regular Meeting - Board of Education
April 12, 2010

Members present: T. Dumond, K. Kaszyca, C. Aberasturi, E. McPherson-Brown, C. Sinelli, M. Hutchinson
Members absent: R. Perkins
Admin. Present: J. Sifferman, L. Mayes, S. VanEpps, S. Bacon, L. Smither, C. Hughes, G. Waldrup, M. Otis, A. Howerton
Guests: D. Madden, S. Osterhoff, S. Wills, S. Russano, P. Whelan, B. Ganster, K. Risse, D. LaGuire-Quinn, K. Knoeferl, S. Sikes, K. Jagusch, J. Johnson, M. Hall, L. Hartley, S. Spare, B. Gazda, M. Madden, N. Spranger

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 McPherson-Brown that the agenda for the April 12, 2010 regular meeting be approved, that policy be set aside allowing Item II.C. to be treated as an action item, and that public participation be allowed on all items. Motion carried 6-0. 4/12 AGENDA APPROVED

Motion by Dumond, supported by Hutchinson that the minutes of the March 29, 2010 special meeting be approved. Motion carried 6-0. 3/29 MINUTES APPROVED

Nancy Spranger, President of the HEA, presented books that will be given to each of the buildings on behalf of the Board of Education. CALL TO PUBLIC

Superintendent Sifferman introduced Principal Lindsay Smither of Lakes Elementary. Ms. Smither introduced two presentations from her staff; one on the integration of art into the core curriculum narrated by Shari Russano, and another on the co-teaching program at Lakes involving Monique Alberts, Sara Sikes, Stacey Wills and Sherry Osterhoff. Ms. Sifferman and Board commended Ms. Smither and her staff for the wonderful work they are doing at Lakes Elementary. SUPT. REPORT

Ms. Sifferman then introduced Doug Madden of Barton Malow who outlined the project schedule for the first phase of the 2010 Bond. Mr. Madden indicated that updates would be available on the district web site.

Ms. Sifferman called upon Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum Laurie Mayes to review the district's MEAP scores. Ms. Mayes noted that though the district continues to perform well on these assessments, the MEAP tests are just one of several assessment tools used to guide the district's instruction. President Kaszyca asked how Hartland is tracking with the No Child Left Behind mandates. Ms. Mayes indicated that the district continues to work on areas of concern, though there are issues involving the state's continued altering of testing areas and content, i.e. the removal of the writing component from all but 4th and 7th grades. However she does not feel this is a major concern as the district continues to track in the 90th percentile and above in most areas.

Ms. Hutchinson enjoyed the Reading Olympics event she attended at Lakes Elementary. Ms. McPherson-Brown thanked the Lakes team for their excellent BOARD REPORTS

presentation. Mr. Dumond concurred and noted that it was great to see the arts thriving in the district.

Motion by McPherson-Brown, supported by Hutchinson that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations, approves the financial report as of March 31, 2010, and the payment of invoices totaling \$2,874,896.55 and payroll obligations totaling \$2,102,545.92. Motion carried 6-0.

PAYMENT OF
INVOICES

Motion by Hutchinson, supported by Dumond that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the negotiating team, approves the tentative agreement ratified by the Hartland Education Association on March 31, 2010 as presented. Motion carried 6-0. Ms. Sifferman thanked everyone involved for this year-long endeavor and thanked the HEA for working collaboratively with the administration and Board to attain this contract.

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Motion by Hutchinson, supported by Sinelli that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations, approves the amended resolution authorizing the Superintendent or designee to accept and execute a Bond Purchase Agreement for Qualified School Construction Bonds as presented. Motion carried 6-0. Mr. Bacon noted that this amendment was necessary due to changes in the allocation the district received from the ARRA funds. He also noted that with the new allocation, it is possible that almost half of the 2010 Bond would be essentially interest-free or at a very low percentage.

AMENDED
BOND RES.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Elsie McPherson-Brown
Secretary

Paula Waters
Recording Secretary