

Hartland Consolidated Schools
Special meeting - Board of Education
June 30, 2010

Members present: K. Kaszyca, C. Sinelli, E. McPherson-Brown, T. Dumond
Members absent: C. Aberasturi, M. Hutchinson, B. Perkins
Admin. Present: J. Sifferman, S. Bacon, S. VanEpps, B. Cain, M. Otis, C. Hughes, G. Waldrup
Guests: N. Spranger, P. Rogers, D. Domas, N. Tinsley, B. Call, D. Madden, S. Lorenzo, T. Darling, E. Geiser

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

Motion by Sinelli, supported by McPherson-Brown that the agenda for the June 30, 2010 special meeting be approved, that policy be set aside allowing Items II.C. and II.D. to be treated as action items, and that public participation be allowed on all items. Motion carried 4-0. 6/30/10 AGENDA APPROVED

Motion by Dumond, supported by Sinelli that the minutes of the June 7, 2010 regular meeting be approved. Motion carried 4-0. 6/7/10 MINUTES APPROVED

Paul Rogers, candidate for the state senate seat being vacated by Valde Garcia, introduced himself to the Board, as did County Commissioner candidate Dave Domas. CALL TO PUBLIC

Superintendent Sifferman congratulated Principal Hughes on a successful graduation and congratulated everyone on another successful end to the school year. She noted that the annual staffing meeting took place last week and with the 34 early retirements and adjustments to the secondary schedule, the district will be interviewing for 17 positions this summer and will hire 9 ½ subs for teachers on leaves of absence. Ms. Sifferman also wanted to congratulate Sue Pearson and her special education staff for receiving a grade of "1" from the Department of Education, as well as Scott Bacon for earning his recertification through continuing education from the Michigan School Business Officials. SUPT. REPORT

Ms. Sifferman introduced Scott Bacon, Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations, who began the 2010/2011 Budget Hearing. Mr. Bacon presented two budget projection scenarios for years 2010/11 - 2012/13. One scenario depicted projections using no increase or decrease in foundation allowance and a loss of 55 students while the other showed a decrease in foundation allowance of \$75.00 and a loss of 90 students in 2010/11. Mr. Bacon noted that in the first scenario for 2010/11, the fund balance could actually increase by approximately \$330,000. This is due to the state backing off of the \$300 reduction per student in foundation allowance that had been projected earlier in the year as well as the concessions made by our bargaining groups during recent negotiations plus other operating cost reductions. Mr. Bacon noted however, that the small changes made in the second projection show how easily that increase can turn into a decrease. He also noted that with both projections, the 2011/12 and 2012/13 school years show significant reductions in the district's fund balance simply due to increased costs of doing business each year. 2010/11 BUDGET HEARING

His projections for 2012/13 show a negative fund balance unless things change. Mr. Bacon noted that the district would again be using a "continuation budget" as they have for the past several years and moved on to the other funds noting that both the cafeteria and athletic funds should break even for 2010/11. He indicated that the drop in meals purchased through the cafeteria was offset by additional students qualifying for state and federal funding through the Free & Reduced Lunch Program as well as a reduction in food costs. Mr. Bacon also noted that the athletic fund may be combined with the general fund in coming years because of state regulations and that the athletic department is continuing to look at possible increases and/or changes to the current Pay to Participate fees for both athletics and extra-curricular activities. The debt fund covers payments for the various bond issues while the capital projects fund is where the bond issue money goes and is then used to implement the phases of the bond. This has obviously increased with the passage of the 2010 Bond Issue. Mr. Bacon noted that the 2000 Bond is drawing to a close with the completion of the wastewater treatment issue and joining with the township's sewer system. The majority left of the 2006 Bond will be spent in 2010/11. Mr. Kaszyca thanked Mr. Bacon for all his work during these difficult times and for answering all of the Board's questions.

2010/11 BUDGET
HEARING
(CON'T)

Ms. McPherson-Brown thanked Mr. Bacon for the excellent job he does for the district. Mr. Kaszyca thanked the high school administration and staff as well as all those involved in the Senior All Night Party for their excellent work.

BOARD REPORTS

Motion by McPherson-Brown, supported by Sinelli that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations, adopts the resolution with KeyBank National Association regarding the administration of the Hartland Consolidated Schools Bond Custody Account as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

2010 BOND BANK
RESOLUTION

Motion by McPherson-Brown, supported by Sinelli that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Project Manager, awards a contract to Munro Electric Co., in the amount of \$552,482.00 for Bid Package #2 - District-wide Gym & Parking Lot Lighting Upgrades & Interactive Whiteboards & Electrical, as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

CONTRACT
AWARD

Motion by Dumond, supported by McPherson-Brown that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations, approves the contract for TMP Associates for work on the 2010 Bond program as presented and authorizes the Superintendent or her designee to sign said contract. (TMP Associates was approved by the Board as architects for this project at the September 14, 2009 meeting.) Mr. Dumond noted to editing errors in the contract. Mr. Bacon indicated he would resolve those before signing. Motion carried 4-0.

ARCHITECT
CONTRACT

Motion by Dumond, supported by McPherson-Brown that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations, approves the contract for Barton Malow for work on the 2010 Bond program as presented and authorizes the Superintendent or her designee to sign said contract. (Barton Malow was approved by the Board for this project at the September 14, 2009 meeting.) Motion carried 4-0.

PROJECT MGR.
CONTRACT

Motion by Sinelli, supported by Dumond that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations, approves budget amendments for the General Fund, Capital Projects Fund, Debt Retirement Fund, Athletic Fund and Food Service Fund as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

09/10 BUDGET
AMENDMENTS

Motion by Sinelli, supported by Dumond that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations, approves the General Appropriations Act Resolution (2010/2011) as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

10/11 GEN. APP.
ACT RES.

The Board discussed the proposed changes to the Parent/Student Handbooks, with Mr. VanEpps noting that there were no major changes in policy this year, just the items noted in the summaries provided. The Board had no additional questions regarding the handbook changes. This will come before the Board for action at the July 12 meeting.

DISCUSSION:
PARENT/
STUDENT
HANDBOOKS

Mr. Bacon noted that there will be the need for another meeting in July or early August for the annual borrowing from the state, as well as contract awards for the bond issue. The district will also have many new hires this summer.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Elsie McPherson-Brown
Secretary

Paula Waters
Recording Secretary