

Hartland Consolidated Schools
Regular Meeting-Board of Education Minutes
March 8, 2021

Members present: C. Kenrick, C. Costa, M. Hemeyer, B. Gatewood, C. Aberasturi, K. Coleman

Members absent: T. Dumond

Admin. Present: C. Hughes, S. VanEpps, D. Minsker, A. Kreger, S. Usher

Guests: 17342777575, Adam Kahl, Aidan Hughes, Alex Cushing, Allison Larson, Amanda, Amanda's iPhone, amy, Amy Bayerl, Andrea Kosla, Andrew Comb, Andrew Kartsounes, Angelina Kreger, Angelina's iPhone, Anna Lin, Anthony Howerton, Ashley Lieto, Barbara Gazda, Brad Laibly, Brenda, Brian Stuart, Carol, Carol Taggart - Michigan Humanities, Catherine E Luke, Cathleen Haglund, Cathy CB, Cathy Luke (Catherine E Luke), Chris Chanavier, Clay, craig, Cristal, Crysten Nageotte, dale klein, DC (Andrew Comb), Deb Whitson, Debbie Kangas, Dorothy Hottum, Duppong, Emily Aluia, Erik Peterson, Erin, Erin Dennis, Faiza Omar, H, Hartland, Hartland Schools Board of Ed Meeting (Scott Usher), Hartland Senior Activity Center, Heather Calabrese, Heather Reid, Heather's iPhone, Holly Childers, iPhone, Jaime Ray, Janet Chodos, Jason Eaton, Jason Reck (lauren), jdwe_q, Jeff, Jen, Jen Church, Jenn Garcia (she/her), Jennifer Bonanni, Jennifer Gruber, Jennifer Justice, Jenny Hull, Jeremy Mitchell, Jesse Brodbeck, JMarinelli, Jody Wehner, John Waldrop, Julie Prutow, Julies Iphone, Karen Quinn, KarenWilson, Kate Gregory, Kate Gregory (Kate Gregor), Kathleen Hoerauf, Katie, Kay Jagusch, Kelly Chapman, Kevin O, Kristin Raap, Laura Moore, lauren, Lauren Brynolf, Lauren Nizol, Lawrence Pumford (Lorena Ermacora), Lindsay McFarland, LindseyHarrSmith (Lindsey Harr-Smith), Lisa Archey, Livingston Daily, Madison Gradowski, Maegan Weller, maria, Mary's iPhone, Matt Conway (Jennifer Conway), Matt Marino, Matt Pedigo, MCG, Melanie, Melissa Frasier, Michelle, Mike Lewandowski, Mikki Cheney, Mona Shand (Egkvsg), Monique, morrisin, Myanna, Nate Dorough, Nicole Conley, Nicole Matthews-Creech Livingston Diversity Council (Nicole Creech), Olivia, Rachel Camilleri, Rachel Smith (Preston), Rebecca Fedewa, Rebecca Paris (she/her/hers), Richelle Bell, Sarah Walsh, Scott Bacon, Scott Usher, Shanna Dana, Shannon Drury, Shari Russano, SKellner, stacey Maffeo, Stefanie, Stephanie Paris, Stephanie Schlosser, StephanieWay, Steve Rewers - Barton Malow, Sue Pearson, Susan Simmer, Teri Wozny, Theresia Rogers, Tim & Kathy's iPhone, Tom Ureche, Tracey M, Trista Erickson, Vic Bugni, WHMI

Vice President Kenrick called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3/8/21 AGENDA APPROVED

Motion by Costa, supported by Hemeyer that the agenda for the February 8, 2021 regular meeting be approved. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Aberasturi, supported by Costa, to add the Superintendent Contract Renewal to the agenda. Motion carried 5-1.

2/8/21 MINUTES APPROVED

Motion by Hemeyer, supported by Aberasturi that the minutes of the February 8, 2021 regular meeting be approved. Motion carried 6-0.

SUPERTINTENDENT'S REPORT

HAPPENINGS AT VILLAGE ELEMENTARY

Superintendent Hughes introduced Principal Kreger who talked about what is going on at Village Elementary this year.

SINKING FUND UPDATE

Superintendent Hughes gave an update on the sinking fund projects including the boiler replacement at the HESSC and changes in the kitchen at Round needed to add dishwashers.

BOND UPDATE

Matt Marino, Director of Operations and Transportation, gave an update on current Bond projects such as the STEM center furniture and technology renovations. During spring break, Smartboards will be replaced at CES. The other elementary Smartboards will be installed over the summer. The next round of projects is the Robotics Center at the HESSC, with a potential ground-breaking date in August. The Auxiliary athletic field ground breaking is planned for September. Superintendent Hughes noted that the community can view the full list of projects on our website.

2021-22 CALENDAR UPDATE

Superintendent Hughes said administration is currently working with the HEA and will hopefully have the Calendar completed by April. School will start the same week as last year, the week of August 16th. Bill Gatewood asked if we will be 5 days in the fall. Superintendent Hughes said that is the expectation, 5 days face-to-face.

MICIP DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT

Superintendent Hughes introduced Dave Minsker to talk about the new district improvement plan. Leadership team met to look at district data, focusing on areas that needed to attention. The Curriculum subcommittee is also invited to be part of this process. Bill asked if all Board members could be a part of it. Dave Minsker explained any Board member could participate.

EXTENDED COVID-19 LEARNING PLAN

Dave Minsker said the number of remote students has trended down. The state is requiring the standardized testing in the spring, but it will not count towards the accountability piece. Tests must be given in person.

Scott VanEpps shared that the average K-12 student attendance 2/8/21 through 3/5/21 was 95.96%.

HIGH SCHOOL UPDATE

Superintendent Hughes addressed the response to the High School allegations, what has been done so far, and what the district will continue to work on regarding reason, respect and responsibility.

Bill Gatewood said he would like to see a subcommittee at the Board level, a diversity and inclusion committee. Charlie Aberasturi suggested the topic of diversity and inclusion should be part of the Personnel Committee and we should not create more Committees to micro manage things. Cyndi Kenrick and Chris Costa agreed.

Chuck suggested sitting down with Bill to outline what this committee could look like, and bring this information to the next Board meeting as an action item.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Three parents addressed the Board: Lauren Nizol, Jennifer Garcia, and Meagan Weller, regarding the racist allegations made at the HS.

BOARD REPORTS

Chris Costa talked about the HS incident and how disheartening it was to hear, we need to make sure Hartland is a safe place for all.

Michelle Hemeyer thanked the HS staff for all their hard work in the investigation.

Cyndi Kenrick said she feels bad for the young person involved and said our district has handled many challenges in the past and she has faith in the Superintendent and administrators to find the best solutions for the problems we are facing.

Bill Gatewood agreed with the other Board members.

Charlie Aberasturi said he believes what has always been consistent in Hartland is that we treat all people with respect. We had a bad incident and we will deal with it as best we can.

Kristin Coleman agreed with what the other Board members, and said we have a great district in place to make change happen for the better.

PAYMENT OF INVOICES

Motion by Coleman, supported by Aberasturi, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations, approves the financial report as of February 28, 2021, and the payment of invoices totaling \$1,378,186.06 and payroll obligations totaling \$3,680,085.63. Motion carried 6-0.

SENIOR CENTER BUS PURCHASE

Motion by Hemeyer, supported by Costa, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations, approves the Senior Center bus purchase as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

APPROVAL OF ARCHITECT CONTRACT - TMP

Motion by Costa, supported by Hemeyer, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations, approves the contract for TMP Architecture, Inc. as architect for the 2020 Bond. Motion carried 6-0.

STEM CENTER FURNITURE PURCHASE – 2020 BOND

Motion by Coleman, supported by Hemeyer, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations, the Director of Operations and Transportation, and TMP, approves the STEM center furniture purchase in the amount of \$215,382.10 as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

2021 DISTRICT TECHNOLOGY RENOVATIONS (NETWORK & CABLING)–2020 BOND

Motion by Hemeyer, supported by Costa, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations, the Director of Operations and Transportation, and Barton Malow Builders, approves the District Technology Renovations purchase awards in the amount of \$530,350.35 as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

RENEWAL – ADMINISTRATORS' CONTRACT

Motion by Coleman, supported by Aberasturi, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the 2-year contract renewals effective July 1, 2021 for Scott VanEpps, David Minsker, Kate Gregory, Jason Reck, Tom Ureche, Emily Aluia, J.D. Wheeler, Nicole Conley, Lawrence Pumford, Chris Chanavier, Mikki Cheney, Dotty Hottum, Tony Howerton, Angelina Kreger, Stephanie Way, Carol Hayes and Scott Usher. Motion carried 6-0.

RESOLUTION – EXTENDED LEARNING PLAN

Motion by Hemeyer, supported by Coleman, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, reconfirms the Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan. Motion carried 6-0.

Chris Costa thanked Superintendent Hughes for his transparency and regular updates to the community.

RENEWAL – SUPERINTENDENT CONTRACT

Motion by Aberasturi, supported by Hemeyer, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Board Vice President, approves the 3-year contract renewal effective July 1, 2021 for Superintendent Chuck Hughes. Motion carried 5-1.

LESA PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

The resolution will come before the Board in April to appoint Angela Workman and Tara Branson as the LESA PAC members.

BOARD MEETINGS – LIVE STREAM OPTION

Board members discussed the pros and cons of Zoom meetings, live streaming, or recording Board meetings in the future.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Vice President Kenrick noted that the next meetings will be held April 12, 2021, regular, at 6:30 p.m. and May 10, 2021, regular, at 6:30 p.m. in the Boardroom of the Educational Support Service Center.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Scott VanEpps thanked all the administrators for approving the contracts.
Cyndi Kenrick thanked the Board for the good conversation tonight.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle Hemeyer
Secretary



Renee Braden
Recording Secretary