

Hartland Consolidated Schools
Special Meeting - Board of Education
January 28, 2013

Members present: T. Dumond, K. Kaszyca, B. Gatewood, M. Hutchinson, C. Kenrick
Members absent: C. Aberasturi, C. Sinelli
Admin. Present: J. Sifferman, L. Mayes, S. VanEpps, S. Bacon, G. Waldrup, A. Lashbrook, C. Hughes, K. Evenson, M. Cheney, L. Pumford, M. Otis, D. Minsker, L. Smither, B. Cain, S. Livingway, A. Howerton, K. Gregory, B. Mainka
Guests: E. Ansbro, S. Piatek, K. Battle, H. Horst, M. Allen, G. Allen, D. Hense, C. Payne, M. Hense, S. Russano, D. Farrell, J. Church, K. Ross, J. Ross, E. Hawker, E. Hawker, P. Nelson, C. Arensin, T. Wiltshire, J. Furr, L. Rumble, M. Young

President Dumond 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 Kenrick, supported by Gatewood that the agenda for the January 28, 2013 special meeting be approved, and that public participation be allowed on all items except Item IV – Closed Session. Motion carried 5-0. 1/28/13 AGENDA APPROVED

Motion by Kaszyca, supported by Kenrick that the minutes of the January 14, 2013 regular meeting be approved. Motion carried 5-0. 1/14/13 MINUTES APPROVED

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

Superintendent Sifferman noted that January is Board Recognition month. She thanked the Board for their guidance, leadership and dedication and then introduced each building principal: SUPT. REPORT

Village Elementary – Mr. Cain thanked the Board for their service and Village students distributed gift bags to the Board. BOARD APPRECIATION

Round Elementary – Principal Minsker presented the Board with Round Wranglers t-shirts, making them honorary members of the “Round Wranglers”.

Lakes Elementary – Principal Smither thanked the Board and presented them with two books. She then introduced Jason Eaton who led several of his students in a recorder performance.

Farms Intermediate – Principal Cheney introduced three students who spoke about the wonderful work the Board of Education has done for Hartland Schools. The Board also received a Farms t-shirt.

Ore Creek – Principal Livingway introduced teachers and students from the middle school’s foreign language program – French, Spanish, German and American Sign Language (ASL). Each group thanked the Board in the language of their studies and presented the Board with a crepe dessert in anticipation of World Language Week.

Hartland High School – Principal Mainka introduced members of FCCLA who presented the Board with draft dodgers, bread and fudge. The high school also provided Board members with mugs and gift cards and Kathy Letovsky led a choral arrangement of an original song in honor of the Board of Education.

LEGACY/Community Education – Principal Evenson and Michelle Otis presented the Board with original artwork crafted by the students in the Legacy program.

Creekside Elementary – Principal Pumford presented a video of various Creekside classes thanking the Board of Education and provided each Board member with an “Operation Nice” t-shirt.

Mr. Hughes led the presentation updating the Board on the current status of the 2012 – 2015 goals. Ms. Sifferman noted that budget amendments would come before the Board the 2nd meeting in February. Ms. Mayes indicated that the Board was welcome to attend any of the professional development offerings. Ms. Sifferman noted that the New Student Survey, Parent/Teacher Conference surveys and biennial Staff Satisfaction surveys should be included with Public Relations. The Board asked for an explanation of the “Pulling Weeds” exercise listed under “District Culture”. Ms. Sifferman indicated it was an exercise introduced by Principal Mainka to help focus and prioritize the myriad of tasks required of our teachers and building staffs. Mr. Dumond asked the status of the Master Facilities Plan currently being conducted by TMP and Barton Malow. Mr. Waldrup noted that this was a much larger undertaking than the companies anticipated so they are still gathering information.

SUPT. REPORT
GOALS UPDATE

Ms. Hutchinson gave an LRN report focused on MASB’s goals for 2013 and conflict of interest legislation passed during the lame-duck session in December. Mr. Gatewood and Mr. Dumond thanked the buildings, staff and students for their fantastic presentations.

BOARD REPORTS

Motion by Gatewood, supported by Hutchinson that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the 2013/2014 Curriculum Guide for Hartland High School as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

13/14 CURR GUIDE
APPROVED

Motion by Kaszyca, supported by Kenrick that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Director of Operations, awards a contract to National Ladder & Scaffold Co. in the amount of \$52,344.00 for a towable boom lift as presented. Board members asked how often it would be used and the cost of rental. Mr. Waldrup noted that the district generally requires the lift six-eight times annually, however the problem is generally finding one available when we need it. He also noted that there were several projects it could be used for that we currently contract out because they are so difficult to acquire. Mr. Gatewood inquired whether we could rent ours to other local districts. Mr. Waldrup indicated this was a possibility as long as they had a certified operator. Motion carried 5-0.

BOOM LIFT
APPROVED

Motion by Hutchinson, supported by Gatewood that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations, authorizes the amendment to the solar power easement agreement with the Detroit Edison Company approved at the November 12, 2012 meeting as presented. Mr. Waldrup presented a PowerPoint provided by DTE showing the new location and scaled drawings of what the site will look like. Motion carried 5-0.

SOLAR POWER
AMENDMENT
APPROVED

The Board discussed placing the 18-mill Non-Homestead Millage on the ballot for the May 7, 2013 special election. Ms. Sifferman noted that while election law now requires Boards to hold their regular elections in November of even years, the Non-homestead millage is vital to the economic health of the district, this year contributing approximately \$4.3 million to the general fund. Consequently it is important to run this in May each year to ensure we collect the full 18 mills. This will come before the Board for action at the February 11 regular meeting.

DISCUSSION:
NON-HOMESTEAD
MILLAGE

Motion by Kenrick, supported by Gatewood that the Board of Education convenes in closed session pursuant to the Open Meetings Act to discuss negotiations. Roll Call Vote: Hutchinson-yea, Kaszyca-yea, Dumond-yea, Kenrick-yea, Gatewood-yea.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board entered into closed session at 8:10 p.m.

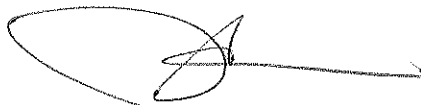
The Board reconvened in open session at 9:40 p.m. and adjourned the meeting.

OPEN SESSION
ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle Hutchinson
Secretary



Paula Waters
Recording Secretary