

Hartland Consolidated Schools
Special Meeting - Board of Education
November 26, 2012

Members present: C. Kenrick, K. Kaszyca, M. Hutchinson, T. Dumond, B. Gatewood, C. Aberasturi (arrived 6:35 p.m.)
Members absent: C. Sinelli
Admin. Present: J. Sifferman, S. Bacon, S. VanEpps, S. Livingway, B. Mainka, D. Minsker, L. Smither, L. Pumford, M. Cheney, M. Otis, S. Pearson, G. Waldrup
Guests: D. Campbell, B. Wolf, M. Thomas, K. Raap, L. Hatfield, S. Quinn, S. Way, S. Torrence, L. Pasini, H. Hartman, A. Shah, J. Green, T. Sweeten, R. Skomial, C. Nylander, M. Fenzel, M. Fenzel, R. Appold, K. Hertlein, E. Bee, K. Parks, M. Castillo, A. Loshinskie, C. Hermann, K. Hermann, J. Gibson, T. Ferguson, B. Benford, K. Christenson, M. Tressler, T. Bosley, S. Wissner, J. Spangler, F. Stinson

President Kaszyca called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Boardroom of the Educational Support Service Center. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Kenrick, supported by Gatewood that the agenda for the November 26, 2012 special meeting be approved, and that public participation be allowed on all items. Motion carried 5-0. 11/26/12 AGENDA APPROVED

Motion by Dumond, supported by Hutchinson that the minutes of the November 12, 2012 regular meeting be approved. Motion carried 5-0. 11/12 MINUTES APPROVED

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

Ms. Sifferman then introduced David Minsker, Principal of Round Elementary, to discuss the various happenings at his building. Mr. Minsker prefaced his presentation by explaining the vision that instigated the Peer-to-Peer Program – the desire to provide enrichment opportunities for all students at Round Elementary. He then introduced Donna Ingamells, Mary Thomas, Sheri Quinn and Kristin Raap, who each explained different components of the program and how it benefits both the special needs student and his/her general education “peer”. Ms. Sifferman thanked Mr. Minsker and his staff for the phenomenal work they do for all of their students. (Mr. Aberasturi arrived here – 6:35. p.m.) SUPT. REPORT HAPPENINGS AT ROUND

Superintendent Sifferman noted three pieces of legislation currently being discussed in the “lame duck” session in Lansing. All three could have a substantial negative impact on public education. Dave Campbell, Superintendent of LESA, noted that the most urgent concern are the bills concerning the Education Achievement Authority, and then HB5923, which expands the ability to establish charter and for-profit schools run by businesses, universities, community organizations, etc., without the guidelines and expectations for quality education outcomes. Mr. Campbell noted that, when contacting legislators, citizens should stress the importance of measurable quality, and that there have already been several pieces of legislation passed instituting reforms in education in the past few months and these reforms have not been given time to work. CURRENT LEGISLATION

Mr. Dumond thanked the Legacy staff and students for another wonderful Thanksgiving feast. He also thanked Scott Usher and the district for providing the Board with Ipads and training. Mr. Kaszyca thanked Round Elementary for their excellent presentation. BOARD REPORTS

Motion by Hutchinson, supported by Gatewood that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the updates and revisions to the Policy Manual as presented. Motion carried 6-0. POLICY UPDATES APPROVED

Motion by Kenrick, supported by Dumond that the Board of Education, pursuant to the Revised School Code, hereby imposes a summer tax levy for July 1, 2013, as presented. Motion carried 6-0. SUMMER TAX LEVY

Motion by Hutchinson, supported by Kenrick that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations and the Director of Operations, approves the purchase of lawn equipment through the MI-Deal Purchasing Program in the amount of \$152,268.51 as presented. Mr. Kaszyca asked what would happen with the old equipment. Mr. Waldrup noted that the district would sell it and the money would go into the General Fund. Motion carried 6-0. PURCHASE – LAWN EQUIP.

Ms. Sifferman began the discussion concerning the Best Practices Resolution. She noted that the new resolution requires the district to comply with 7 out of 8 “best practices”. The district is already in compliance with seven and our technology department is in contact with the state regarding the specific requirements for eight. Ms. Sifferman noted that the plan was for this to come before the Board for action in January, however it does not have to be submitted to the Department of Education until June 2013. DISCUSSION: BEST PRACTICES RESOLUTION

Mr. Waldrup began the discussion concerning the purchasing of six new buses for 2013/14. This would be in line with the district’s current bus replacement schedule, wherein buses are replaced every eight to nine years. The current plan is to finance the purchase with a loan paid through the General Fund, but there is the possibility some of the buses could be purchased with 2010 Bond monies. Mr. Aberasturi asked the cost of a bus – approximately \$89,000. He also was pleased that the district has been reducing the size of the fleet commensurate with enrollment. Mr. Waldrup noted that the old buses would be sold and the funds would be returned to the General Fund. This will come before the Board for action at the December 17 meeting. BUS PURCHASE

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m. ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Sinelli
Secretary

Paula Waters
Recording Secretary