

Hartland Consolidated Schools
Regular Meeting - Board of Education
April 28, 2014

Members present: T. Dumond, K. Kaszyca, M. Hutchinson, C. Aberasturi, C. Kenrick
Members absent: C. Sinelli, B. Gatewood
Admin. Present: J. Sifferman, S. Bacon, S. VanEpps, M. Otis, B. Mainka, M. Cheney, D. Minsker,
K. Evenson, L. Smither, L. Pumford, S. Pearson, C. Hughes, B. Cain
Guests: D. Selix, S. Russano, D. Robinson, M. Haig, M. Sawyer, A. Schwartz, M. Talmage, C. Ritchey,
D. Rhodes, P. Rhodes, O. Operti, M. Boldt, R. Lagorio, T. Conway, C. Bentley, H. Puvalowski,
S. Kolar, K. Gougeon, A. Velliky, N. Paglione, C. Oldfield, B. Maurin, J. Gibbs, E. Semones, M.
Oxner, J. Ridley, A. Rowland, T. Traster, D. Ballou, K. DeBruyn, C. Sass, A. Breca, A. Colquitt,
A. Luoma, S. Watkins, S. Hull

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 Kaszyca that the agenda for the April 28, 2014 regular meeting be approved and that public participation be allowed on all items. Motion carried 5-0. 4/28/14 AGENDA APPROVED

Motion by Hutchinson, supported by Kenrick that the minutes of the March 24, 2014 special meeting be approved. Motion carried 5-0. 3/24/14 MINUTES APPROVED

There was no response to Call to the Public.

CALL TO PUBLIC

Superintendent Sifferman introduced Lindsay Smither, Principal of Lakes Elementary School, who updated the Board on the various happenings at Lakes Elementary, including their theme for 2013/14 – “The 4 Cs – Collaboration, Courage, Cooperation & Celebration.” She then spoke about the new methods Lakes and the other district schools are incorporating into the teaching of mathematics. She noted that they are employing a similar “workshop” format to that used with Readers’ and Writers’ Workshops. SUPT. REPORT

Ms. Sifferman then introduced Chuck Hughes, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, who reviewed the district’s scores on the 2013 Fall MEAP tests. Following up on the information Ms. Smither had presented, Mr. Hughes noted that the district as a whole was restructuring some pieces of the math curriculum and how it is taught. He noted that the math curriculum and teaching methods are now unified across the district K – 12, with each new unit incorporating principles learned previously. Both Ms. Smither and Mr. Hughes noted that test scores indicated that students were not retaining what they had learned once they move on to a new unit. Both Mr. Hughes and Ms. Sifferman noted that the targets for the MEAP tests and other standardized testing are set by federal and state governments and change regularly – for example NCLB transformed to “Race to the Top” – with no consideration of what is going on at the local level or in the actual classroom. Mr. Hughes noted that while the district’s scores in the fall did show a dip from the previous year, we do continue to show improvement among our student groups.

Ms. Kenrick congratulated the high school drama club on their excellent production of “Shrek”. Ms. Hutchinson noted that she visited an art class at an elementary building and was amazed at the excitement the children displayed. Mr. Dumond reminded everyone that Hartland’s Relay for Life takes place this weekend. Mr. Aberasturi noted BOARD REPORTS

that he has withdrawn his name from the ballot for state representative and is endorsing Mr. Voepel from Fowlerville.

Motion by Kenrick, supported by Aberasturi that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations, approves the financial report as of March 31, 2014, and the payment of invoices totaling \$1,477,205.66 and payroll obligations totaling \$2,665,200.65. Motion carried 5-0.

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INVOICES

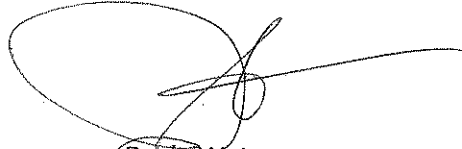
The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle Hutchinson
Secretary



Paula Waters
Recording Secretary