Hartland Consolidated Schools Regular meeting - Board of Education September 9, 2013

Members present: T. Dumond, K. Kaszyca, C. Sinelli, C. Aberasturi, B. Gatewood, M. Hutchinson

Members absent: C. Kenrick

Admin. Present: J. Sifferman, S. Bacon, S. VanEpps, L. Mayes, L. Smither, M. Otis, C. Hughes,

M. Cheney, L. Pumford, B. Cain, B. Mainka, D. Minsker

Guests: K. Ladd, K. McConnlle, N. Spranger, N. Siendowski, K. Weil, M. Jayne

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 Aberasturi, supported by Gatewood that the agenda for the September 9, 2013 regular meeting be approved, and that public participation be allowed on all items. Motion carried 6-o.

9/9/13 AGENDA APPROVED

Motion by Hutchinson, supported by Sinelli that the minutes of the August 15, 2013 regular meeting be approved. Motion carried 6-o.

8/15 MINUTES APPROVED

There was no response to Call to the Public.

CALL TO PUBLIC

Ms. Sifferman noted that the Board had received a letter from Ceci Marlowe at Cromaine Library regarding upcoming public meetings. The purpose of these meetings is to help determine how the community views the library and what its goals should be going forward. The Board and administration are invited to attend. She then introduced Kim Ladd, Assistant Director of Hartland Senior Center, who invited the Board to a reception prior to the September 23rd meeting to meet the Senior Center staff and tour the facilities. The Board asked if she could report out to the Board in January or February on this year's membership drive. Ms. Ladd also noted that there were still tickets available for the "Tribute to Alice" September 19 at Waldenwoods. Ms. Sifferman noted that the Board tour last week went very well and she would like to schedule a tour for the remaining buildings - Village Creekside, Round and the 51 Building. determined October 18 at 9:00 a.m. would work best. She then introduced Chuck Hughes, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, who, through a PowerPoint presentation, explained how the State's new "Top to Bottom" rankings and "Scorecard" worked and how the Board could find information on the district and individual buildings on the web.

SUPT. REPORT

Ms. Hutchinson complimented Ms. Sifferman on the Board tour and noted she attended the re-opening of the Teen Center today. Mr. Aberasturi indicated he had attended several of the elementary open houses and PTO meetings last week and is attempting to spread the word regarding the continued inequities in school funding, noting that Hartland Schools receive \$1.1 million below the average in state funding. Ms. Sinelli noted that she participated in HACUL last week and really enjoyed the collaboration among the district departments.

BOARD REPORTS

Motion by Kaszyca, supported by Sinelli that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations, approves the financial report as of August 31, 2013, and the payment of invoices totaling \$1,114,025.06 and payroll obligations totaling \$3,329,929.90. Motion carried 6-0.

PAYMENT OF INVOICES

Motion by Sinelli, supported by Gatewood that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Project Manager, awards a contract to Advanced Lighting and Sound in the amount of \$63,300.00 for the production studio at Hartland High School as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

CONTRACT AWARD

Ms. Sifferman informed the Board that the district had received a petition for readmission from a permanently expelled student. Pursuant to Michigan School Code, a committee consisting of two Board members, one district administrator, one district teacher, and one district parent must meet to review the petition. She has spoken with President Dumond and subsequently contacted the following to participate: Chuck Hughes, Charlie Aberasturi, Cynthia Sinelli, Ethan Hawker, and Chris Costa.

DISCUSSION: REINSTATEMENT PETITION

Motion by Aberasturi, supported by Gatewood that the Board of Education appoints a committee as stated to review the reinstatement petition of a previously expelled student. Motion carried 6-o. Mr. Aberasturi asked what would happen if the committee could not reach a consensus. Ms. Sifferman directed Paula Waters to contact legal counsel at MASB.

PETITION COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

The next regularly scheduled meeting is September 23, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

FUTURE MTGS.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Hutchinson Secretary Paula Waters Recording Secretary