

Hartland Consolidated Schools
Regular meeting - Board of Education
November 11, 2013

Members present: K. Kaszyca, C. Aberasturi, T. Dumond, C. Kenrick, M. Hutchinson, C. Sinelli, B. Gatewood
Members absent: None
Admin. Present: J. Sifferman, L. Mayes, S. VanEpps, S. Bacon, C. Hughes, S. Pearson, M. Otis, L. Smither, D. Minsker, L. Pumford, M. Cheney, B. Cain, B. Mainka, G. Waldrup
Guests: K. Nelson, S. Hard, S. Skinner, A. Storm, J. Pietila, J. Smith, J. Springhetti, E. Kidd, V. Bundhaug, S. Kujawa, C. Phillips, T. Bosley, C. Costa, M. Murphy, E. Coghlan, L. Coghlan, A. Anderson, M. Carlsen, C. Harper, C. Donnelly, A. Orlando, R. Bernard, T. Fischer, D. Madden

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 November 11, 2013 regular meeting be approved, and that public participation be allowed on all items. Motion carried 7-0. 11/11/13 AGENDA APPROVED

Motion by Aberasturi, supported by Gatewood that the minutes of the October 14, 2013 regular meeting be approved. Motion carried 7-0. 10/14 MINUTES APPROVED

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

Motion by Kaszyca, supported by Aberasturi that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations, sets aside policy and authorizes the Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations to enter into a contract through Executive Energy Services for the purchase of electricity for Hartland Consolidated Schools for up to 36 months (starting December 2014) at a price not to exceed 5.4 cents/KWH. Scott Bacon gave a brief explanation of the district's recent history purchasing both electricity and natural gas in order to stabilize numbers for the budget and avoid the large spikes common with utilities. Motion carried 7-0. PURCHASE ELECTRICITY

Superintendent Sifferman congratulated the Legacy Alternative High School program, whose flag football team recently won the state title for Michigan alternative schools. She then introduced Principal David Minsker from Round Elementary. Mr. Minsker indicated that his specials teachers – Jess Waske, art; Mark Hrit, PE; Mary Jo Baynes, music; and Barbara Benford, media – would discuss how they are using GRASP goals to form their curriculum and help align it with the Common Core standards. They also talked about how they are involved in Round's "Literacy Blocks"; how incorporating art, music, PE and media into the small group break-out sessions helps students to realize that reading and writing are vital and necessary in everything they do, not just the core subjects. SUPT. REPORT

Mr. Gatewood encouraged those in the audience to take a moment to recognize and thank the many veterans in our community who have served our country. Ms. Hutchinson noted that she has raffle tickets for the Stafford Lions' jersey for the ECBE program at the middle school. BOARD REPORTS

Motion by Aberasturi, supported by Gatewood That the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations, approves the financial report as of October 31, 2013, and the payment of invoices totaling \$1,504,391.56 and payroll obligations totaling \$2,447,416.80. Motion carried 7-0.	PAYMENT OF INVOICES
Motion by Sinelli, supported by Hutchinson that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Assistant Superintendent of Personnel & Student Services, adopts the revised Teacher Handbook as presented and discussed. Motion carried 7-0.	TEACHER HANDBOOK
Motion by Hutchinson, supported by Sinelli that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Assistant Superintendent of Personnel & Student Services, adopts the revised Non-Certified Employee Handbook as presented and discussed. Motion carried 7-0.	NON-CERTIFIED HANDBOOK
Motion by Sinelli, supported by Kenrick that the Board of Education, pursuant to the Revised School Code, hereby imposes a summer tax levy for July 1, 2014, as presented. Motion carried 7-0.	SUMMER TAX LEVY
Motion by Hutchinson, supported by Kaszyca that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations and the Project Director, awards a contract to E&L Construction Group, Inc. in the amount of \$124,900.00 for division 06-general trades as presented. Motion carried 7-0.	CONTRACT AWARDS – FIS ENTRANCE
Motion by Kaszyca, supported by Gatewood that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations and the Project Director, awards a contract to Contrast Mechanical in the amount of \$51,000.00 for division 23-mechanical as presented. Motion carried 7-0.	
Motion by Hutchinson, supported by Sinelli that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations and the Project Director, awards a contract to Lineside, LLC in the amount of \$58,850.00 for division 26-electrical as presented. Motion carried 7-0.	
Motion by Kaszyca, supported by Kenrick that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations, sets aside policy and authorizes the Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations to enter into a contract through Lakeshore Energy for the purchase of natural gas for Hartland Consolidated Schools through December 2016, at a price not to exceed \$4.65/MMBtu. Motion carried 7-0.	NATURAL GAS PURCHASE
Beginning the discussion on the new and updated Board policies, Ms. Sifferman noted that additional language has been added to Policies 1662, 3362 and 4362 – Anti-Harassment, in response to actions taken by the OCR (Office of Civil Rights) including substantial fines for districts that had not adopted the previously optional language. This language is now considered mandatory. Ms. Hutchinson asked whether the district was considering including a second administrator to adhere to the male/female suggestion from the revised policy. Ms. Sifferman noted that she and Scott VanEpps had discussed this and were adding Michelle Otis as the second contact person (Director of Community Education). This will come back before the Board for action at the November 25 meeting.	DISCUSSION: POLICY UPDATES

President Dumond noted that the next meeting is November 25 at 6:30 p.m. and the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the DTE Solar Array project is scheduled for November 22nd at 9:00 a.m. in the high school commons. Principal Mainka noted that the interactive kiosk is scheduled for installation on the 15th.

UPCOMING
MEETINGS

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,


Michelle Hutchinson
Secretary


Paula Waters
Recording Secretary