

Hartland Consolidated Schools
Regular meeting - Board of Education
December 16, 2013

Members present: C. Kenrick, T. Dumond, C. Sinelli, B. Gatewood, M. Hutchinson
Members absent: C. Aberasturi, K. Kaszyca
Admin. Present: J. Sifferman, S. Bacon, L. Mayes, S. VanEpps, C. Hughes, K. Evenson, L. Smither, D. Minsker, L. Pumford, M. Cheney, S. Livingway, B. Cain, G. Waldrup, M. Otis
Guests: L. Mortz, M. Priestly, S. Manzo, L. Harrison, E. Csatari, S. Johns, K. Lewis, K. Lewis, S. Lewis, D. Smith, L. Quinn, J. Hagel, H. Mechigian, A. Wilson, A. Schneider, N. Halonen, D. Porath, A. Lipon, J. Barbee, Z. Messner, H. Tester, M. Luberto, E. Beaudreau, B. Breault, T. McLaughlin, M. Cook, S. Piper, T. Merchant, A. Orr, M. Hughes, T. Whyte, N. Sienkowski, X. Thompson,

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 Sinelli that the agenda for the December 16, 2013 regular meeting be approved, that policy be set aside allowing Items II.B, II.C & II.D to be treated as action items, and that public participation be allowed on all items. Motion carried 5-0. 12/16/13 AGENDA APPROVED

Motion by Hutchinson, supported by Gatewood that the minutes of the November 25, 2013 special meeting be approved. Motion carried 5-0. 11/25 MINUTES APPROVED

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

Superintendent Sifferman noted there was a nice, positive article about Board Secretary Michelle Hutchinson in today's *Press & Argus*. She wished everyone a Merry Christmas and happy holidays and hoped members of the Board have an opportunity to participate in the many activities going on throughout the district this week. She also noted that she attended the Childcare/Daycare/Latchkey Holiday program and was very impressed with the dedication and caring of Hartland's childcare staff. Corralling toddlers through 6th graders together to put on such a wonderful program is a monumental feat. They are an amazing group of childcare professionals. SUPT. REPORT

Motion by Kenrick, supported by Gatewood that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations, approves the financial report as of November 30, 2013, and the payment of invoices totaling \$1,186,124.65 and payroll obligations totaling \$2,671,925.61. Motion carried 5-0. PAYMENT OF INVOICES

Motion by Sinelli, supported by Hutchinson that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations, adopts the Termination Resolution for the district's Flexible Benefits Plan effective December 31, 2013 as presented. Motion carried 5-0. TERM. RES. – FLEX BEN. PLAN

Motion by Sinelli, supported by Hutchinson that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations, adopts a resolution authorizing "Section 125 – Cafeteria Plan" as presented. Motion carried 5-0. RES. – 125 CAFE PLAN

Motion by Hutchinson, supported by Kenrick that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations, adopts a resolution authorizing the refunding of the 2004 Bonds as presented. Ms. Sifferman reminded the Board that this action is contingent upon legislation still being discussed in Lansing. Should the new legislation not pass, this action would be detrimental to the district under current law and we have the opportunity to withdraw the resolution. However should the legislation pass, this would be beneficial, but the resolution has to be adopted by December 31, 2013. Motion carried 5-0.

REFUNDING 2004
BONDS

Pam Iden, German teacher at Hartland High School, explained the GAPP Student Exchange program to the Board. The district had participated in this program two year ago and she would like to see this occur every two years. GAPP is a partnership between the German and US governments and does not involve a full year or semester exchange. Students from Germany will spend three weeks here in April and our students will spend three weeks there in June (they attend school year round.) The sponsor families are also the families of the students traveling so they establish relationships during the year and through their visits. Mr. Gatewood asked that the district confirm all necessary liability insurance is in place for this trip. The Board was comfortable taking action on this at this meeting to allow more time to collect deposits and arrange travel plans.

DISCUSSION –
GERMAN TRIP

Motion by Kenrick, supported by Gatewood that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, authorizes the Hartland High School GAPP Program German trip in June 2014 as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

GERMAN TRIP
APPROVED

George Waldrup presented the parameters for the proposed purchase of six new buses for 2014/15 pursuant to the district's "Bus Replacement Schedule". He noted the buses would be purchased through the MSBO bid program as in years past. The district will sell eight buses, reducing the overall fleet by two. This will come before the Board for action at the January 13, 2014 meeting.

DISCUSSION – BUS
PURCHASE

President Dumond noted the next regularly scheduled meeting will be January 13, 2014 and wished everyone a happy new year.

UPCOMING
MEETINGS

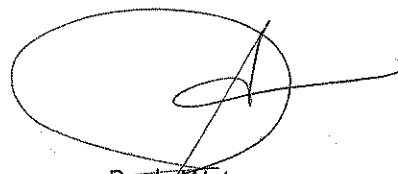
The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle Hutchinson
Secretary



Paula Waters
Recording Secretary