

Hartland Consolidated Schools
Regular Meeting - Board of Education
February 10, 2014

Members present: M. Hutchinson, T. Dumond, C. Sinelli, B. Gatewood, C. Aberasturi
Members absent: K. Kaszyca, C. Kenrick
Admin. Present: S. Livingway, K. Evenson, L. Smither, M. Cheney, B. Cain, C. Hughes, L. Mayes, J. Sifferman, S. Bacon, G. Waldrup, S. VanEpps, L. Pumford, B. Mainka, M. Otis, S. Pearson
Guests: S. Daniel, A. Daniel, B. Valliere, M. Cannaert, K. Daniel, E. Bell, T. Buda, J. Buda, T. Miller, L. Moore, E. Hawker, J. Storey

President Dumond 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 Aberasturi, supported by Sinelli that the agenda for the February 10, 2014 regular meeting be approved, and that public participation be allowed on all items. Motion carried 5-0. 2/10/14 AGENDA APPROVED

Motion by Hutchinson, supported by Gatewood that the minutes of the January 27, 2014 special meeting be approved. Motion carried 5-0. 1/27/14 MINUTES APPROVED

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

Superintendent Sifferman introduced Michele Cannaert, secondary media teacher, who described the process she followed that ultimately resulted in a \$500 grant from MEEMIC/Scherf Agency to purchase books for the middle school lending library. A representative from The Scherf Agency presented Ms. Cannaert with the check and noted that MEEMIC offers several grant opportunities throughout the year and urged other teachers to apply. SUPT. REPORT
MEEMIC GRANT

Ms. Sifferman then introduced Principal Ben Mainka who, with the help of assistant principals Alice Lashbrook and Kate Gregory, and teachers Elaine Bell, Ethan Hawker and James Storey, updated the Board on improvements to the high school facilities and highlighted two new programs for 2013/2014 – Algebra 1 Accelerator for students identified by the middle school as having a weakness in math; and Instructional Rounds – a program for the high school teachers where they have the opportunity to observe fellow teachers in the classroom and then discuss teaching strategies. All teachers are expected to participate at least once. Mr. Mainka also updated the Board on the success of the many extracurricular activities this year including band, choir, drama and athletics. HAPPENINGS AT HHS

Ms. Sifferman noted that LESA is holding a Legislative Breakfast on March 3 beginning at 7:00 a.m. and they would like the five school boards to provide questions for the legislators. Also the annual LCASB meeting will take place on March 26 at 6:00 p.m. at LESA. UPCOMING DATES

Ms. Sifferman introduced Chuck Hughes, who began the goals' update discussion with a presentation highlighting various accomplishments toward the five goal areas: Finance, Building & Sites, District Culture, Public Relations and Student Achievement. Mr. Bacon, Ms. Sifferman and Mr. VanEpps each described actions that had taken place during the past several months toward attaining each goal. The Board was happy with the new review format and the information they had received. BOARD GOALS UPDATE

Ms. Hutchinson thanked Mr. Waldrup and the entire transportation department for their exemplary service during this difficult winter weather. She also wanted to remind everyone of the Discover Hartland Photo Contest being held by the Press & Argus. Mr. Dumond noted that the high school PAC would be doing a fundraiser on May 16, a “Color Run”. Mr. Aberasturi noted that he attended a recent high school basketball game and was “finally satisfied with his son’s playing time – he was the referee for the entire game.” Mr. Aberasturi went on to note that Hartland has a very good reputation among MHSAA referees for treating them well.

BOARD REPORTS

Motion by Gatewood, supported by Aberasturi that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations, approves the financial report as of January 31, 2014 and the payment of invoices totaling \$1,613,515.08 and payroll obligations totaling \$3,386,240.36. Motion carried 5-0.

PAYMENT OF INVOICES

President Dumond noted that the next meeting was Tuesday, February 25, due to the mid-winter break.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Hutchinson
Secretary

Paula Waters
Recording Secretary