

Hartland Consolidated Schools
Regular Meeting - Board of Education
April 13, 2015

Members present: T. Dumond, C. Costa, M. Hutchinson, C. Aberasturi, C. Kenrick
Members absent: K. Kaszyca, B. Gatewood
Admin. Present: J. Sifferman, S. Bacon, S. VanEpps, M. Otis, B. Mainka, M. Cheney, D. Minsker, K. Evenson, L. Smither, L. Pumford, B. Cain, A. Lashbrook, K. Gregory, C. Chanavier, J. Reck, A. Howerton, D. Selix
Guests: J. Haller, S. Russano, M. Hemeyer, J. Kantola, D. Johnson, G. Micalleff, R. Macfarlane, L. Scott, J. Parry, A. DePalma, C. Mach, A. Porta, K. Evans, A. Ross, P. Wimbrow, R. Geheb

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 Aberasturi that the agenda for the April 13, 2015 regular meeting be approved, that policy be set aside allowing Item II.D. to be treated as an Action Item, and that public participation be allowed on all items. Motion carried 5-0. 4/13/15 AGENDA APPROVED

Motion by Hutchinson, supported by Costa that the minutes of the March 9, 2015 regular meeting be approved. Motion carried 5-0. 3/9/15 MINUTES APPROVED

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

Superintendent Sifferman invited the Board to the Hartland Optimists' Youth Appreciation Ceremony at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 16. She asked that they RSVP to Paula Waters. She then introduced Lindsay Smither, Principal of Lakes Elementary School, who highlighted Lakes Elementary's "Share the Care" program, including Lakes Kids Care and the Lakes Kids Care Family programs. Teachers Jenna Haller and Matt Conway presented various pictures and clips of these programs and talked about the impact on the environment at Lakes. Ms. Smither also highlighted the many works of art displayed in the Boardroom by art teacher Shari Russano. Ms. Russano indicated that she used an app that allows you to point an iPad at a piece of art and a video of the artist describing the work will play as you view it. Ms. Sifferman thanked Ms. Smither, who is retiring July 1st, for her 15 years of remarkable service as principal at Lakes Elementary. SUPT. REPORT

Ms. Sifferman then introduced HEA president Kim Evans, who presented the Board of Education with award winning books that will be donated to the district building libraries on behalf of the Board. The elementary book is Caldecott Medal winner "The Adventures of Beakle". Farms and Hartland Middle School will receive Newberry Medal winner "Crossover"; and Hartland High School will receive Prince Award winner "I'll Give You the Sun".

Mr. Aberasturi noted that he and his family have been traveling for the past several weeks and he was happy to be back at the Board table. BOARD REPORTS

Motion by Aberasturi, supported by Kenrick that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations, approves the financial report as of March 31, 2015, and the payment of invoices totaling \$2,221,112.70 and payroll obligations totaling \$2,524,803.82. Motion carried 5-0. PAYMENT OF INVOICES

Motion by Kenrick, supported by Hutchinson that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, approves the Michigan Merit Curriculum High School Curriculum Guide Changes as presented and discussed. Motion carried 5-0.

CURR. CHANGES

Motion by Hutchinson, supported by Costa that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Assistant Superintendent of Personnel & Student Services, adopts the revision to Policy 8510-Wellness as presented and discussed. Motion carried 5-0.

WELLNESS POLICY

Motion by Kenrick, supported by Aberasturi that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations and consultant Executive Energy Services, sets aside policy and authorizes the Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations to enter into a contract through EDF Trading North America for the purchase of natural gas for Hartland Consolidated Schools from June 2015 through May 2018, at a price not to exceed \$3.83/MMBtu. Motion carried 5-0. President Dumond thanked Mr. Bacon for all of the information he provided.

PURCHASE –
NATURAL GAS

Motion by Aberasturi, supported by Hutchinson that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Personnel Committee, approves a 3-year contract effective July 1, 2015 for Janet Sifferman, Superintendent, 2-year contracts effective July 1, 2015 for: Scott VanEpps, Michelle Otis, Chuck Hughes, Kirk Evenson, Steve Livingway, Mikki Cheney, Lawrence Pumford, David Minsker, Bill Cain, Alice Lashbrook, Kate Gregory and Mary Day, and 1-year contracts effective July 1, 2015 for: Chris Chanavier, Anthony Howerton, and Dotty Selix, as presented. Motion carried 5-0. Ms. Sifferman, on behalf of the administrative team, thanked the Board for their continued support. She also noted that the one-year contracts were standing district policy for people moving into new positions. Jason Reck’s contract will come before the Board in May as he works through his certification requirements. Ms. Sifferman also thanked Ben Mainka for his three years of service as principal at Hartland High School, noting he received a wonderful opportunity from a statewide organization.

ADMINISTRATIVE
CONTRACT
RENEWALS

Superintendent Sifferman explained the LESA election process and noted that at the May meeting the Board would be asked to select a representative to cast their desired vote for a candidate for the open position on the LESA Board of Education. She noted that generally, as there are five districts, each district is represented by someone from their area. This year, there are currently two candidates for the open seat: incumbent Julie Hill who has served for many years on both the Hartland and LESA Boards, and Nick Fiani, who recently resigned from the Brighton Board of Education. Candidates have until May 4 to file for the seat if they are interested. The Board will choose a representative to cast their vote at the May 18 meeting.

DISCUSSION:
LESA ELECTION

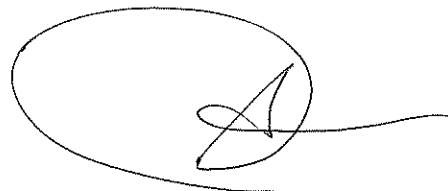
The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle Hutchinson
Secretary



Paula Waters
Recording Secretary