

Hartland Consolidated Schools
Regular meeting - Board of Education
November 10, 2014

Members present: K. Kaszyca, C. Aberasturi, T. Dumond, C. Kenrick, M. Hutchinson
Members absent: C. Sinelli, B. Gatewood
Admin. Present: J. Sifferman, C. Hughes, S. VanEpps, S. Bacon, S. Pearson, M. Otis, D. Minsker,
M. Cheney, B. Cain, G. Waldrup, K. Evenson
Guests: A. Heslip, B. Heslip, G. Gogoleski, J. Gogoleski, K. Raap, T. Chinn, D. Spencer, M.
Vincent, B. Saunders, A. Adkins, B. Prokuda, K. Prokuda, S. Hoose, L. Hoose, N. Crain,
S. Majors, D. Majors, J. Albring, M. Hemeyer, R. Anderson, M. Wencel, L. Halsted, A.
Ehrhardt, T. Bowen, B. Wolf, C. Costa, S. Oldford, N. Nehring, K. Evans, D. Malcolm, G.
Kirchmeier, T. Bosley, H. Sorg

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 Kenrick that the agenda for the November 10, 2014 regular meeting be approved, that policy be set aside allowing Item II.C. to be treated as an Action Item, and that public participation be allowed on all items. Motion carried 5-0. 11/10/14 AGENDA APPROVED

Motion by Kenrick, supported by Kaszyca that the minutes of the October 20, 2014 regular meeting be approved. Motion carried 5-0. 10/20/14 MINUTES APPROVED

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

Superintendent Sifferman introduced Jeff Dolowy and Kara Drainville from Plante Moran. They presented the audit report for the 2013/2014 school year. They noted that the district once again received a "clean" or "unqualified" opinion for both the Financial Statement and Federal Programs audits. This is the highest level of assurance that can be given. Mr. Dolowy noted that the books and records are in good condition and the audit started and ended on time with no adjustments. He also noted that the district's financial department is strong and this is particularly noteworthy since it has had significant turnover in the past year. Mr. Dumond thanked Mr. Bacon and his staff, as well as the Finance Committee, for their hard work over the past year. Ms. Sifferman introduced Rachel Bois, the new accounting supervisor. Mr. Bacon praised Ms. Bois for her excellent work, particularly coming into a difficult situation. SUPT. REPORT
2013/14 AUDIT REPORT

Ms. Sifferman congratulated Mr. Gatewood, Ms. Hutchinson, and Mr. Aberasturi on their re-election to the Board and introduced Chris Costa who successfully ran for the fourth seat being vacated by Cynthia Sinelli. ELECTIONS

Ms. Sifferman introduced the Rising Eagles Robotics Lego League based out of Village Elementary School who made a presentation about the various projects they have completed and noted their upcoming competition December 6. Their coach, Steve Majors, noted that by involving students at the elementary level it creates great interest and a "feeder system" for the secondary FIRST Robotics team led by Matt Bednarski. ROBOTICS LEAGUE

Ms. Sifferman then introduced David Minsker, Principal at Round Elementary School, who noted that their presentation would center around Wrangler, Round's facility dog. He introduced Kristin Raap, Wrangler's "foster mom". Ms. Raap described the various situations with which Wrangler provides assistance from Reading Recovery to bus detail. Both Ms. Raap and Mr. Minsker, as well as other staff members from Round, noted that HAPPENINGS AT ROUND ELEM.

over the past five years, Wrangler has become part of the Round family. Mr. Minsker thanked Ms. Raap for all that she has done to facilitate Wrangler being in the school, and the Hartland Rotary Club, which has sponsored Wrangler and assisted in the various expenses involved.

Motion by Kaszyca, supported by Aberasturi that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations, approves the financial report as of October 31, 2014, and the payment of invoices totaling \$1,828,792.64 and payroll obligations totaling \$2,760,130.81. Motion carried 5-0.

PAYMENT OF
INVOICES

Motion by Hutchinson, supported by Kenrick that the Board of Education adopts the goals for the 2014/15 school year as presented and discussed. Motion carried 5-0.

BOARD GOALS
2014/15

Motion by Kaszyca, supported by Aberasturi that the Board of Education, pursuant to the Revised School Code, hereby imposes a summer tax levy for July 1, 2015, as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

SUMMER TAX
LEVY

Discussion began on the new and revised policies. Mr. Kaszyca noted he had some questions regarding the new policies for student nutrition and how those effect fundraising sales. Mr. VanEpps asked the Board to forward any questions or concerns they had regarding the policy changes and he would take them up with the appropriate department heads. Mr. Dumond asked where the district and state were at in the evaluation process. Ms. Sifferman noted that the state was currently still investigating and bidding out different tools. The district has a tool that she believes best incorporates the practices of the district that it will submit to the state for review, but she is not hopeful it will be accepted. She noted that Chuck Hughes has reviewed all of the tools being considered and the district will have to make a decision once the state has settled on a particular tool. For now, we are still waiting on the state. These will come before the Board for action at the December 15 meeting.

DISCUSSION:
NEW & UPDATED
POLICIES

George Waldrup talked with the Board regarding the proposed bus purchase. He noted the bus replacement schedule dictates the number of buses that will be required each year. The district had decreased its fleet over the past four years, but this year will hold steady with a proposed purchase of nine buses. Mr. Waldrup noted the district would again participate in the MSBO bid process and the buses would cost approximately \$90,000 apiece. Mr. Kaszyca asked about "green buses". Mr. Waldrup noted that there are options including a hybrid bus and buses that run on alternative fuels however these are not cost-efficient options as they are still considerably more expensive, even with the tax breaks associated with them, and fuel and maintenance are also concerns. This will also come before the Board for action on December 15.

BUS PURCHASE

Mr. Dumond noted that the November 24 special meeting has been canceled. The next meeting is December 15 at 6:30 p.m.

UPCOMING MTGS.

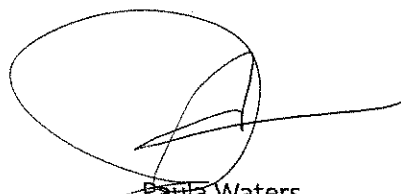
The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle Hutchinson
Secretary



Paula Waters
Recording Secretary