

Hartland Consolidated Schools  
Regular Meeting - Board of Education  
March 9, 2015

Members present: C. Kenrick, M. Hutchinson, T. Dumond, K. Kaszyca, B. Gatewood, C. Costa  
Members absent: C. Aberasturi,  
Admin. Present: J. Sifferman, S. VanEpps, S. Bacon, C. Hughes, M. Cheney, M. Otis, S. Livingway, G. Waldrup, G. Waldrup, L. Pumford, A. Howerton, D. Selix, M. Day, K. Evenson, D. Minsker, B. Cain  
Guests: C. Anderson, A. Nylander, K. Ratliff, J. VanGoethem, M. Joseph, B. Sly, D. Cameron, K. Linck, H. Nouhan, S. Stulz, B. Harris, S. Jeffrey, C. Daratony, L. Tolkkinen, K. Gutteridge, B. Heinonen, T. Niemi, K. Evans

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 Kenrick, supported by Kaszyca that the agenda for the March 9, 2015 regular meeting be approved, and that public participation be allowed on all items. Motion carried 6-0. 3/9/15 AGENDA APPROVED

Motion by Kaszyca, supported by Kenrick that the minutes of the February 9, 2015 regular meeting be approved. Motion carried 6-0. 2/9/15 MINUTES APPROVED

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

Superintendent Sifferman introduced Principal Mikki Cheney from Farms Intermediate School to update the Board and public on happenings at Farms. Mrs. Cheney noted that she was very thankful and proud of her staff – teachers, para-educators, secretaries – for all of the hard work they have done this year with programming and staffing changes. She commented that the morale and culture at Farms were strong and positive and she appreciated everyone’s work in achieving that. She then introduced Christopher Anderson, 6<sup>th</sup> grade math teacher, to talk about the Stock Market Club. Mr. Anderson noted that this year, for the first time, they have opened it up to the whole building and have more than 450 students participating. He gave a brief history, noting that this program started in the 1970s and all trades were done by U.S. mail, then we graduated to fax machines and now, the entire program in online. Mr. Anderson also noted that this year he was incorporating “student investment analysts” who are doing online “blogs” and going into various classrooms to help other students with their investment strategies. SUPT. REPORT  
FARMS INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Mrs. Sifferman congratulated Student Nutrition Director Lisa Archey on her recent successful audit by the MDE-National School Lunch Program. She received a clean report with no citations and the auditor commended her and her staff on their courtesy and cooperation during the audit. NSLP AUDIT

Superintendent Sifferman noted that last fall, after the Board had approved the High School Curriculum Guide for 2014/15; the legislature passed new criteria for graduation as part of the Michigan Merit Curriculum. It goes into effect April 1, 2015 and will affect a few of our seniors. Chuck Hughes and Ben Mainka have been working with the high school counselors to ensure these students have options in place so they can graduate on time. The issues concern an added World Language credit and additional qualifiers for PE credits. As this was still not resolved when the Board passed the 2015/16 Curriculum ADDENDUM- HS CURR. GUIDE

Guide, adjustments will need to be made to that as well. This will come before the Board for action at the April 13 meeting. As it is essentially law, there is no need to act prior to the April 1 implementation date.

Ms. Hutchinson updated the Board on a recent bill before the legislature that would allow schools to fundraise selling currently “banned” snack food items. Mr. Costa thanked the district for opening the HESSC for the recent OLHSA “Walk for Warmth” event.

BOARD REPORTS

Motion by Gatewood, supported by Costa that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations, approves the financial report as of February 28, 2015 and the payment of invoices totaling \$1,295,060.81 and payroll obligations totaling \$3,832,395.07. Motion carried 6-0.

PAYMENT OF INVOICES

Motion by Hutchinson, supported by Kaszyca that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations and the Director of Operations, adopts a resolution authorizing an installment purchase agreement to finance the purchase of nine (9) buses as presented. Motion carried 6-0. President Dumond thanked Mr. Waldrup for his work on this.

RESOLUTION-BUS PURCHASE AGREEMENT

Scott VanEpps, Asst. Superintendent of Personnel & Student Services began the discussion on Policy 8510-Wellness. He noted that, while the district has had a wellness policy in place for many years, new regulations and mandates required a new policy. Mr. VanEpps formed a committee as required by the policy that included Cyndi Kenrick, Lisa Archey, Carrie Ojibway, John VanGoethem, Debra Pittman and himself. They reviewed the proposed policy and options and made selections based on what was required and would work within Hartland’s program. This will come before the Board for action April 13.

DISCUSSION: WELLNESS POLICY

President Dumond noted the next meeting is scheduled for April 13 and reminded the Board of the LCASB Annual Dinner Meeting on April 1.

FUTURE MEETINGS

The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Hutchinson  
Secretary

Paula Waters  
Recording Secretary