

Hartland Consolidated Schools
Regular meeting - Board of Education
October 26, 2015

Members present: B. Gatewood, T. Dumond, K. Kaszyca, C. Kenrick, C. Aberasturi, C. Costa, M. Hemeyer
Members absent: None
Admin. Present: J. Sifferman, S. Bacon, S. VanEpps, C. Hughes, A. Howerton, M. Otis, L. Pumford, A. Lashbrook, D. Minsker, M. Cheney, D. Selix, B. Cain, S. Pearson
Guests: B. Rose, R. Yee, L. Armor, J. Smith, S. Marino, M. Jeffrey, L. Luck, E. Seiter, D. Schneider, S. Kelly, R. Spiker, J. Brangan, K. Murphy, J. Stout, J. Akins, K. Evans, R. Pietila, K. Chapman, C. Reiche, M. Komaromi

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 Kaszyca, supported by Kenrick that the agenda for the October 26, 2015 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 7-0. 10/16/15 AGENDA APPROVED

Motion by Aberasturi, supported by Gatewood that the minutes of the September 14, 2015 regular meeting be approved. Motion carried 7-0. 9/14/15 MINUTES APPROVED

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

Superintendent Sifferman introduced Jeff Dolowy and David Boss from Plante & Moran who presented the 2014/2015 audit report. Mr. Dolowy noted that the district received a clean, "unqualified" opinion on both the federal programs and financial statement audits, which is the highest level of assurance given. Mr. Boss presented a summary of the district's 2014/15 Financial Statement, noting that the district did finish the year better than projected due to some one-time revenue infusions and a reduction in expenditures over what was projected. Mr. Dolowy noted that it was an extremely smooth audit with Mr. Bacon, Ms. Bois and the business office staff providing everything that was asked for in a timely fashion. There were no adjustments required or issues concerning internal controls. Ms. Sifferman thanked Scott Bacon and Rachel Bois for their hard work. Mr. Dumond concurred and also thanked the Board Finance Committee for all of their work this year. Mr. Bacon thanked Ms. Bois as well, noting she has been an excellent addition to the business department. SUPT. REPORT 2014/15 AUDITORS' REPORT

Ms. Sifferman then introduced Principal Lawrence Pumford, Creekside Elementary School, who updated the Board on happenings at Creekside Elementary. He focused on the building's various enrichment and classroom extension activities, highlighting two programs in particular: the annual Mackinac Island trip and the Creekside Crusaders. Teacher Matt Gutteridge has sponsored the Mackinac Island trip for many years and noted its importance for the 4th grade Social Studies curriculum, incorporating Michigan history, U.S. history, Native American history, etc. He presented a video highlighting some of the activities and sites the students experience on the trip. Mr. Pumford then introduced Cherie Reiche, a district parent who has headed up the Creekside Crusaders for the past two years. She talked about the program, how it is administered and the different topics that are covered each month. Mr. Kaszyca asked how many students were involved. Mr. Pumford noted that there are currently 18 students in the program. Their participation is determined by test scores and teacher recommendation. Ms. Sifferman thanked Mr. Pumford and his staff. Mr. Dumond thanked the parents as well HAPPENINGS @ CREEKSIDE

for their involvement in these programs, noting parental participation is key is keeping these types of programs going.

Mr. Costa attended the CTE Open House and was impressed with all of the different programs available to the students. Mr. Dumond thanks the principals at the high school, Farms, Lakes and Round for their hospitality during the recent Board tour. He also thanked the Board and administration for their continuing efforts to build relationships with the Hartland Township Board. He noted the recent Hartland Township “State of the Township” meeting on October 19 was a great success. Ms. Kenrick noted that the Hartland High School fall play is “Alice in Wonderland” and will be held November 13-15. She also noted that, though she was not able to go on the tour, she has visited several of the buildings and it is great to see everything going on. Ms. Kenrick also formally welcomed Ms. Hemeyer to the Board.

BOARD REPORTS

Motion by Kenrick, supported by Kaszyca that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations, approves the financial report as of September 30, 2015, and the payment of invoices totaling \$1,128,908.35 and payroll obligations totaling \$2,434,885.10. Motion carried 7-0.

PAYMENT OF INVOICES

Motion by Kaszyca, supported by Gatewood that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations and The PFM Group, adopts the ratifying resolutions for the 2015 Refunding Bonds, Series A, and 2015 Refunding Bonds, Series B, as presented. Motion carried 7-0. Mr. Dumond thanked Mr. Bacon and his team for putting this together and saving the district money.

RES. REFUNDING BONDS

Motion by Kaszyca, supported by Costa that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, authorizes Board Trustee Michelle Hemeyer to attend the 2015 Reading Recovery Council of Michigan Institute November 19 & 20, 2015. Mr. Aberasturi asked the cost of the conference. Ms. Hemeyer noted that she would only be attending one day at a cost of \$110.00. Motion carried 7-0.

CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE

Motion by Kenrick, supported by Gatewood that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, recognizes Scott Lemay’s successful completion of the probationary teaching requirements and achievement of tenure as of August 31, 2015. Motion carried 7-0.

TENURE – SCOTT LEMAY

Motion by Aberasturi, supported by Costa that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Assistant Superintendent of Personnel & Student Services, and the Personnel Committee, approves the adjustment to the non-represented employees’ longevity schedule as presented. This schedule will also be incorporated into the Board Policy Manual. Motion carried 7-0.

ADJUSTMENT- LONGEVITY

Ms. Sifferman noted that Mr. Waldrup was not able to be at the meeting but Scott Bacon would begin the discussion regarding the bus purchase. Mr. Bacon noted that, per the bus purchase schedule given to the Board, the district was looking to purchase nine buses. The district wants to receive the new buses in the spring so that it can sell the old buses when there is a better market for them – the later in the year it goes, the less market and subsequently smaller offers the district receives for the used buses. He noted this purchase would be made using general fund dollars and at the November meeting, Mr. Waldrup will have the pricing from the MSBO bid, as we have used in previous years. He also noted that we would be purchasing two buses with lifts for our special needs students so they can ride with siblings and neighbors, rather than a special bus. Mr. Aberasturi asked the average cost of a new bus – around \$90,000. Mr. Kaszyca

BUS PURCHASE: DISCUSSION

asked the approximate life span of a bus. Mr. Bacon indicated generally around eight years though we have kept buses for 12 years. This will come before the Board for action at the November 16 meeting.

Ms. Sifferman introduced Asst. Superintendent Chuck Hughes who began the 2015 Goals Workshop discussion. Mr. Hughes noted that he had presented the end of year update on the 2014 Goals at the September meeting. He will run through the updated goals and the Board can make changes or leave them as is, as they see fit. The Board determined they would keep the Finance, Building & Sites, District Culture, and Student Achievement goals and rationales as listed and continue working with them as they have been. Mr. Dumond asked if the "Southeast Michigan" designation under the Public Relations goal could be changed to just "Michigan" so the district's scope would not be limited. Mr. Gatewood noted that some of the media outlets listed, WHMI and Press & Argus have become somewhat usurped by social media and it would likely serve the district better if it could expand its social media reach, i.e. Twitter, YouTube, in addition to the web site and Facebook page. He noted that the district could likely get interns and work with high school programs like DECA and Mr. Cheney's production class. Ms. Sifferman noted that it would be best to keep this goal broad as the district explored these options. Mr. Hughes indicated he would talk with Scott Usher about how we could work with the different social media outlets and formulate some plans.. The goals will come before the Board for action at the November 16 meeting.

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BOARD GOALS
WORKSHOP

Mr. Dumond highlighted the upcoming meetings, November 16 and December 14, as well as the Finance Committee meeting on October 29 at 7:00 a.m.

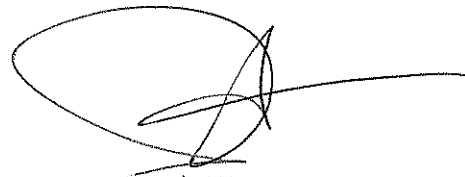
MEETINGS

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,


Cynthia Kenrick
Secretary


Paula Waters
Recording Secretary