

Hartland Consolidated Schools
Regular Meeting - Board of Education
February 15, 2016

Members present: B. Gatewood, C. Aberasturi, M. Hemeyer, T. Dumond, C. Costa, K. Kaszyca, C. Kenrick
Members absent: None
Admin. Present: T. Howerton, C. Hughes, J. Sifferman, S. VanEpps, M. Otis, A. Lashbrook, K. Gregory, C. Chanavier, D. Selix, D. Minsker, J. Reck, M. Day
Guests: H. Keeling, K. DeRosier, M. Cafmeyer, A. Parks, K. Evans, L. Archey

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 February 15, 2016 regular meeting be approved, that policy be set aside allowing Item II.B. to be treated as an action item, and that public participation be allowed on all items except Item III. Closed Session. Motion carried 7-0. 2/15/16 AGENDA APPROVED

Motion by Costa, supported by Aberasturi that the minutes of the January 18, 2016 regular meeting be approved. Motion carried 7-0. 1/18/16 MINUTES APPROVED

During Call to the Public Kate DeRosier and Mary Cafmeyer of the Cromaine Library Board spoke regarding establishing stronger avenues of communication and collaboration between the library and the school district. Mr. Harley Keeling also spoke regarding the Cromaine Library expansion project, building bat houses in the district, and funding an additional round of SAT testing for Hartland High School juniors. CALL TO PUBLIC

Superintendent Sifferman introduced HEA president Kim Evans who informed the Board that, as has been the tradition, the HEA would be purchasing award-winning books for the district buildings on behalf of the Board of Education for Board Appreciation Month. She will present the actual books when they are available. SUPT. REPORT

Ms. Sifferman then introduced Principal David Minsker to update the Board on happenings at Hartland High School. Principal Minsker introduced high school counselors Jodi Wilson and Erica Empie to talk about the post-secondary/college preparedness program recently instituted. Ms. Wilson and Ms. Empie noted that this is actually a district-wide program to start students as young as elementary age thinking about what they plan to do after graduation. Hartland High School is the first in the county to institute such a program. A Post-Secondary Advisory Council, comprised of counselors, principals, superintendents, Board members, and parents, ensures that the importance of post-high school education is a focus in all district buildings. Additionally three senior programs have been implemented: College Application Week, The College Cash Campaign, and Senior Signing Day to celebrate all of the post-graduation plans of our seniors. Board members commented on how necessary this program is and thanked Ms. Wilson, Ms. Empie and the high school administration and staff for implementing it. Principal Minsker then talked about the recent accreditation process the high school just completed with Advanc-Ed, noting that Hartland High School did very well and bested the state averages by a wide margin in every category to achieve accreditation. Mr. Minsker noted that this evaluation occurs every five years and requires an enormous amount of effort, compiling all of the necessary data for the evaluators. He thanked his HAPPENINGS AT HHS

administrative, teaching, and support staffs for their hard work, as well as the Central Office administration and Board of Education for their input and support.

Mr. Kaszyca thanked everyone for all of the Board appreciation gifts, noting he wasn't able to attend the meeting but enjoyed the box filled with treats that he received after. Mr. Dumond noted that the annual meeting for the Livingston County Association of School Boards is scheduled for Wednesday, March 23, at 6:00 p.m. at LESA. He also noted that a legislative breakfast will be held Monday, May 23, at 7:00 a.m. at LESA as well. Mr. Gatewood thanked those who spoke during the Call to the Public, noting it doesn't happen very often.

BOARD REPORTS

Motion by Kaszyca, supported by Kenrick that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations, approves the financial report as of January 31, 2016 and the payment of invoices totaling \$1,449,807.80 and payroll obligations totaling \$3,033,976.81. Motion carried 7-0.

PAYMENT OF INVOICES

Motion by Aberasturi, supported by Gatewood that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations and the district's financial advisor, adopts a resolution authorizing the refunding of the 2007 School Building and Site Bonds in the original amount of 26,390,000; and the 2010 School Building and Site Bonds, Series C, in the original amount of \$14,565,000 as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

REFUNDING BONDS

Motion by Gatewood, supported by Costa that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Assistant Superintendent of Personnel & Student Services, adopts the revisions to Policies 5830 and 9211 as presented and discussed. Motion carried 7-0.

POLICY UPDATES:
5830 & 9211

Motion by Aberasturi, supported by Kaszyca that the Board of Education enters into a closed session to discuss privileged legal documents with the district's attorney involving an ongoing court case. Motion carried 7-0. Roll call: Costa-yea, Aberasturi-yea, Gatewood-yea, Dumond-yea, Kaszyca-yea, Kenrick-yea, Hemeyer-yea.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board entered into closed session at 7:40 p.m.

The Board came out of closed session at 8:30 p.m. and the meeting was adjourned.

OPEN SESSION/
ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,



Cynthia Kenrick
Secretary



Paula Waters
Recording Secretary