

Hartland Consolidated Schools
Special meeting - Board of Education
June 27, 2016

Members present: M. Hemeyer, C. Costa, T. Dumond, C. Kenrick, C. Aberasturi, K. Kaszyca, B. Gatewood
Members absent: None
Admin. Present: J. Sifferman, S. Bacon, S. VanEpps, C. Hughes, B. Cain, L. Pumford, S. Livingway, M. Cheney, M. Otis, D. Minsker, A. Howerton, D. Selix, J.D. Wheeler, S. Pearson
Guests: B. Archer, BSA Troup 385, C. Anderson, L. Zeppi, J. Darrow, C. VanGieson, N. Previti, K. Evans, K. Dinser, S. Macheske, J. Lhota

President Dumond called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Boardroom of the Hartland Educational Support Service Center. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Kenrick, supported by Gatewood that the agenda for the June 27, 2016 special meeting be approved, and that public participation be allowed on all items. Motion carried 7-0. 6/27/16 AGENDA APPROVED

Motion by Aberasturi, supported by Gatewood that the minutes of the June 6, 2016 regular meeting be approved. Motion carried 7-0. 6/6/16 MINUTES APPROVED

Ms. Sifferman introduced Scott Bacon who then introduced Matt Marino to the Board. Mr. Marino was recently hired as the district's Director of Operations, replacing George Waldrup who has retired. SUPT. REPORT

Mr. Bacon then began the 2016/2017 Budget Hearing. Mr. Bacon noted that Rachel Bois, Accounting Supervisor, would be presenting the first section of the hearing as she found and adapted the new format for this year's budget report. Ms. Bois began with a review of the 2015/16 budget, noting that the district did finish better than anticipated. For the 2016/17 budget, she noted the following: 2016/17 BUDGET HEARING

- Debt Fund – will keep the 8.55 millage rate to continue to pay down existing debt.
- Capital Projects – continuing to spend down the 2010 Bond with the majority remaining, approximately \$900,000 allocated to technology over the next five years. The bulk of the balance will be used toward the high school ring road project.
- Athletics – no program changes with some inflationary adjustments, and some money set aside for facility upgrades, as bond funds will not be available.
- Cafeteria – will need to adjust for five additional school days with revenue and expenditures balancing out for the most part. Will continue to review menus and also set aside money for facility upgrades.
- General Fund – the district will receive \$120 per pupil increase for 2016/17, which amounts to an approximate 1.6% increase. We are still facing enrollment concerns and have not budgeted for an increase for 16/17. We will continue to push Schools of Choice registration, which currently accounts for over 14% of district enrollment.

Mr. Bacon spent some time discussing the structural inequities that have been built into public education financing between revenues and expenditures. He noted that employees took a 2.69% pay reduction in 2015/16 to maintain our fund balance at 5% and will likely take another 2.03% reduction in 2016/17, though this figure was reduced from approximately 4% after factoring in the LESA millage, 2015/16 finishing somewhat better

than budgeted, and the reduction of five teaching positions for 2016/17. Mr. Bacon also noted that employees had also seen increases in their portion of insurance costs and retirement expenses, in addition to pay reductions. He does not anticipate that 2016/17 will finish better than budgeted, but is always hopeful.

BUDGET HEARING
(CONTINUED)

There was no response to Call to the Public.

CALL TO PUBLIC

Mr. Aberasturi noted the presence of a Boy Scout troop in the audience. Members of Troop 385 came forward and noted that they were working toward their Citizenship in the Community badge, which required their attendance at a school board meeting.

BOARD REPORTS

Ms. Sifferman called up Principal David Minsker to introduce Jennifer Lhota to the Board. Ms. Lhota had been hired at a previous meeting but had been unable to attend at that time. She will be teaching computers, business and English at Hartland High School.

INTRODUCTION-
LHOTA-HHS

Motion by Kaszyca, supported by Costa that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, offers a probationary teaching contract to Nicole Previti for the 2016/2017 school year, at the Step 5, MA+30 salary tract, pending verification of credentials and public Acts 99, 83 & 189 requirements, if applicable. Motion carried 7-0. Ms. Previti was introduced by Principal Steve Livingway.

NEW HIRES:
PREVITI – HMS

Motion by Kaszyca, supported by Gatewood that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, offers a probationary teaching contract to Sara Macheske for the 2016/2017 school year, at the Step 5, MA salary tract, pending verification of credentials and public Acts 99, 83 & 189 requirements, if applicable. Motion carried 7-0. Ms. Macheske was introduced by Principal Steve Livingway.

MACHESKE – HMS

Motion by Aberasturi, supported by Gatewood that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations, approves budget amendments for the General Fund, Capital Projects Fund, Debt Retirement Fund, Athletic Fund and Food Service Fund as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

2015/16 BUDGET
AMENDMENTS

Motion by Gatewood, supported by Kaszyca that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations, approves the General Appropriations Act Resolution (2016/2017) as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

2016/17 GEN. APP.
ACT

Scott VanEpps, Asst. Superintendent of Personnel & Student Services, began the discussion regarding the 2016/17 Parent/Student Handbooks. He noted that the policy cited under “Dangerous Items” should read Policy 5772, not 3217. This will come before the Board for action at the July 20, 2016 meeting.

DISCUSSION:
2016/17
HANDBOOKS

President Dumond noted that the next meeting would be July 20 at 8:00 a.m. and confirmed that there would be a quorum.

UPCOMING
MEETINGS

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,


Cynthia Kenrick
Secretary


Paula Waters
Recording Secretary