

Hartland Consolidated Schools
Regular meeting - Board of Education
September 19, 2016

Members present: T. Dumond, K. Kaszyca, C. Aberasturi, B. Gatewood, C. Costa, M. Hemeyer
Members absent: C. Kenrick
Admin. Present: J. Sifferman, S. Bacon, S. VanEpps, M. Otis, C. Hughes, A. Lashbrook, K. Gregory, D. Minsker, M. Marino, D. Selix, A. Howerton, L. Pumford, J. Reck, M. Cheney
Guests: K. Evans, L. Brousseau, E. Galagos

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 Costa that the agenda for the September 19, 2016 regular meeting be approved, and that public participation be allowed on all items. Motion carried 6-0. 9/19/16 AGENDA APPROVED

Motion by Aberasturi, supported by Gatewood that the minutes of the August 16, 2016 regular meeting be approved. Motion carried 6-0. 8/16/16 MINUTES APPROVED

Ms. Sifferman introduced Scott Bacon, who proceeded with the annual breakfast hearing. Mr. Bacon noted that the district has held an annual breakfast hearing every year since 1993. The Legacy program is the only building/program with a high enough percentage of free/reduced lunch students to require a breakfast program. However the district does offer the program in four other buildings: Round Elementary because in previous years it did have a high enough percentage of free/reduced lunch students, however it doesn't currently qualify and the program is losing money so it is possible, if not required, that it will not offer breakfast in 2017/18; Farms, Ore Creek and the high school also offer breakfast as there are already staff onsite and response has been favorable. Lisa Archey, Director of Student Nutrition, noted that all three of these programs break even and are self-supporting if not profitable, and response at the high school has almost tripled over the past year. She conducted a district-wide survey last year regarding parent/student interest in an expanded breakfast program and 70% of respondents were not interested. Mr. Bacon noted that, with this information, he is not recommending an expansion of the current breakfast program. SUPT. REPORT ANNUAL BREAKFAST HEARING

Superintendent Sifferman noted that the administration has recommended to the Board of Education that the district move forward with a Sinking Fund election for the May 2, 2017 special election. The administration has met with the Finance Committee, which had questions regarding the length and size of the millage, and will be meeting with the Building and Site Committee this Friday to discuss the proposal further and answer these questions. SINKING FUND ELECTION

Ms. Sifferman indicated that Marie Batten, long-time Hartland Schools math teacher and mother to Farms Assistant Principal Mary Day, passed away on Sunday. Visitation will be held on Wednesday and Thursday at Keehn Funeral Home with a Memorial Service scheduled for October 8th.

Superintendent Sifferman then read a statement indicating her intention to retire as of December 31, 2016. Ms. Sifferman is in her 41st year in the district, having served as a teacher, an assistant principal, principal, assistant superintendent, and for the past 12 years, as Superintendent. The Board discussed how they planned to move forward with SIFFERMAN RETIREMENT 12/31/16

the interview process. It was determined they would first interview internal candidates before opening the search to external interest. President Dumond asked that the district calendars be consulted to determine if meetings could be arranged in early October for interviews.

President Dumond noted that Opening Day Breakfast was a great success and he really enjoyed Teacher of the Year Rob Jellison's speech, very inspiring!

BOARD REPORTS

During Call to the Public Mr. Lenny Brousseau noted that there would be a Christmas show at the Hartland Performing Arts Center November 12th, and passed out flyers with ticket information. Ms. Evelyn Gallagos also spoke, requesting an update on the current status of Livingston Classical Academy.

CALL TO PUBLIC

Motion by Kaszyca, supported by Gatewood that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations, approves the financial report as of August 31, 2016, and the payment of invoices totaling \$1,488,261.74 and payroll obligations totaling \$2,732,164.03. Motion carried 6-0.

PAYMENT OF INVOICES

Motion by Hemeyer, supported by Costa that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, offers a probationary teaching contract to Natalie Russell for the 2016/17 school year, at the Step 1, BA salary tract, pending verification of credentials and Public Acts 99, 83 & 189 requirements, if applicable. Motion carried 6-0. Ms. Russell was introduced by Principal Minsker.

NEW HIRE:
RUSSELL – HHS

Motion by Costa, supported by Aberasturi that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the tentative agreement ratified by the Student Nutrition group as presented. Motion carried 6-0. Mr. Dumond thanked Mr. Bacon for the information he provided.

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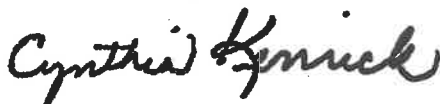
Mr. Dumond noted that the next meeting was currently scheduled for October 17 at 6:30 p.m., however it is likely that date will be adjusted pending superintendent interviews.

FUTURE MTGS.

The meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,



Cynthia Kenrick
Secretary



Paula Waters
Recording Secretary