

Hartland Consolidated Schools
Regular meeting - Board of Education
October 23, 2017

Members present: T. Dumond, C. Aberasturi, C. Costa, M. Hemeyer, C. Kenrick
Members absent: B. Gatewood, K. Kasyca
Admin. Present: S. Bacon, S. VanEpps, C. Hughes, A. Howerton, M. Otis, L. Pumford, A. Lashbrook, D. Minsker, M. Cheney, D. Hottum, M. Day, M. Marino, K. Gregory, S. Pearson, B. Cain
Guests: J. Dolowy, D. Boss, R. Bois, A. Kartsounes, K. Evans, P. Iden, A. Szabo, M. Wentzel, R. Bulszewicz, K. Wabel, M. Frasier, L. Moore, L. Denton, M. Cannaert, J. Tocalis, S. Russano, S. Arnold, D. Baker, L. Villar, J. Eaton, T. Kulsavage, K. Malachino, J. Meier. S. Dana, T. Nagette, S. Gordinear, P. Single, K. Carmichael, A. Kosla, M. Samala, M. Young, S. Wissner, K. Quinn, K. Jagusch, P. McRae, D. Bishop, M. Paulson

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 Kenrick, supported by Aberasturi that the agenda for the October 23, 2017 regular meeting be approved, and that public participation be allowed on all items. Motion carried 5-0. 10/23/17 AGENDA APPROVED

Motion by Hemeyer, supported by Kenrick that the minutes of the September 18, 2017 regular meeting and closed session be approved. Motion carried 5-0. 9/18/17 MINUTES APPROVED

Superintendent Hughes noted the EAGLES banner now displayed in the Boardroom. This was conceived by Social Emotional Coach Scott Storey and is now in all of the buildings to help promote positive interactions among students. Mr. Hughes thanked President Dumond, Mr. Aberasturi and several members of his administration for attending the Partners in Progress “open house” last week. He then introduced Jeff Dolowy and David Boss from Plante & Moran who presented the 2016/2017 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 2016/2017 Financial Statement, noting that Hartland saw an increase of \$1.1 million in its fund balance for the previous year, bringing it back in line with state averages at 8.3%. He also noted that Hartland is faring better than most districts across the state primarily due to our ability to keep our enrollment numbers consistent. Mr. Dolowy noted that it was another 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. Mr. Bacon thanked Rachel Bois for her hard work. SUPT. REPORT: 2016/17 AUDIT REPORT

Mr. Hughes then introduced Principal Lawrence Pumford, Creekside Elementary School, who updated the Board on happenings at Creekside Elementary. Principal Pumford focused on how Creekside Elementary was implementing the recently enacted Public Act 306 – K-3 Reading Act. He introduced teachers Lauren Denton, Michelle Wentzel, and Melissa Frazier, all trained Reading Recovery teachers, who described the various strategies they are using to help struggling readers and promote reading across the building. Mr. Pumford noted that reading was the cornerstone for all future learning across all subject areas; consequently it was the most important thing schools can teach. HAPPENINGS @ CREEKSIDE ELEM.

Mr. Hughes then introduced Asst. Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction David Minsker to present the 2016/17 Common and State Assessment Summary. Mr. Minsker presented the assessment data and scores for all testing done in 2016/17 grades 3 – 12, noting increases in over 75% with all scores being well above state averages, and for the first time, above county averages in most areas. Mr. Minsker noted this was due in large part to the curriculum put in place by his predecessor Mr. Hughes, but noted that principals and teachers drive assessments.

ASSESSMENT DATA

During Call to the Public, HEA President Kim Evans asked the Board to work with administration to help drive the district's inclusion in the MESSA Insurance Consortium.

CALL TO PUBLIC

Mr. Costa noted that he had received very positive feedback from a new Hartland Schools' family regarding their son's first experiences at Hartland High School. Mr. Dumond praised the Partners in Progress initiative, noting the importance of collaborative community involvement. He also praised Supervisor Bill Fountain on his recent "State of Hartland" address, noting all of the positive progress in the community. Ms. Kenrick thanked Mr. Bacon and Ms. Bois on another successful audit, and reminded the Board and public of the upcoming Hartland High School Drama Club production of "Sherlock Holmes" November 10-12.

BOARD REPORTS

Motion by Kenrick, supported by Costa that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations, approves the financial report as of September 30, 2017, and the payment of invoices totaling \$1,163,787.15 and payroll obligations totaling \$2,495,531.99. Motion carried 5-0.

PAYMENT OF INVOICES

The Board began its discussion on the 2017/18 Board Goals. Mr. Hughes introduced the proposed goals:

2017/18 BOARD GOALS DISCUSSION

Finance: To remain financially solvent

Toward that end the district is looking to build and maintain a fund balance of 5+%. Mr. Hughes noted that 5% is the new "o" since the state now requires all districts to maintain a 5% fund balance. He noted the various strategies the district has and will continue to employ to maintain the 5+% fund balance.

Building & Sites: Maintain and improve our capital assets including analyzing the need for additional classroom space annually.

The district will use the preventative maintenance program as well as contracting for annual roof and paving assessments. They will also conduct yearly classroom space analysis to assure appropriate use of portables in the district.

District Culture: Promote a positive educational experience that involves all stakeholders and encompasses the district's guiding principles.

The district will continue the work already implemented in this area.

Public Relations: Market and promote HCS as a premier school district of choice

Mr. Hughes noted this ties directly with Schools of Choice and the Partners in Progress initiative and we will continue our work in those areas. He also noted that Scott VanEpps is working on a new video for the web site.

Student Achievement: To ensure programming promotes continuous growth and improvement for the highest level of student achievement.

Mr. Hughes indicated that we will continue to do what we have been doing, noting Mr. Minsker's earlier presentation as evidence that it is working.

President Dumond noted that the district is on a good path with strong goals and direction. Ms. Kenrick concurred. These goals will come before the Board for action at the November 13, 2017 meeting.

President Dumond noted that the next meeting is scheduled for November 13, 2017 and then December 18, which will be last meeting for this calendar year. FUTURE MEETINGS

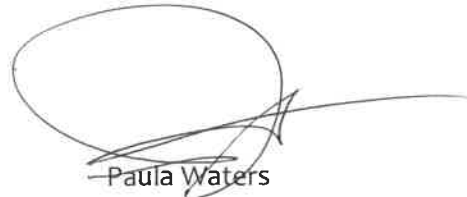
The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle Hemeyer
Secretary



Paula Waters
Recording Secretary