

Hartland Consolidated Schools
Regular Meeting - Board of Education
March 14, 2011

Members present: C. Aberasturi, K. Kaszyca, M. Hutchinson, T. Dumond, C. Sinelli
Members absent: E. McPherson-Brown, B. Perkins
Admin. Present: J. Sifferman, S. VanEpps, S. Bacon, D. Petish, B. Cain, D. Minsker, L. Smither, L. Pumford, M. Otis, L. Pumford, K. Evenson
Guests: K. Dillinger, K. Brown, A. Haaseth, K. Reed, M. Decheim, S. Otto, R. Reinhardt, S. Reinhardt, B. Krause, K. Ross, A. Rohare, H. Slatina, A. Wilson, N. Spranger, J. Meier, S. Swann, L. Meier, D. Davenport, J. Davenport, M. Birgy, B. Economou, A. Bolam, A. Panter, L. Ratta, N. Aittema, K. McNutt, E. Dennis, J. Bittner, K. Gordon, S. Simmer, C. Drafta, D. Bishop, S. Cone

President Kaszyca called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. in the Boardroom of the Educational Support Service Center. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVED

Motion by Aberasturi, supported by Dumond that the agenda for the March 14, 2011 regular meeting be approved, and that public participation be allowed on all items. Motion carried 5-0.

2/14 MINUTES
APPROVED

Motion by Hutchinson, supported by Sinelli that the minutes of the February 14, 2011 regular meeting be approved. Motion carried 5-0.

CALL TO PUBLIC

Roxanne Reinhardt and Morgyn Woodruff from the Hartland Middle School Media Center Committee spoke regarding the need for a full-time librarian at the middle school.

SUPT. REPORT

Superintendent Sifferman introduced Principal Cain from Village Elementary School to update the Board on the various activities going on there. Mr. Cain introduced 4th grade teacher Nancy Spranger who, along with four students from her class, demonstrated a typical lesson on the interactive white board. Mr. Cain also presented a DVD showing the various activities and projects going on at Village. Ms. Sifferman thanked Mr. Cain for the presentation and commended his staff and students for their work.

VILLAGE ELEM.

Ms. Sifferman reminded everyone of the upcoming regular school election on May 3rd. There will be one four-year Board seat as well as a renewal of the 18-mill non-homestead millage. Information on the millage renewal is available on boards at the buildings, the district web site, and in the April issue of *Community Life*. She also talked about the Governor's budget proposal and how its passage will affect Hartland Schools. A "fact sheet" outlining the proposal and its effects is also available on the district web site and "Facebook" page. She stressed the importance of highlighting one area for solution, i.e. keeping K-12 funds for K-12 programs and not disbursing to community colleges and universities.

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Mr. Dumond thanked Village Elementary for their presentation. He also commended the high school administration, staff and students for a great Winterfest event, and congratulated all of Hartland's wrestlers, elementary through high school, for their terrific finishes at the state meet in Kalamazoo. Mr. Aberasturi also

commented on the success of the Winterfest dance and complimented

the students on their behavior and the administration on its oversight. Mr. Kaszyca noted that Hartland seems to have found a good balance for its high school dances. He thanked Ms. Sifferman for the letter she sent to the Governor. Ms. Sinelli noted that she would be attending the Senior Center Advisory Board meeting tomorrow and would discuss the non-homestead millage election as well as the Governor's budget proposal. She also noted that Hartland graduates now attending CMU will be starting their own DECA chapter there. Ms. Hutchinson noted she has completed her rounds of the various PTOs to discuss school funding and the Governor's proposal and she and Mr. Dumond will be attending the MASA/MASB Legislative Conference on Wednesday, March 16.

PAYMENT OF
INVOICES

Motion by Sinelli, supported by Dumond that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations, approves the financial report as of February 28, 2011 and the payment of invoices totaling \$1,256,430.05 and payroll obligations totaling \$1,905,131.32. Motion carried 5-0.

DISCUSSION:
POLICY
MANUAL
UPDATES

The Board discussed the recent group of policy manual updates. Mr. Kaszyca asked if it would be possible to get a breakdown from NEOLA on the state vs. federal unfunded mandates that appear in the manual. Ms. Sifferman indicated she would talk with NEOLA. She also noted that future rounds of updates would be done differently and hopefully with less lag time between administrative and Board review. These updates will come before the Board for action on March 28.

GREAT START
PROGRAM

Michelle Otis introduced the 2010/2011 Great Start Program resolution, noting that the district is now in a consortium with LESA for this program so the vagaries of the funding process will be less cumbersome. She noted that we donate the space and 16 Hartland preschoolers with specific needs receive services. Also, through the consortium, should the state pull out of the program, the district is not liable for the full fee. This will also come before the Board for action on March 28.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elsie McPherson-Brown
Secretary

Paula Waters
Recording Secretary

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