

Hartland Consolidated Schools
Special Meeting - Board of Education
April 25, 2011

Members present: T. Dumond, C. Sinelli, K. Kaszyca, M. Hutchinson, E. McPherson-Brown
Members absent: C. Aberasturi, B. Perkins
Admin. Present: J. Sifferman, L. Mayes, S. Bacon, M. Otis, S. VanEpps, B. Cain, C. Hughes,
M. Cheney, D. Minsker, S. Livingway, K. Evenson, L. Smither, S. Pearson,
T. Sahouri
Guests: K. Pennala, P. Young, D. Buffa, A. Wilson, J. Payne, J. Martin, C. Masterka, I. Lovern, K.
Conway, D. Galgeon, E. Poisson, K. Hamlin, K. Suchowesky, J. Walker, T. Levoslia, C.
Peca, A. Militzer, N. Spranger, D. Dunville, H. Carl, S. Swann, P. Juliar, R. Epp, S. Epp,
M. Robinson, S. Russano, K. Langdon, A. Haughie, S. Gardner, M. Yaricosky, M. Tori,
K. Newcomer, M. Iceberg, B. Braun, C. Kenrick, L. Bickel, M. Young, S. Wills, D. Selix,
L. Hartley, J. Furr, S. Osterhoff, N. Mitchell, E. Michalak, C. Pennala, S. Gaines, H.
Gaines, M. LaFleur, C. Epp, K. Jagusch, Z. Somers, A. Muir, M. DuBois, K. Tackett, C.
Marentette, C. Guajardo

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

APPROVED

Motion by Dumond, supported by McPherson-Brown that the agenda for the April 25, 2011 special 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. Motion carried 4-0.

4/11 MINUTES
APPROVED

Motion by McPherson-Brown, supported by Hutchinson that the minutes of the April 11, 2011 regular meeting be approved. Ms. Hutchinson asked if the meeting minutes could be posted on the district's Facebook page. Superintendent Sifferman indicated she would look into this. Motion carried 4-0.

CALL TO PUBLIC

There was no response to the Call to the Public. (Ms. Sinelli arrived here - 6:45 p.m.)

SUPT. REPORT

Ms. Sifferman introduced three members of the high school government class, Clare Epp, Malissa LaFleur and Hannah Gaines, who gave a presentation on child abuse and prevention. April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. She then introduced Lindsay Smither, Principal of Lakes Elementary, who brought her IC (Instructional Consultation) Team to do a presentation on Lakes' ICT program and how it is affecting instruction. Ms. Smither noted the program has been in place for six years, with the first year dedicated primarily to training. Ms. Smither's team noted that this program has changed the historic paradigm for classroom teaching. Special Education referrals have decreased by more than 80% over the past five years and more students achieving proficiency on the MEAP and other standardized tests. The teachers noted that the program has created a collaborative environment for all of the teachers at Lakes and has effected the entire student population, not just those referred. Ms. Sifferman thanked Ms. Smither and her IC Team for their hard work and dedication to this program. Superintendent Sifferman gave a quarterly review on actions taken over the past three months on the goals established by the Board in January. Ms. Hutchinson and Ms. Sinelli thanked her for this update. Ms. Sifferman recognized the members of Boy Scout Troop 381 who are in the process of earning their Citizen of Merit badge. Members of this troop encompass four different school districts.

Mr. Kaszyca noted that he and Mr. Bacon were invited and

attended a meeting with Rep. Rogers at Huron Valley Schools last week. Ms. McPherson-Brown noted that she had an opportunity to interact with a group of our high school students who were volunteering at a local medical facility learning about careers in health care. Mr. Dumond thanked Ms. Smither and her staff for an excellent presentation and reminded everyone that Hartland's Relay for Life event is scheduled for May 21 & 22.

DEAN OF
STUDENTS

Motion by Sinelli, supported by Dumond that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Personnel Committee approves the addition of the Dean of Students position to the Administrative Salary Schedule as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

LESA ELECTION

The Board discussed who would be interested in representing them for the upcoming LESA election. Mr. Kaszyca and Mr. Dumond volunteered.

Motion by Hutchinson, supported by Sinelli that the Board of Education appoints Kevin Kaszyca as the delegate and Thom Dumond as the alternate to represent Hartland Schools for the 2011 LESA Board of Education election. Motion carried 5-0.

SCHOOL AID
FUND
RESOLUTION

The Board discussed the resolution brought forward by the SOS Coalition regarding the reallocation of monies from the School Aid Fund. Ms. McPherson-Brown read the resolution and the Board determined they would like to take action on it at this meeting.

Motion by Dumond, supported by McPherson-Brown that the Board of Education sets aside policy allowing this item to be treated as an action item, and adopts the School Aid Fund resolution as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

MAY 3 ELECTION

Ms. Sifferman reminded the Board and public that the district's annual election will take place on May 3rd. On the ballot is the annual non-homestead millage renewal and a seat on the Board of Education.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Elsie McPherson-Brown
Secretary

Paula Waters
Recording Secretary

BOARD REPORTS