

Hartland Consolidated Schools  
Regular meeting - Board of Education  
September 24, 2012

Members present: T. Dumond, K. Kaszyca, C. Kenrick, B. Gatewood, M. Hutchinson  
Members absent: C. Sinelli, C. Aberasturi  
Admin. Present: J. Sifferman, S. Bacon, S. VanEpps, L. Mayes, L. Smither, M. Otis, C. Hughes,  
M. Day, L. Pumford, K. Evenson, B. Cain, A. Lashbrook, G. Waldrup, D.  
Minsker, S. Pearson, S. Usher  
Guests: T. Ryan, A. Andrews, C. Costa, H. Sluis, Z. Adams, C. Drafta, N. Spranger, K.  
Seychel, S. Modic, K. Guilford, H. Grosso, K. Wojnar, J. Zadorozny, J. Ringle, D.  
Tester, G. Yates

President Kaszyca 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 Hutchinson that the agenda for the September 24, 2012 regular meeting be approved, that policy be set aside allowing Items II.C. and II.E. to be treated as action items, and that public participation be allowed on all items. Motion carried 5-0. 9/24 AGENDA APPROVED

Motion by Dumond, supported by Kenrick that the minutes of the August 28, 2012 special meeting be approved. Motion carried 5-0. 8/28 MINUTES APPROVED

Chris Costa spoke during Call to the Public. He is running for the 2-year term on the Hartland Board in the November election. CALL TO PUBLIC

Ms. Sifferman introduced Scott Usher, Director of Technology, who updated the Board on the various technology initiatives that occurred over the summer and are still being implemented. These included upgrades to network infrastructure, Google e-mail and applications, a new district-wide phone system, network video surveillance system, iPads and training for all teachers, district-wide wireless access, and a VDI pilot program at Farms Intermediate. Superintendent Sifferman noted that Scott would follow-up on how these programs are progressing in December. SUPT. REPORT TECH UPDATE

Ms. Sifferman then introduced Scott Bacon, who initiated the annual Breakfast Hearing. Mr. Bacon noted that the district currently offers a breakfast program required by the statute to our Legacy students (based on the percentage of free and reduced lunch participants), and also offers the program voluntarily at the high school and Farms as there are employees available to supervise and there is adequate participation to sustain the program. The district has previously offered the program at Round Elementary and the middle school but participation was extremely limited so it was discontinued. There were no questions or concerns from the Board or public, so the district will continue to offer the breakfast program at Legacy, Hartland High School and Farms. BREAKFAST HEARING

Ms. Sifferman introduced Laurie Mayes and Chuck Hughes, who reviewed the common assessment report for 2011/2012. Mr. Hughes defined the term "proficient" and what the district's expectations were when comparing student performance on the common assessments and the MEAP/MME/ACT. When gaps become apparent, this guides revisions to the assessments and curriculum documents. CURRICULUM UPDATE

Ms. Sifferman noted that she and Mr. Hughes had just returned from Washington, D.C. where Mr. Hughes received recognition as Michigan's High School Principal of the Year.

They were able to meet with Senator Levin and aides from Senator Stabenow and Rep. Rogers' offices. They also met with the federal Department of Education. SUPT. REPORT (CON'T)

Ms. Sifferman rolled out the "Person of the Month" program where a different district employee will be highlighted each month through district-wide e-mail, Facebook, Community Life and hopefully in the Press & Argus Names & Faces page. This month Ron Weston, high school automotive technology teacher, was highlighted. The district will also begin sending out on a monthly basis a "Did You Know?" article highlighting interesting facts about the schools, facilities, and programs.

Ms. Hutchinson attended the new Teen Center open house on Saturday. She noted it was a great facility with a lot to offer area teens. They are still looking for donations of computer equipment, snacks, paper goods, etc. The public can find out more on their web site: [www.nextdoorhtc.com](http://www.nextdoorhtc.com). Mr. Gatewood congratulated the football team on a great season to date and an excellent homecoming game. Mr. Kaszyca also wanted to recognize the new high school principal, Mr. Mainka, and his staff for an enjoyable homecoming celebration. He also wanted to recognize Jason Reck, Athletic Director, on his completion of a 31-mile marathon last weekend. Mr. Dumond and Ms. Kenrick both thanked the administration and building principals for the recent tour of the district, noting it was a great way to start the year. Mr. Dumond also noted that the student section at the homecoming game was really rocking! BOARD REPORTS

Motion by Kenrick, 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, 2012, and the payment of invoices totaling \$3,241,626.43 and payroll obligations totaling \$2,760,228.76. Motion carried 5-0. PAYMENT OF INVOICES

Motion by Dumond, supported by Hutchinson that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, appoints Erik Larsen to the Special Education Parent Advisory Committee of the Livingston Educational Service Agency. The term for this appointment expires June 30, 2015. Motion carried 5-0. SP-ED PAC REP.

Motion by Hutchinson, supported by Gatewood that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the Hartland Senior Center's Title VI Plan adopted August 23, 2009. Alice Andrews explained the purpose of this was for a grant she was submitting to purchase a new van for the Senior Center. Motion carried 5-0. Ms. Sifferman informed Ms. Andrews that, in memory of her husband, Ted Andrews, who served on Hartland's Board for 12 years, the Board was expanding the irrigation system for the Senior Center's garden. Ms. Andrews was extremely grateful as she had wanted to do this but didn't think it would be possible on the Senior Center's budget. SC TITLE VI PLAN

Motion by Gatewood, supported by Dumond that the Board of Education adopts its goals for 2012 – 2015 as discussed and presented. Motion carried 5-0. Ms. Kenrick noted that she really liked the new format for the goals that Mr. Hughes introduced this year, using the GRASP format. 2012-15 BOARD GOALS

Motion by Hutchinson, supported by Kenrick that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operation and the district's legal counsel, adopts the resolution accepting the settlement offer from UBS Derivative Bonds as presented. Motion carried 5-0. UBS BOND SETTLEMENT

Mr. Hughes and Ms. Mayes presented the new curriculum for K-4 Language Arts, revisions in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade Social Studies, 7<sup>th</sup> grade Language Arts and Science, as well as revised assessments for 8th grade math, high school Algebra 1 & 2, Geometry, GeoPhysical Science, Biology, and Physics. Ms. Mayes also noted that this year they would be working on 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade reading and writing, 7<sup>th</sup> grade writing and common core math.

DISCUSSION:  
CURRICULUM  
REVISIONS

Motion by Dumond, supported by Kenrick that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and Curriculum Committee, approves revisions to the following curriculums as discussed and presented: K-4 Language Arts, 6<sup>th</sup> grade Social Studies, 7<sup>th</sup> grade Language Arts & Science, 8<sup>th</sup> grade Math assessments, high school Algebra 1 & 2, Geometry, GeoPhysical Science, Biology, and Physics assessments. Motion carried 5-0.

CURRICULUM  
REVISIONS  
APPROVED

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Sinelli  
Secretary

Paula Waters  
Recording Secretary