

Hartland Consolidated Schools
Regular Meeting - Board of Education
May 15, 2017

Members present: T. Dumond, M. Hemeyer, C. Kenrick, C. Costa, C. Aberasturi, B. Gatewood
Members absent: K. Kaszyca
Admin. Present: S. Bacon, D. Selix, S. VanEpps, C. Hughes, M. Otis, D. Minsker, M. Marino, K. Gregory, A. Lashbrook, A. Howerton, B. Cain, D. Selix, M. Cheney, M. Day, J. Reck, S. Pearson, L. Pumford
Guests: D. Lubeski, G. McMullen, B. Chyo, M. Madden, R. Kopke, E. Aluia, C. Gomoll Jr., K. McConnell, S. O'Connor, M. Shinkle, J. Call, N. Smith, T. Colombo, T. Leg, R. Menko, A. Maga, L. Gallagher, J. Germane, H. Hodge, B. Thompson, S. Day, D. Gregory, E. Wynne, B. Cortichiato, J. Yancho, M. Strong, C. Winberg, A. McKeny, A. Goody, L. Thorpe

President Dumond 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.

Motion by Aberasturi, supported by Gatewood that the agenda for the May 15, 2017 regular meeting be approved, that policy be set aside allowing Items li.B. and II.E. to be treated as Action Items, and that public participation be allowed on all items. Motion carried 6-0. 5/15/17 AGENDA APPROVED

Motion by Hemeyer, supported by Gatewood that the minutes of the April 17, 2017 regular meeting be approved. Motion carried 6-0. 4/17/17 MINUTES APPROVED

Superintendent Hughes thanked the district staff and community for the passage of the Sinking Fund proposal on May 2. President Dumond noted the Board's intention to roll back the current debt levy as promised at the June 26 meeting. Mr. Hughes introduced Amy Hoblely from the American Heart Association, who commended Matt Conway, Barb Striz and Mikki Cheney on their commitment to the Jump Rope for Heart program and the promotion of active, healthy lifestyles to their students. Jump Rope for Heart and Football for Heart programs in Hartland raised \$40,000 in 2016/17 and the AHA has given \$9,700 back to the district for healthy programming. Mr. Hughes noted that he had a stack of New Student Surveys he has received from new families in the district and they all include positive feedback. Mr. Hughes reminded the Board that the Legacy/HVA Graduation will be held on May 24th at 6:30 p.m. in the PAC. SUPT. REPORT.

Mr. Hughes introduced Michelle Otis, who then introduced Debi Gregory, who was chosen as the new director of the Caroselli Aquatic Center. Ms. Gregory was very happy to have been chosen and is looking forward to working with everyone and hopefully seeing them at the pool. Mr. Hughes introduced Kate Gregory, who introduced Emily Aluia as the new Dean of Students. Emily has taught chemistry at Hartland High School for the past 10 years and is eager to branch out and interact with more students on a building-wide level. INTRO – NEW STAFF

Mr. Hughes then again introduced Michelle Otis to update the Board and public on happenings at Community Education. Ms. Otis noted that she was highlighting the district's pre-school programming – noting that education now begins at birth. She introduced Rachel Kopke, Jenny McMullen, and Sean LaRosa from LESA. Ms. Kopke noted that the Early On program serves children from birth to 3 years of age. It is free of charge and provides both center and at home support for infants and toddlers including PT, OT, and social/emotional support, with a focus on kindergarten readiness. Ms. LaRosa oversees the Early Childhood Special Education programming – ages 3 – 6 – HAPPENINGS – COMM. ED. PRE-SCHOOL PROGRAMS

including GSRP and Headstart. She noted that in a recent census, more than 2,000 children met the criteria to receive services through GSRP or Headstart, however only 466 were actually participating. She wants to remove the stigma associated with these programs so more children can receive much needed services. Ms. Otis then introduced Dawn Lubeski and Betty Chyo, who oversee Community Education's tuition-based pre-school program. This program serves approximately 150 three and four year old students; the majority of which continue on to Hartland Schools' kindergarten program. Ms. Otis wanted to express the program's thanks to Sue Pearson, Dotty Selix, and LESA for their help with the preschool curriculum and services for their students. Mr. Hughes thanked Ms. Otis for her presentation, noting the connections she made between early childhood education and the district's K-12 curriculum. He would like to see Ms. Otis at the monthly Curriculum Ad-Staff meetings to help strengthen this connection.

SUPT. REPORT
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PRESCHOOL

Mr. Hughes then introduced Director of Student Nutrition Lisa Archey and Asst. Superintendent Scott Bacon, who conducted the annual Breakfast Hearing. Mr. Bacon noted that the requirement for mandatory breakfast programming is that 20% of a building's population qualifies for free & reduced lunch. The district does offer breakfast at Legacy High School, as its population meets the 20% requirement, and also at HHS, HMS, and Farms. The last three don't meet the percentage required, however all three buildings already have kitchen staff in place and have a high level of participation. We have offered the program at Round Elementary for the past few years, initially because it was required. It is no longer required for Round and participation has dropped off considerably. The program costs the district approximately \$6,000/year with approximately 30 students participating out of 393. Due to these factors, the district would like to suspend the breakfast program at Round Elementary for the 2017/18 school year. Ms. Archey noted that she plans to contact those currently using the program individually to insure that they are aware and will be working with the PTOs to ensure there are options in place. Mr. Bacon indicated that breakfast is not offered at the other elementary buildings and our principals and staff do a great job of identifying and providing for those students who may not have gotten a breakfast some mornings. This would also happen at Round. Ms. Archey also noted that she surveyed district parents last year regarding the breakfast program and more than 70% indicated they were not interested in the program. The Board agreed that as long as the needs of our students are being met, they don't see the need to continue the program at Round.

ANNUAL
BREAKFAST
HEARING

There was no response to Call to the Public.

CALL TO PUBLIC

Mr. Aberasturi noted that the Board and the community need to contact our legislators regarding the 2X funding formula that has fallen by the wayside over the past few years. This formula increases funding for districts, like Hartland, that are at the bottom of the funding scale, while leveling off the funding of those at the top of the scale. This formula is one way to actually achieve some form of funding equity among the state's school districts.

BOARD REPORTS

Motion by Kenrich, supported by Hemeyer that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations, approves the financial report as of April 30, 2017, and the payment of invoices totaling \$1,506,921.02 and payroll obligations totaling \$2,762,844.71. Motion carried 6-0.

PAYMENT OF
INVOICES

Motion by Aberasturi, supported by Gatewood that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the LESA Budget for 2017/2018 as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

2017/18 LESA
BUDGET

Motion by Costa, supported by Gatewood that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, authorizes Chris Costa to represent Hartland Consolidated Schools and Michelle Hemeyer to serve as an alternate in the upcoming LESA Biennial Election. Further the Board directs them to cast votes for Don Cortez and LuAnn Loy. Motion carried 6-0. 6/5/17 LESA ELECTION

Motion by Hemeyer, supported by Aberasturi that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and pursuant to previous discussion, authorizes the district to participate in Livingston County early college programs (Early/Middle College) as presented. Motion carried 6-0. EARLY/MIDDLE COLLEGE

Motion by Kenrick, supported by Costa that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations and the Director of Operations, approves the purchase of a walk-in refrigerator/freezer for the Student Nutrition Department from Douglas Equipment in the amount of \$45,713.46, as presented. Motion carried 6-0. Mr. Bacon noted that this is being purchased entirely through the Student Nutrition budget. FREEZER PURCHASE

The Board discussed the new and revised policies and had no immediate concerns. Mr. VanEpps noted that, as they had just received them and they were extensive, the Board could contact him or Mr. Hughes if they had any questions between now and the June 12 meeting. These will come before the Board for action on June 12. DISCUSSION: POLICIES

President Dumond noted that the next meeting will be June 12 at 6:30 p.m. and then the final meeting of the 2016/17 school year and the Budget Hearing will be held on June 26 at 6:30 p.m. FUTURE MEETINGS

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m. ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Hemeyer
Secretary

Paula Waters
Recording Secretary