

Hartland Consolidated Schools  
Regular Meeting-Board of Education Minutes  
October 11, 2021

Members present: T. Dumond, M. Hemeyer, C. Costa, K. Coleman, C. Aberasturi

Members absent: B. Gatewood, C. Kenrick

Admin. Present: C. Hughes, D. Minsker, S. VanEpps, R. Bois, M. Marino, S. Usher, A. Kreger, D. Hottum, M. Marino, S. Moore-Way, A. Dean, T. Howerton, K. Konarski, N. Conley, C. Hayes, L. Archey

Guests: N. Dorough, S. Burgor, S. Russano, M. Potrykus, B. Laibly, L. Moore, M. Youngs, M. Weller, T. Colone, A. Colone  
Aaron's iPhone, Adam Laurie, Alyssa Smith, Amber Murphy, Amber's iPhone, Becky Stepp, Beth Maurin, Britta's iPhone, Christi Severinsen, Danielle Custodio, Danielle Deman, Donna Pikula, Eileen Wright, Elaine C, Emma Gorang, Erika Wheeler - Intern P.D., Erin, Erin Dennis, Giselle, Glenn, Heather Calabrese, HL iPhone, Jack Gruber, Janet Chodos, Jeannine Gogoleski, Jennifer Gruber, Jessica Drager, JG, Jill Mosack, Joan (Mae Pennala), John Moraitis, Joshua Summers, Kathy Patterson, Katie, Kelly Chapman, Lauren Brynolf, Lauren Reck, Lindsay McFarland, Matt Conway, Melinda Howe, Melissa Frasier, Michelle, Monica Daavettilla, Nina, Noah Eastman, Olena Mandeville, pamela meng, Rebekah Lange, Ron (Noah and Ron), Shari Russano, Shell, SKS (Winter Lane Girls), Steven Leemgraven, Sue C, Theresia, (Brandy), Vic Bugni, Wendy & Eric Phillipa, Wyatt

President Dumond called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Boardroom of the Hartland Educational Support Service Center. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**10/11/21 AGENDA APPROVED**

Motion by Aberasturi, supported by Hemeyer, that the agenda for the October 11, 2021 regular meeting be approved. Motion carried 5-0.

**9/20/21 MINUTES APPROVED**

Motion by Coleman, supported by Costa, that the minutes of the September 20, 2021 regular meeting be approved. Motion carried 5-0.

**SUPERTINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent Hughes reminded the Board that he will be out of the district Wednesday, 10/13 through Wednesday, October 20<sup>th</sup>.

**2020-21 AUDITORS' REPORT**

Rachel Bois introduced the auditors from Plante Moran who presented the results of the audit for the year ending June 30, 2021. They reported an unmodified, or clean opinion, of the district's financial statements.

President Dumond thanked Rachel and the administration for all their hard work.

**HAPPENINGS AT LAKES ELEMENTARY**

Superintendent Hughes introduced Principal Howerton from Lakes Elementary. Mr. Howerton introduced social worker Leslie Leemgraven, who talked about Social Emotional Learning.

**HAPPENINGS IN MAINTENANCE/SINKING FUND**

Superintendent Hughes introduced Matt Marino, Director of Operations, who talked about the issues the district faced opening this year due to power outages, supply shortages, etc. He then highlighted the work that has been done to date.

## **BOND UPDATE**

Matt Marino updated the Board on the status of the projects and reminded everyone these updates are available on our website.

## **CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Shelly, J. Smith, C. Robinson, J. Ringuette, M. Blondeel, N. Dorough, M. Potrykus, M. Weller, S. Daavetila, addressed the Board.

## **BOARD REPORTS**

Chris Costa mentioned he has had conversations with Superintendent Hughes and supports what he, the administration and the Board are doing. Everyone is doing their best to figure out what is best for the district.

## **PAYMENT OF INVOICES**

Motion by Costa, supported by Aberasturi, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Chief Financial Officer, approves the financial report as of September 30, 2021, and the payment of invoices totaling \$3,337,701.24 and payroll obligations totaling \$2,348,514.43. Motion carried 5-0.

## **2021-22 GOALS**

Motion by Hemeyer, supported by Coleman, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the 2021-22 Goals as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

## **3R'S DEFINED**

Motion by Coleman, supported by Hemeyer, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, adopts the defined 3R's as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

## **NATURAL GAS PURCHASE**

Motion by Aberasturi, supported by Hemeyer, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Chief Financial Officer and consultant Executive Energy Services, authorizes the Superintendent or Chief Financial Officer to extend our current contract through EDF Energy Services for the purchase of natural gas for Hartland Consolidated Schools from July 2022 through June 2025 at a price not to exceed \$3.95/MMBtu. Motion carried 5-0.

## **POLICY #0167.3**

Motion by Coleman, supported by Costa, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the changes to Policy #0167.3 Public Participation at Board Meetings as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

## **POLICY #1410.01**

Motion by Coleman, supported by Hemeyer, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the changes to Policy #1410.01 Compensation and Longevity Schedule as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Superintendent Hughes noted to the Board that he added the Technology, Grants, and Data System Coordinator to the Supervisor Tier 2 schedule.

## **NEW HIRE**

Motion by Hemeyer, supported by Aberasturi, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, offers a probationary teaching contract to Morgan Youngs for the 2021/22 school year at the Step 4, MA salary tract, pending verification of credentials and Public Acts 99, 83 & 189 requirements, if applicable. Motion carried 5-0. Principal Kreger introduced Ms. Youngs.

## **POLICY #6685**

Superintendent Hughes talked about changes to this policy that will allow him to provide a stipend to deserving individuals in the District.

**RESOLUTION – MDOT MASTER AGREEMENT-HARTLAND SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER**

Superintendent Hughes introduced Kim Konarski, director of the Senior Activity Center, who talked about the grant opportunity with MDOT to purchase a new vehicle for the senior center. This agreement is effective for the next 5 years.

**FUTURE MEETINGS**

President Dumond noted that the next meeting would be held November 8, 2021, regular, at 6:30 p.m. in the Boardroom of the Educational Support Service Center.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

Thom Dumond announced that the next Board tours will be in a couple of weeks.

Charlie Aberasturi submitted his resignation to the Board. He noted this will be effective the day after the appointment of his replacement, or the last day he is eligible to serve on the Board.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle Hemeyer  
Secretary



Renee Braden  
Recording Secretary