

Hartland Board of Education  
Minutes of April 9, 2018  
West Hartland Library

**BOE Present: Steve Abrahamsen, Andy Fenn, Staci Hastey, Tim Irwin, Ellen Smith, Pam Weber, Laura H. Hollingsworth, and Dr. Anthony Distasio**

Chairperson **P. Weber** called the Board Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Hartland Board of Education Mission Statement read by **P. Weber**.

**Approval of New Board Member-** Chairperson **P. Weber** read a letter of interest received from **Kene Daley**, to fill the vacant Democratic position on the BOE.

- Motion to approve new board member to fill vacant BOE position- **S. Hastey, S. Abrahamsen**, otherwise approved **unanimous**.

**Approval of Minutes- March 12, 2018**

- Motion to approve March 12, 2018 BOE Minutes with two corrections (Misspelling of “Seuss” under Principal Report and change the word “in” to “of” under the Public Comment section) – **T. Irwin, E. Smith**, otherwise approved **unanimous**.

**Communications-** NONE

**Public comment on Agenda Items-** Melissa Blanchette, a parent in the community questioned the regulations that are put in place for restraint and seclusions.

**Chair Report- P. Weber**

- **Budget Timeline-**  
Monday, May 7, 2018 – Budget Hearing – 8 p.m. Hartland Gym  
Monday, May 21, 2018 – Annual Town Meeting – 8 p.m. Hartland Gym  
Wednesday, May 23, 2018 – Budget Referendum – 12 – 8 p.m. Town Hall

**Superintendent Report- Dr. Anthony Distasio**

- **March Bills Paid- INFORMATIONAL ITEM**
- **Monthly Expense Report- INFORMATIONAL ITEM**

- **Emergency Cancellation Calls/Buses to Granby-** **A. Distasio** reported procedures for cancellations involve communication with both Dr. Palmer and Dr. Addley. **A. Distasio** indicated that he would recommend, beginning next year, that in the event that Hartland cancels, school buses would not run to other districts. **S. Haste**y expressed concern for those students that may play sports. **A. Distasio** will check to see how students playing sports would be effected by this change in procedure.
- **Budget-** **A. Distasio** reported the Board of Finance approved the 0.8% increase for the 2018-2019 budget.
- **Boiler-** **A. Distasio** reported that a boiler is in disrepair and should be replaced. He stated the boiler company had been out to replace corroded pipes this past week. **A. Distasio** reported we were in the process of receiving estimates.

### **Principal Report- L. Hollingsworth**

**L. Hollingsworth** thanked the Safety & Climate Committee for their efforts in supporting specific goals around safety, wellness and bullying. She also thanked **S. Bennett** for the informational website that she put together with the feedback from committee members. She stated you can find specific links for resources, and the minutes of the Safety & Climate Committee meetings. **L. Hollingsworth** reported an off-site drill was held for students in grades K-5. She stated this was so the students knew the routine, and the adults in charge could make changes to make the drills more efficient. **P. Weber** asked if a drill would be held for the M.S. students. **L. Hollingsworth** stated that she felt the students are more aware of what would be expected of them if they needed to be moved off-site. She reported recess monitors have backpacks well equipped with necessary items, as do the classrooms, in the event students had to be kept in the building. **L. Hollingsworth** thanked **D. Costolnick** for collecting artwork from students in grades 4-6. A student from each grade was selected to be entered into the Long Island Sound & Its Watershed Drawing Contest. **L. Hollingsworth** reported STEAM Night will be held Thursday, April 26, 2018 at 6:45 p.m. **L. Hollingsworth** thanked **A. Goguen** for all the her organization of the SBA testing, which will be held in May and completed by May 20, 2018. She stated snacks would be provided by PTO and a letter will be going home to parents this week.

### **Committee & Liaison Report- None**

### **Old Business- None**

## New Business-

- **Retirement Announcement-** **A. Distasio** reported **Wendy Ransom**, Paraprofessional, announced her retirement effective at the end of this school year. **A. Distasio** and **L. Hollingsworth** thanked her for her devoted service to Hartland students and staff.
  
- **Healthy Foods Certification- MOTION ITEM**
  - **For Healthy Food Option:** Pursuant to C.G.S. Section 10-215f, the board of education certifies that all food items offered for sale to students in the schools under its jurisdiction, and not exempted from the Connecticut Nutrition Standards published by the Connecticut State Department of Education, will comply with the Connecticut Nutrition Standards during the period of July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2019. This certification shall include all food offered for sale to students separately from reimbursable meals at all times and from all sources, including but not limited to, school stores, vending machines, school cafeterias, and any fundraising activities on school premises sponsored by the school or by non-school organizations and groups.
  
  - Motion to approve for Healthy Food Option- **S. Hastey, T. Irwin**, otherwise approved **unanimous**.
  
  - **For Exemption for Food Items:** The board of education or governing authority will allow the sale to students of food items that do not meet the Connecticut Nutrition Standards provided that the following conditions are met: 1) the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; 2) the sale is at the location of the event; and 3) the food items are not sold from a vending machine or school store. An “event” is an occurrence that involves more than just a regularly scheduled practice, meeting, or extracurricular activity. For example, soccer games, school plays, and interscholastic debates are events but soccer practices, play rehearsals, and debate team meetings are not. The “regular school day” is the period from midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day. “Location” means where the event is being held.
  
  - Motion to approve for Exemption for Food Items- **S. Abrahamsen, E. Smith**, otherwise approved **unanimous**.
  
- **Healthy Foods Policy 6142- MOTION ITEM**
  - Motion to approve revision based on audit- **S. Abrahamsen, T. Irwin**, otherwise approved **unanimous**.

- **Last Day of School & Promotion Date-** **A. Distasio** reported if we were to complete 182 school days, then the last day of school would be June 26, 2018. State law mandates we need to complete at least 180 days, which brings our last day to June 22, 2018. He stated it will go to the BOE for a vote at next month's meeting.

### **Public Comment on Agenda Items-**

Kevin Swiniarski, a parent in the community asked for information on how to bid for the boiler job.

### **Future Agenda Items**

- Spring Newsletter
- BOE Goals
- Superintendent Evaluation
- Next Meeting **May 14, 2018**

Adjournment: 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Sherice Bennett**  
Board Recording Secretary

**Staci Hastey**  
Board Secretary