

Hartland Board of Education  
Minutes of August 27, 2018  
Conference Room

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

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

**Approval of Minutes- June 11, 2018**

- Motion to approve June 11, 2018 BOE Minutes- **S. Abrahamsen, E. Smith** with **A. Fenn** abstention, otherwise approved **unanimous**.

**Communications- None**

**Public comment on Agenda Items- None**

**Chair Report- None**

**Superintendent Report- Dr. Anthony Distasio-**

- **CABE Conference-** November 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> @ Mystic Marriott. **A. Distasio** stated if any of the BOE members would like to attend this conference, to please reach out to him directly.
- **Conference in July at Yale University-** **A. Distasio** reported he attended this conference along with **Ms. Hollingsworth** and **Ms. Zimmerman**. He stated the focus of the conference was on Emotional Intelligence. **A. Distasio** reported it is an initiative that we would like to embrace at Hartland School, and that it is being used in many CT districts to help ease the stress and anxiety amongst students and adults. **A. Distasio** indicated that a grant funded the summer conference and that a grant from EdAdvance would partially fund the workshop this year.
- **Summer Projects-**

**Roof Project-** **A. Distasio** reported Joe Alicata would be attending the next BOE meeting with up to date details.

**Boiler Replacement-** **A. Distasio** reported the new boiler has been installed and there are just a few minor details to complete.

**Library Lighting-** **A. Distasio** reported dimmers have been installed in the library.

**New Clock System-** **A. Distasio** reported the new clock system in the school has been updated and all clocks will stay in sequence.

**Installation of Smartboards-** **A. Distasio** reported four new Smartboards have been installed in different classrooms throughout the school.

**Screen Replacements-** **A. Distasio** reported the screens are on order and will be replaced when they arrive.

**Replacement of Blinds-** **A. Distasio** reported most of the blinds have been replaced throughout the school. He stated that there are a few more, including the gym, that need to be installed.

**Building Preparation-** **A. Distasio** reported **Roger Dziejcz, Kevin Frank, and Lynn Halsted** did a great job getting the building ready for the new school year. He also stated **Lee Levan, Donna Roberts, and Sherice Bennett** did a wonderful job preparing schedules and any needed materials for us.

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

**L. Hollingsworth** reported Professional Development Days were being held August 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. She also stated that on Tuesday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, a Kindergarten Meet & Greet would be held. This event is held yearly for kindergarten parents as well as any students, new or nervous, to come and familiarize themselves with the school and their teachers. **L. Hollingsworth** reported the teachers would be using time to review IEP's and go over any scheduling glitches. She stated the building is filled with excitement and that teachers and staff are happily awaiting the arrival of students. **L. Hollingsworth** reported some classrooms were shifted this year due to the increase in our pre-k enrollment. She stated **Ronnie Alicata** has put together a wonderful Cultural Arts schedule for this year. The first assembly will be held Friday, August 30, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.

## **Committee & Liaison Report-**

- **Board of Finance-** **A. Distasio** reported the next meeting will be held on September 19, 2018. He stated the Board of Finance did not meet in July or August.

## **Old Business-**

- **June Expense Report-** **A. Distasio** reported that the 2017-2018 budget was successfully closed and that the amount of \$57,259.70 was turned back to the Town of Hartland. He stated that the summer projects listed above were funded from the 2017-2018 budget.

- **June Bills Paid- INFORMATIONAL ITEM**

### **New Business-**

- **Budget- A. Distasio** reported the 2018-2019 budget is 4% expended and is in great shape.
- **July Bills Paid- INFORMATIONAL ITEM**
- **July Expense Report- INFORMATIONAL ITEM**
- **Resignation- A. Distasio** reported a letter of resignation was accepted from **Andrea Siana-Toland**, art teacher.
- **Staffing-**
  - **Art Position- A. Distasio** reported that **Kelly Lewis** has been hired for the Art Teacher position.
  - **Custodial Position- A. Distasio** reported **Kevin Frank** has been hired for the evening custodial position.
  - **Paraprofessional Position- A. Distasio** reported **TJ Kent** has been hired as a paraprofessional for the school year. He stated **TJ** holds a Health Certification and that it would allow him to teach health curriculum in grades 6-8.
    - Motion to approve .1 teacher and .9 paraprofessional contract for the hire of **TJ Kent- S. Abrahamsen, A. Fenn**, with **K. Daley** opposition, otherwise approved **unanimous**.

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

- **Deb Costolnick**, middle school science teacher expressed her appreciation to the Board of Education members for their approval to have **TJ Kent** teach health to students in grades 6-8. She stated with the new NGSS (New Generation Science Standards), some of material that would be covered is no longer covered in science like it has been in the past.

## **Future Agenda Items-**

- Board Goals 2018-2019 School Year
- Committee Reports
- Next Meeting- **September 10, 2018**

Adjournment: 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Sherice Bennett**  
Board Recording Secretary

**Staci Hastey**  
Board Secretary