

Hartland Board of Education
Minutes of January 9, 2017
Conference Room

BOE Present: Pam Weber, Alana Bordewieck, Tim Irwin, Steve Abrahamsen, Jim Bonetti, Laura H. Hollingsworth, and Dr. Anthony Distasio.

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

The Hartland Board of Education Mission Statement being read by **Steve Abrahamsen**.

Approval of Minutes- December 12, 2016, Special Minutes December 12, 2016

- Motion to approve December 12, 2016 Special Minutes **A. Bordewieck, S. Abrahamsen**, with **J. Bonetti** abstention, otherwise approved **unanimous**.
- Motion to approve December 12, 2016 Board of Education minutes **T. Irwin, S. Abrahamsen**, with **J. Bonetti** abstention, otherwise approved **unanimous**.

Communications-

- **Jill Skaret**, Student Council Liaison reported that there are 22 students that represent the Student Council. She also stated that the Thanksgiving Can Drive was phenomenal and the items were donated to the Town Food Pantry. During the Senior Luncheon held on December 19th, students helped to serve the seniors. **Jill** reported about school spirit week which was held the week before Winter Break. Students were able to dress in crazy sweaters, socks and slippers, hats, and pajamas. On pajama day students and staff were asked to give a \$1 donation that would be donated to CCMC. The total amount raised was nearly \$300. **Jill** also stated Student Council has more ideas such as spirit bracelets, and Hero for a Day.

Public comment on Agenda Items- None

Chair Report-

- Board of Education Subcommittees- Informational Item
- Board of Education Officers- Informational Item
- Board of Education Meeting Dates- Informational Item

Superintendent Report- Dr. Anthony Distasio

- Our annual Holiday Concert was held on the afternoon of December 16. Mr. Spagnesi and the children provided a wonderful performance. The Winter Concert will be Thursday, January 12, 2017 at 1 p.m. & 7 p.m.

- We are beginning to develop the budget for the 2017-2018 school year and have met with Shared Services to begin the process.
- **BOE Budget Subcommittee** – A 6:00 meeting will be held prior to the February Board of Education meeting. Budget Subcommittee Members: **Staci Hastey, Chris Metcalfe, Ellen Smith, and Pam Weber**
- **Budget Timeline-** Informational Item
- **Annual Report-** Informational Item

Principal Report-- L. Hollingsworth

L. Hollingsworth thanked **Jen Abalan** and the ladies at the Hartland Town Hall for their efforts in delivering gift donations for families in town. **L. Hollingsworth** reported that representatives from surrounding districts: Norfolk, Colebrook, Barkhamsted, and New Hartford have been meeting to align the new curriculum around the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). She reported that all 5 districts will be sharing the cost to have Jamie Rechenberg from CREC meet with them to help develop the new curriculum. **L. Hollingsworth** shared that Drama Club has begun. A performance will be held in early March. She reported that Hartford Stage Artist in Residence, would be visiting with the 5th and 6th graders this week. The 5th grade will be exploring *Maniac McGee* and the 6th grade will be exploring *On My Honor*. **L. Hollingsworth** stated that Ann Marie Cox from the Granby district would meet with 7th & 8th students for 3 days to help address internet safety, suicide awareness, health, and social/emotional issues.

Committee & Liaison Report

- **Board of Finance-** The Board of Finance will be meeting on Wednesday, January 18, 2017.

Old Business-

- **Substitute Teachers-** **A. Distasio** reported that our pay for substitute teachers was within reason compared to surrounding districts. He also stated that Kelly Services would be available to us if we were not able to get a substitute off our personal list. They would charge us \$131.56/day. **A. Distasio** reported between the months of October and December there were 11 days that were not able to be covered by a substitute.

New Business-

- **Financial Reports-** **A. Distasio** reported the budget is 38% expended. Areas of the budget which need to be monitored are legal fees, and the water issues. He also reported that a reduction of \$13,105.00 from the state for education funding.

Public Comment on Agenda Items- NONE

Future Agenda Items

- Superintendent/Board of Education Goal Mid-Year Review
- Policy Review
- Committee Reports
- Next Meeting – February 13, 2017

Executive Session- Personnel Principal

- Meeting went into executive session at 7:34 p.m. Motion to approve, **A. Bordewieck, T. Irwin**, otherwise unanimous. Executive session went until 8:05 p.m. Motion to end executive session **A. Bordewieck, S. Abrahamsen**, otherwise unanimous.

Adjournment: 8:05 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Sherice Bennett
Board Recording Secretary