

Hartland Board of Education
Minutes of June 11, 2018
Conference Room

BOE Present: Steve Abrahamsen, Kene Daley, Tim Irwin, Christopher Metcalfe, Ellen Smith, Pam Weber, Laura H. Hollingsworth, and Dr. Anthony Distasio.

Chairperson **P. Weber** called the Board Meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Approval of Minutes- May 14, 2018

- Motion to approve May 14, 2018 BOE Minutes- **E. Smith, C. Metcalfe** with **T. Irwin, S. Abrahamsen** abstention, otherwise approved **unanimous**.

Communications-

- **Student Representative- Samantha Saunders**, a member of Student Council reported the last M.S. dance was held on May 18, 2018 and was very well attended. She stated most students felt it was the best dance of the school year. **Samantha** reported that the “Friday Color Wars” has been a great success. The classes that showed the most spirit by wearing a predetermined color received popsicles. She stated Student Council sold “Choose Kindness” bracelets which is part of their theme this year. The bracelets sold for \$2.00 each and all proceeds were donated to the Town Assistance Program. **Samantha** reported that the last week of school, June 18-22, 2018, is Student Council Spirit Week. Each day has a different theme; pajama day, crazy hat and hair day, and mismatch day.

Public comment on Agenda Items- None

Chair Report- Pam Weber

- **Devlin Scholarship-**
It is with extreme pleasure that we present the Devlin Scholarship to **Zachary Kidd**. **Zachary** is a wonderful young man from Hartland who will be attending Washington University next year. He will be studying Biotechnology and Computer Sciences, working on a double major. While attending Suffield Academy, **Zachary** received a number of awards and honors. He was the National Merit Scholar recipient and was a high honors student for all four years. **Zachary** also participated in a number of sports activities. **Zachary** attended the meeting to receive recognition and was extremely grateful for the award. Congratulations **Zachary**!

Superintendent Report- Dr. Anthony Distasio-

- **Budget Referendum-** **A. Distasio** reported that the Budget Referendum passed. Final counts were 50 yes and 6 no on Wednesday, May 23, 2018. **A. Distasio** thanked the BOE and the teachers for their support.
- **Boiler-** **A. Distasio** reported the contract with Mega Mechanical Services has been executed. He stated they would be replacing the boiler during the summer months. **INFORMATIONAL ITEM**
- **Replacement Blinds-** **A. Distasio** reported that a quote of \$28,000.00 has been received for the replacement of blinds throughout the school. He stated that in many of the classrooms, the blinds are not functioning as they should. **A. Distasio** reported in the event of an emergency, faculty and staff need to be able to close the blinds to prevent anyone from seeing into the classrooms. **INFORMATIONAL ITEM**
- **Replacement Screens-** **A. Distasio** reported many classrooms are in need of either new window screens or replacement of window screens. He stated a quote of \$21,000.00 was received. **INFORMATIONAL ITEM**
- **School Clocks-** **A. Distasio** reported there has been issues with the school clocks for many years. Due to the age of the clock system, it is difficult to have them repaired. **A. Distasio** reported a quote was received from M & S Audio in the amount of \$8400.00. **INFORMATIONAL ITEM**
- **TECHNOLOGY-** **A. Distasio** reported some classrooms were in need of new Smart boards and projectors, new teacher laptops, and 20 new iPads. **INFORMATIONAL ITEM**
 - Motion to approve \$89,000.00 in funds from the 2017-2018 budget to be used for the items listed above- **E. Smith, K. Daley**, otherwise approved **unanimous**.

Principal Report-- L. Hollingsworth

L. Hollingsworth reported **D. Costolnick** and **A. Siana-Toland** submitted art work to the Long Island Sound art project and **Jonathan Wutka**, a 6th grade student, received honorable mention at a dinner ceremony that both Laura and Deb attended. Laura also shared that **Kaley Ouellette**, a 5th grade student received honorable mention as well as **Karly Robotham**, a 6th grade student who received 2nd place through the Winsted Area Peace Action Peace Poster Project. This was Hartland Schools 3rd year participating in this activity. **L. Hollingsworth** reported there has been many field trips. The 6th grade to Project O', the 2nd and 3rd grade to the CT Science Center, and Kindergarten and 1st to Roaring Brook. She thanked the PTO for their support in helping with paying for the buses. **L. Hollingsworth** thanked John Welcome, Amy Bourque, and the chaperones for making the 8th grade Washington, D.C. such a trip success. It was stated that a committee would be formed to help with future 8th grade trips, as the number of students enrolled has declined and the expense

seems to be getting larger. **L. Hollingsworth** reported that options would be available to parents and students to decide which would be more accommodating, ranging from a day trip to an overnight class trip to D.C.

Committee & Liaison Report- None

Old Business-

- **Roof- A. Distasio** reported all bids have been received for the roof project. He stated Imperial Restoration submitted the lowest bid. **A. Distasio** reported the project should be starting during the summer months.

New Business-

- **May Bills & Statements-** **A. Distasio** reported the budget is in great shape and it is expected that the BOE will be returning monies back to the town.
- **Budget Reconciliation for the 2017-2018 School Year-**
- Approval needed to authorize the Superintendent of Schools to hire personnel with the exception of administrators, during the months of July and August, in conjunction with members of the personnel subcommittee participating on interview committees.- **MOTION ITEM**
 - Motion to approve- **E. Smith, S. Abrahamsen**, otherwise approved **unanimous**.
- Approval needed to authorize the Superintendent of Schools to make the necessary transfers and expenditures to close the books as of June 30, 2018 and to expend all appropriate funds for 2017-2018.- **MOTION ITEM**
 - Motion to approve- **C. Metcalfe, K. Daley**, otherwise approved **unanimous**.

Public Comment on Agenda Items- NONE

Future Agenda Items-

- Next Meeting – **August 27, 2018 (NO MEETING IN JULY)**

Adjournment: 7:47 p.m.

Thank you for your continued support. Have a great summer!

Respectfully submitted,

Sherice Bennett
Board Recording Secretary

Staci Hasti
Board Secretary

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