

Hartland Board of Education  
Minutes of June 12, 2017  
Conference Room

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

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

**Approval of Minutes- May 8, 2017**

- Motion to approve May 8, 2017 BOE Minutes- **A. Fenn, S. Hastey** otherwise approved **unanimous**.

**Communications-**

- **Staci** reported that she has been attending Shared Services meetings. She stated they are very happy to have a Hartland representative attend the meetings. Staci also reported that **Paula Moribitto** has returned to Shared Services.
- **Sarah Zimmerman** (School Psychologist) and **Alissa Goguen**, (Literacy Specialist) presented information on SRBI. They explained how the data is used to inform instruction and Literacy, Math, and Social Emotional interventions. They reported the next steps based on teacher feedback.
- **Public comment on Agenda Items- None**

**Chair Report- Pam Weber**

- **Pam** noted to the board that she would like members of the board to tour the school to see the class rooms and meet some of the teachers. This may occur at the August 28<sup>th</sup> meeting or perhaps on Open House in September. Pam also stated that she would like to have BOE members to attend the morning of August 28<sup>th</sup> to welcome the teachers back to school. Pam will attend that morning, providing refreshments or a light treat along with a thank you and welcome back comment. Throughout the year Pam noted that she would like to have board members visit classrooms as a way to bridge the relationship between teachers, students and administration. A letter will be sent to the teachers letting them know that the BOE would like to be more involved throughout the year.

## Superintendent Report- Dr. Anthony Distasio-

- **Devlin Scholarship-**

It is with extreme pleasure that we present the Devlin Scholarship to **Matthew Sorensen**. **Matthew** is a Hartland student currently attending Regional School District #7 High School. He is planning on attending Bryant University next year with a major in Finance. While at Regional, he received the CAPSS Award, received academic recognition at the annual awards program, and was the Class Secretary. He is well deserving of this very prestigious award. Congratulations **Matthew**! **Matthew** was not able to attend to accept the check but noted that he was extremely grateful for the award. **S. Abrahamsen** reported that **Mr. Sorenson** was happy and hoped to drop off a thank-you note but he did not make it in time.

- **Budget Referendum-** **A. Distasio** reported that the Budget Referendum passed. Final counts were 100 yes and 35 no on Wednesday, May 24, 2017. **A. Distasio** thanked the BOE, PTO and the teachers for supporting the budget at such a difficult time.

- **Personnel Postings-** **A. Distasio** reported that there is no need for a long term substitute for the school nurse. **Rachel Hille** will return at the start of the 2017-2018 school year.

- **Roof/Solar Project-** **A. Distasio** reported that he and **Joe Alicata** met with the state on May 31, 2017 to begin the application process for the State Grant to fund the west wing roof and solar project. He stated that a correction of the wording is needed on the Solar Roof Project paperwork and it would be addressed at the BOF meeting this evening.

- **REAP (Rural Education Achievement Program) Grant-** **A. Distasio** reported that he and **L. Hollingsworth** participated in a webinar on May 30, 2017 so a grant could be properly submitted to the Office of Elementary and Secondary Education. He also stated that the Lighting Grant has been signed and submitted.

## Principal Report-- L. Hollingsworth

**L. Hollingsworth** reported **D. Costolnick** submitted art work to the Long Island Sound art project and **Mia Bellemare**, a 6<sup>th</sup> grade student, won first place and was be recognized at a dinner ceremony that both Laura and Deb attended. Mia's art work will also be featured in the Long Island Sound calendar.

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

## **Old Business- None**

## **New Business-**

- **May Bills & Statements- A. Distasio** reported the budget is about 82% expended and we are in good shape. He reported there is at least a \$250,000 surplus. **A. Distasio** reported the school needs to redo the speaker system (about \$8-\$10K), fix sinks in girl's bathroom (about \$2-3K), replace the telephone system (\$6K) and replace the water compressor (\$2,557). It is expected that the BOE will be returning around \$250,000 back to the town.
- **Budget Reconciliation for the 206-2017 School Year-**
- Approval needed to authorize the Superintendent of Schools to hire personnel except 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 **A. Bordewieck, S. Hastey** 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, 2017 and expend all appropriate funds for the fiscal year 2016-2017.—**MOTION ITEM**
  - Motion to approve **S. Hastey, E. Smith**, otherwise approved **unanimous**.
- **Approval of Superintendent Contract 2017-2020-**
  - Motion to approve **S. Hastey, S. Abrahamsen**, otherwise approved **unanimous**.

## **Public Comment on Agenda Items- NONE**

## **Future Agenda Items-**

- Next Meeting – **August 28, 2017 (NO MEETING IN JULY)**

Adjournment: 8:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

**Sherice Bennett**  
Board Recording Secretary

**Alana Bordewieck**  
Board Secretary