

Hartland Board of Education  
Minutes of March 12, 2018-DRAFT  
Conference Room

**BOE Present: S. Abrahamsen, Andy Fenn, Staci Haste, Tim Irwin, Chris Metcalfe, Ellen Smith, Pam Weber, Laura H. Hollingsworth, and Dr. Anthony Distasio**

Chairperson **P. Weber** called the Board Meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

The Hartland Board of Education Mission Statement read by **T. Irwin**.

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

- Motion to approve February 12, 2018 BOE Minutes- **S. Haste, S. Abrahamsen**, otherwise approved **unanimous**.

**Communications-** NONE

**Public comment on Agenda Items-** NONE

**Chair Report-** NONE

**Superintendent Report- Dr. Anthony Distasio**

- **Legislative Breakfast-** **A. Distasio** reported he attended the legislative breakfast, held at the State Capital on Thursday, February 15, 2018. He reported the issues discussed at the Legislative meeting were as follows: **INFORMATIONAL ITEM**
  1. Unfunded Mandates
  2. Mid-Year Budget Reductions to Towns
  3. Burden of Proof- Special Education
  4. Student Data Privacy Act
  5. Viral Net Metering
- **Board of Finance-** **A. Distasio** reported he attended the Board of Finance meeting on February 21, 2018. He reported the Budget Presentation will be presented on Wednesday, March 21, 2018 in the Hartland School Library at 7:30 p.m. - **INFORMATIONAL ITEM**

- **Board of Education Emails-** **A. Distasio** requested to please not “reply all” to any emails sent from him in regards to BOE topics due to legality concerns. He is available to answer questions by individual email or by phone so as not to risk an illegal meeting.
- **Emergency Closing Days-** **A. Distasio** reported as of March 9, 2018, we have had eight emergency closing days and our last day of school is scheduled for June 22, 2018. –INFORMATIONAL ITEM
- **Roof Meeting-** **A. Distasio** reported that he and **Joe Alicata** met with the State on February 21, 2018. He stated they went through the proper paperwork protocol and were approved. **A. Distasio** reported the project will go out to bid and is hopeful to begin this summer.

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

**L. Hollingsworth** reported that “Read Aloud Day” which was held on February 14, 2018, was a success thanks to the many community members involved, Mrs. Ryan, and the PTO for purchasing the books and providing hospitality. She also stated “Read Across America /Dr. Seuss Week” was held the first week of March and thanked Amy Bourque, Ronnie Alicata, Alissa Goguen and Leigh Ann Ryan for their efforts in organizing the week of events. **L. Hollingsworth** reported the students took part in spirit week consisting of different themes every day. She also stated throughout the halls, different Dr. Seuss themed decorations were outside the classrooms and the student council is expected to vote for the winner. **L. Hollingsworth** stated that drills continue to be practiced and the Safety and Climate Committee continue to work through practices of proper protocols and safety measures for emergency events. She stated that in light of the tragic events that occurred in Parkland, Florida, students across the country were preparing for a “walkout” to be held on March 14, 2018. She stated that the plan for our middle school students in grades six through eight would be to participate in a 17-minute moment of silence, part of #**whatsyour17**. Seventh and eighth grade will work in the gym in a small group, setting personal goals and signing a pledge for kindness. Sixth grade will work together as a group in their classroom. She stated that an email would be sent out to families to notify them of the plan.

### **Committee & Liaison Report-**

- **Shared Services-** **S. Hastey** reported meeting was canceled due to lack of quorum.

### **Old Business- None**

### **New Business-**

- **Resignation-** **A. Distasio** reported a letter of resignation, effective as of March 16, 2018, was accepted from **Ms. Doni Anderson**, paraprofessional.
- **Report on Budget-** **A. Distasio** reported the budget is just about 61% expended but in great shape.
- **February Bills-** **INFORMATIONAL ITEM**
- **Budget Presentation 2018-2019 Budget-** **INFORMATIONAL/MOTION ITEM-**

Motion to approve 2018-2019 budget increase of 0.8% for the total increase amount of \$42,693.00. The total budget request was approved as \$5,360,738 for the 2018-2019 fiscal year. **E. Smith, S. Abrahamsen**, with **T. Irwin** abstention, otherwise approved **unanimous**.

- **New Policy-** **Policy 5145.53 Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming Students-** **SECOND READING-** **MOTION ITEM-**

Motion to approve with the amendment. **S. Hastey, E. Smith**, with **C. Metcalfe, T. Irwin** abstention, otherwise approved **unanimous**.

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

**Kene Daley**, parent of the community, commented about the Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming Students Policy. **Amy Bourque**, a parent of the community, commented about our protocol regarding the canceling and delaying of school due to the weather conditions.

## **Future Agenda Items**

- Policy Review
- Committee Reports
- Next Meeting **April 9, 2018 (WEST HARTLAND)**

Adjournment: 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Sherice Bennett**  
Board Recording Secretary

**Staci Hastey**  
Board Secretary

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