

Hartland Board of Education
Minutes of March 13, 2017- Draft
Conference Room

BOE Present: Pam Weber, Staci Hastey, Alana Bordewieck, Tim Irwin, Steve Abrahamsen, Jim Bonetti, Andy Fenn, Ellen Smith, 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 **Staci Hastey**.

Approval of Minutes- February 13, 2017

- Motion to approve February 13, 2017 BOE Minutes **A. Bordewieck, S. Hastey**, otherwise approved **unanimous**.

Communications- None

Teacher Presentation-

- Mrs. Fragione's fourth grade class created pizzas using different art supplies. The class created these during their fraction unit of Math In Focus. The seven students shared their pizzas that showed how to solve real world fraction problems using a key.

Public comment on Agenda Items- None

Chair Report- None

Superintendent Report- Dr. Anthony Distasio

- **Attendance- A. Distasio** spoke about the snow days. As of the most recent snow date March 14, 2017 our dismissal day will be June 23, 2017. The Board will officially set the last date during the May meeting.
- **Approval of the Healthy Food Certification Program- Motion Item-**

The Hartland Board of Education agrees to participate in the Healthy Food Certification Program and agrees that all food items offered for sale to students will meet the said standards during the period of July 1, 2017 thru June 30, 2018.

- Motion to approve **S. Hastey, E. Smith**, otherwise approved **unanimous**.

- **Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendant Award**

Congratulations to **Abby Jabs** for receiving this year's CAPPs Award. This year's award program will be an afternoon event at Chatterly's Banquet Facility in Torrington (formerly the Cornucopia). The program's awards ceremony will be held at 4 p.m. Congratulations to **Abby** for receiving this well-deserved award and for being such a wonderful example of the type of students we have at Hartland School. **A. Distasio** reported this event has been postponed due to the impending weather.

- **Energy Audit-** **A. Distasio** met with a consultant from Energy Resources, who is doing an energy audit of our school. They have a plan that is at no cost to the school districts, to replace lights and light fixtures in schools. **A. Distasio** reported that once he receives the report and how the program works he will seek Board approval.
- **Website-** **A. Distasio** reported he met with a website design company, Sosimple Content Management Systems to hear a proposal about the company possibly redesigning our school website. **A. Distasio** states that the contract from Finalsite, which is the current company that we use, expires June 30 and is very costly. The initial startup cost from Sosimple would be \$12, 500 and \$3200 a year for each year after. The yearly cost is significantly less than what we pay right now.
- **Peck Orchard Road-** **A. Distasio** reported Peck Orchard Road will be closed beginning on March 15, 2017 thru November 2017. This only effects two families, one of which gave Legeyt Bus Company permission to use their driveway to turn around.

Principal Report-- L. Hollingsworth

L. Hollingsworth reported that Hartland School is in Category 1 in the states new accountability measure. She stated that CT takes data from testing results and all the information input by Lee Levan into the state sites and is then categorized on a 5-point scale, 5 being in need of assistance. **L. Hollingsworth** commends the staff at Hartland School and how they always look for ways of achieving standards from further curriculum development. She also recognized colleagues in other districts that help as well in achieving these standards. **A. Distasio** commends **L. Hollingsworth** as well for being a great leader. He also thanked **Ronnie Alicata**, **Daniel Spagnesi**, **Cece Kendrick**, and **Mia Alicata** for a job well done with the cast of the drama club. **A. Distasio** stated the drama club did a phenomenal job performing "The Adventures of Captain Starblaster".

Committee & Liaison Report

- **Board of Finance-** The Board of Finance met on February 15, 2017. The date set for our Budget Presentation is Wednesday, March 15, 2017 in the Hartland School Library at 7:30 p.m.

Old Business-

- **A. Bordewieck** questioned whether or not the mural in the library of the early reservoir was being used as a learning tool to students. **L. Hollingsworth** explained that with the new social studies curriculum including community based learning this could be a good learning benefit. Further information will be looked into.

New Business-

- **Resignation** – **A. Distasio** has accepted the resignation of Amanda Seam, paraprofessional effective March 8, 2017.
- **Report on Budget-** **A. Distasio** reported the budget is 60% expended. Legal fees are still an area of concern.
- **Policy Review/Revision – First Reading – Motion Item**
Policy 4111 – This policy was revised on 6/8/2015, however it is recommended by CABE that a line be added to the policy that addresses the requirements by the FBI for institutions housing information provided by the FBI. We have a procedure that protects the information provided by the FBI, but this revision to the policy addresses it in policy form. **MOTION TO APPROVE THE REVISION** to include the following addition:

“Criminal Justice Information (CJI) is to be maintained in accordance with the administration regulation pertaining to the use and disclosure of criminal justice information.”
 - Motion to approve **S. Hastey, J. Bonetti**, otherwise approved **unanimous**.
- **Budget Presentation 2017-2018 Budget – A. Distasio – Motion Item/Information Item**- Increase of 0.9% for the total amount of \$50,065.
 - Motion to approve **A. Bordewieck, A. Fenn**, with **T. Irwin** abstention, otherwise approved **unanimous**.

Public Comment on Agenda Items- NONE

Future Agenda Items

- Policy Review
- Committee Reports
- Next Meeting – April 17, 2017 (**West Hartland**)

Adjournment: 8:06 pm

Respectfully submitted,

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