

Hartland Board of Education
Minutes of May 8, 2017
Conference Room

BOE Present: Pam Weber, Steve Abrahamsen, Tim Irwin, Staci Hastey, Christopher Metcalfe, Laura H. Hollingsworth, and Dr. Anthony Distasio.

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

The Hartland Board of Education Mission Statement being read by **Christopher Metcalfe**.

Approval of Minutes- April 17, 2017

- Motion to approve April 17, 2017 BOE Minutes with one correction (181 days was corrected to 185 days under New Business) **S. Abrahamsen, T. Irwin** with **C. Metcalfe/ S. Hastey** abstention, otherwise approved **unanimous**.

Communications-

- **Liam Murphy**, student representative for Hartland School reported Student Council was holding a Pet Drive for the town. This will be a maroon and gold contest school wide and items will be tallied up as they are received. **Liam** stated the last middle school dance of the year will be held June 2nd and student council voted on the theme, which will be glow in the dark. He reported SBA testing began May 2nd and student council made posters that were placed throughout the school to help cheer on their fellow students. **Liam** shared that Friday, May 5th is National Lunch Hero Day and Hartland School decided to proclaim the day Mrs. Halsted Day for all her hard work and dedication that she puts into our school hot lunch program.

Public comment on Agenda Items- None

Chair Report-

- **Budget Timeline-**
Monday, May 15, 2017- Town Meeting- 8 p.m. Hartland School Gym
Wednesday, May 24, 2017- Budget Referendum- 12-8 p.m. Hartland Town Hall (**PLEASE REMEMBER TO VOTE**)
- **P. Weber** read a thank you letter written by **N. Fragione**, HEA President, regarding the consideration of the school end date.

Superintendent Report- Dr. Anthony Distasio

- **Approval of the Healthy Food Certification Program: Motion Item**- Option #2 allows food to be sold, such as fundraisers, as long as it is 30 minutes after or before lunch is served.

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 comply with the CT Nutrition Standards as outlined in Consideration #2 in the State Department of Education nutrition program guidelines.

- Motion to approve **C. Metcalfe, S. Haste**y, otherwise approved **unanimous**.
- **Small Business Energy Advantage Program- Informational Item**- Contract executed on April 25, 2017.
- **Devlin Scholarship- A. Distasio** reported we are waiting to hear back from the Devlins and hope to announce the recipient at the June BOE meeting.

Principal Report-- L. Hollingsworth

L. Hollingsworth reported May 5, 2017 was National Lunch Hero day, so they recognized **L. Halsted** for all her hard work by declaring a proclamation over morning announcements and presenting her with a cape to wear for the day. Students had fun decorating the halls with posters to help celebrate. **L. Hollingsworth** thanked the PTO for all their efforts in making Teacher Appreciation Week a success. She stated the last PTO meeting of the year would be held on May 24, 2017 at the Coach Stop Restaurant. **L. Hollingsworth** reported **D. Costolnick** submitted art work to the Long Island Sound art project and **Mia Bellemare**, a 6th grade student, won first place and will be recognized at a dinner ceremony. Mia's art work will also be featured in the Long Island Sound calendar. **L. Hollingsworth** stated SBA testing is taking place for grades 3-8. Testing is running smoothly and students receive snacks and morning exercise before the start of the test. She thanked the PTO for providing the snacks for the students. **L. Hollingsworth** acknowledged **D. Spagnesi** for a job well done with his annual Spring Concert and reported that the eighth grade students were recognized for their participation. **L. Hollingsworth** shared that Friday, May 12th is the second of three SEL (Social Emotional Learning) days. She provided the BOE with a schedule of activities for the day. **L. Hollingsworth** reported that an announced lockdown drill was held with the supervision of **Officer Jim Bonetti** and that an unannounced one would be held in a few weeks.

Committee & Liaison Report-

- The Negotiation Subcommittee will be meeting after this evening's BOE meeting to discuss the Superintendent and Principal contracts.

Old Business- None

New Business-

- **April Bills & Monthly Expense Report-** **A. Distasio** reported the budget is in great shape and that a return of up to \$150,000 is expected to be returned to the town.
- **Review of Superintendent/BOE Goals- Informational Item**

Executive Session- Superintendent Evaluation and negotiations-

- Meeting went into executive session at 7:50 p.m. Motion to approve **T. Irwin, C. Metcalfe**, otherwise **unanimous**.
- Executive session went until 8:48 p.m. Motion to end executive session **C. Metcalfe, S. Hastey**, otherwise **unanimous**.

Ms. Hollingsworth was present at the meeting. Following the executive session, the Board Chair, **Pam Weber** spoke on behalf of the Board and she offered an increase of 2.5% to **Ms. Hollingsworth**. Discussion was held by both **Ms. Hollingsworth** and the Board members around what she was doing well and what could be opportunities for improvement. Both the Board and **Ms. Hollingsworth** shared examples of specific things she was doing well as the principal of Hartland School. **Ms. Hollingsworth** asked the Board to continue to provide her with feedback, both positive and areas in need of improvement, and to help her better understand the issues that may be discussed in the school community. This would serve her to better understand areas of need.

The evaluation of the superintendent was also conducted in executive session. Following the executive session, the Board reported that they find **Dr. Distasio's** performance to be superior and that he has the highest regards for our school students and staff. Chairperson, **Pam Weber** stated that the Board is extremely fortunate to have him in our school district.

Public Comment on Agenda Items- NONE

Future Agenda Items-

- Committee Reports
- Teacher Presentation – STAR360 Program
- Summer BOE Meeting Schedule (No meeting in July, August 28, 2017 meeting)
- Next Meeting – June 12, 2017
- Half Day – June 22, 2017
- Last Day of School – June 22, 2017

Adjournment: 9:10 pm

Respectfully submitted,

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Board Recording Secretary

Alana Bordewieck
Board Secretary