

Hartland Board of Education
Minutes of October 16, 2017
Conference Room

BOE Present: Alana Bordewieck, Andrew Fenn, Staci Hastey, 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 7:00 p.m.

The Hartland Board of Education Mission Statement being read by **E. Smith**.

Approval of Minutes- August 28, 2017

- Motion to approve August 28, 2017 BOE Minutes- **S. Hastey, E. Smith** with **P. Weber** abstention, otherwise approved **unanimous**.

Communications-

- **A. Distasio** read a thank you letter to Mr. & Mrs. Raskauskas on behalf of the Hartland Board of Education and the music students of Hartland School for their donation of a drum set.

Public comment on Agenda Items- None

Chair Report- None

Superintendent Report- Dr. Anthony Distasio-

- **Introduction of Student Representative-** **A. Distasio** welcomed **Ali Lucian** from Hartland School's Student Council. **Ali** reported over 20 members are currently serving on the Student Council. They held elections on September 28, 2017. Final votes were; **Jayden Robotham**- President, **Zolah Daley**- V. President, **Liam Murphy**- Secretary, and **Lexie Hart/ Olivia Prusak**- Treasurers. **Ali** stated their first Middle School dance would be held November 10, 2017 and the dance will be a Halloween/ Harvest theme. She also reported maroon vs. gold challenges were well underway with contests including a Penny War to help support breast cancer research and a day that all faculty and students are invited to wear pink. **Ali** also stated that they are planning on events throughout the winter months to help with the food pantry during the holidays.

- **High School Prep Night-** Evening of Explorations was held on October 12, 2017. **L. Hollingsworth** reported 5 different high schools were in attendance and gave nice presentations. She stated the evening was well attended with even more 7th graders again this year and that the students and parents asked great questions.

- **Safe Schools Program- A. Distasio** reported all faculty and staff will be completing the courses listed below throughout the school year.
 - Bloodborne Pathogens: Exposure and Prevention
 - Sexual Harassment: Student Issues & Response
 - Online Safety: What Every Educator Needs to Know
 - Bullying: Recognition & Response
 - Making School Safe for LGBT Students

- **Front Door- A. Distasio** reported Pro-Film completed our door on Tuesday, October 13, 2017.

- **School Calendar Legislative Change- A. Distasio** reported that it is now optional to have a regional calendar.

- **Roof/Solar Project- A. Distasio** reported a letter was received from the State confirming approval of our Roof Replacement/Energy Conservation Project on September 29, 2017. He stated the town will receive a 56.43% reimbursement rate for the project.

- **Radon Testing- A. Distasio** reported radon testing will take place November 7-9, 2017. He reported a letter will be sent home October 20, 2017.

Principal Report-- L. Hollingsworth

L. Hollingsworth provided SBA test data for the 2016-2017 school year. She also reviewed the growth targets and objectives set for grades 3-8 for this current school year. **L. Hollingsworth** reported on both our strengths and weaknesses. She does recognize Math being one of our areas needing growth and expresses we are working with area districts to improve teaching and learning.

Committee & Liaison Report-

- **Board of Finance- A. Distasio** reported he attended the meeting September 20, 2017. He stated the \$266,000 returned to the town included monies not used due to a special education change.
- **Shared Services- S. Hastey** reported they are in good shape, staffing is stable, and the programs are up and running.

Old Business- None

New Business-

- **BOE Goals- INFORMATIONAL ITEM-** First Reading
- **Non-Discrimination and Equal Opportunity Policy – MOTION ITEM TO ADD “VETERAN’S STATUS”-** (see example)

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

- **Hot Lunch Approval- AMENDED MOTION FROM MAY 8, 2017-** Approval of the Healthy Food Certification Program.

“The Hartland Board of Education agrees to participate in the Healthy Food Certification Program and agrees that the Board will comply with the Connecticut Nutrition Standards (CNS) during the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 AND will allow exemptions for food items that do not meet the CNS, provided that 1. The sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend: 2. the sale is at a location of the event: and 3. the food items are not sold from a vending machine or school store.”

Motion to approve **S. Hastey, A. Bordewieck**, with **C. Metcalfe** abstention, otherwise approved **unanimous**.

Public Comment on Agenda Items- None

Future Agenda Items-

- Policy Review
- Committee Reports
- Next Meeting- November 13, 2017 (Hartland School)

Adjournment: 8:11 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Sherice Bennett
Board Recording Secretary

Alana Bordewieck
Board Secretary

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