

Hartland Board of Education  
Minutes of October 15, 2018  
West Hartland Library

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

**BOE Absent: Steve Abrahamsen, James Bonetti, Kene Daley, Christopher Metcalfe**

Chairperson **P. Weber** called the Board Meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

The Hartland Board of Education Mission Statement being read by **P. Weber**.

### **Approval of Minutes- September 10, 2018**

- Motion to approve September 10, 2018 BOE Minutes- **Unable to vote due to posting timeline.**

### **Communications-**

- **Introduction of Student Representatives-** **A. Distasio** welcomed **Madison Dzielak** and **Sofia Frenette** from Hartland School's Student Council. **Madison** reported they held elections and final votes were; **Madison Dzielak-** President, **Kate Maliszewski-** V. President, **Tove Rafoss-** Secretary, and **Sofia Frenette/ Allison LaPane-** Treasurers. **Sofia** reported that some events that were planned for the year included reducing single-use containers and to increase the awareness of recycling. She thanked **Mrs. Costolnick** for recommending the idea. **Sofia** also stated that **Mrs. Krauland** has challenged the student council to raise money to support breast cancer research. A maroon vs. gold challenge-Penny War, will be held the week of October 22-26, 2018 and all monies will be donated to the Susan G. Komen foundation. **Madison** reported the first Middle School Dance will be held on October 26, 2018 and will be a Halloween theme. She stated they hoped to have representatives attend the BOE meeting monthly, but if anyone was unable to attend they would share a video presentation.

### **Public comment on Agenda Items- None**

### **Chair Report- None**

### **Superintendent Report- Dr. Anthony Distasio-**

- **High School Prep Night-** Evening of Explorations was held on October 11, 2018. **L. Hollingsworth** reported the evening was well attended with more 7th graders coming each year and that the students and parents asked great questions. She stated two alumni students, **Emily Caron** and **Kevin Harnois** attended to represent the schools they currently attend. **Kevin** attends **GMHS** and **Emily** attends Voag @ Region 7.

- **Budget- A. Distasio** reported the 2018-2019 budget is about 13% expended. He stated the budget is in great shape.
- **September Bills Paid- INFORMATIONAL ITEM**
- **September Expense Report- INFORMATIONAL ITEM**
- **Status of Posting and Search for Superintendent of Hartland School-**
  - Posting – INFORMATIONAL
  - Survey – Closed as of October 12, 2018- INFORMATIONAL
  - Schedule – INFORMATIONAL
  - Deadline for Applications – October 19, 2018

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

**L. Hollingsworth** reported the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip Committee, consisting of BOE members, teachers, parents, and office personnel met on September 19, 2018. She stated the committee put together multiple considerations for the BOE including, destination, timing of the trip, length of trip, funding, and the choices of venues at the selected destination. **L. Hollingsworth** shared that the committee agreed that by the beginning of each seventh grade year, the class should have decided as a group where they would like to go based on interest and the cost. **A. Distasio** stated the trip is **not mandatory** for curriculum alignment. **A. Goguen**, Literacy Specialist, and **L. Hollingsworth** reported on the Smarter Balance Assessment growth and achievement levels. They explained that students in grades 3-8 receive a scale score. Students progress on a vertical scale as they go through the grades. Each year students are also given a growth target indicating how much growth they should make in the following year on the vertical scale. The state reports whether a student met the achievement level indicating proficiency, their growth rate (whether they met the target) and the percentage of the growth target achieved. The percentage of target achieved is the most important measure so that we insure that students at all levels are progressing. Teachers are now able to use resources from the Smarter Balance Assessment to understand where students need to focus in order to achieve their growth targets. Our goal for the first year of using these resources is that students, on average, receive 75% or more of their growth targets.

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

- **Board of Finance- A. Distasio** reported the next meeting would be held October 17, 2018.
- **Shared Services- S. Hastey** reported Region 7 is in need of a school psychologist. She stated the programs are well-staffed and are happy with their new teachers.

### **Old Business- None**

## **New Business-**

- **BOE Goals- INFORMATIONAL ITEM- First Reading**
- **Board Policy 9201- Board by-laws- Attendance at Board of Education Meetings- INFORMATIONAL ITEM- First Reading**
- **Board Policy 5144.1 (revision of current policy)- MOTION ITEM**
  - **Unable to vote due to posting timeline.**
- **Child Nutrition Program- MOTION ITEM**
  - *“As part of our ED-099 Agreement with the Child Nutrition Programs, we hereby designate, the Superintendent of Schools, Anthony Distasio, an authorized signor for claims for reimbursement. In the absence or incapacity of the first designated individual, (Anthony Distasio), the second person, Principal Laura Hollingsworth will be authorized to sign claims for reimbursement.”*
  - **Unable to vote due to posting timeline.**

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

## **Future Agenda Items-**

- Policy Review
- Set Personnel Subcommittee Meeting- Review process for hiring new Superintendent of Schools
- Committee Reports
- Next Meeting- November 12, 2018 (Hartland School)

Adjournment: 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Sherice Bennett**  
Board Recording Secretary

**Staci Hastey**  
Board Secretary

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