

**Hartland Board of Education  
Minutes of September 10, 2018  
Conference Room**

**BOE Present: Steve Abrahamsen, Kene Daley, Andy Fenn, Christopher Metcalfe, Ellen Smith, Pam Weber, Laura 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 was read by **C. Metcalfe**.

**Approval of Minutes- August 27, 2018**

- Motion to approve August 27, 2018 BOE Minutes- **A. Fenn, S. Abrahamsen**, otherwise approved **unanimous**.

**Communications-**

**P. Weber** read a thank you note from **Michelle Ferrari**, a parent in town, who wanted to publicly thank **Dr. Distasio** and the BOE for their help with the high school transportation concerns.

**Public comment on Agenda Items- None**

**Chair Report- None**

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

- **Safe Schools Program- Dr. Distasio** reported all staff of Hartland School would be offered to take the following courses through the Safe Schools Program. Staff would take four of the following courses, depending on individual staff needs, during the school year.
  - Bloodborne Pathogens: Exposure and Prevention
  - Stress Management
  - Pandemic Flu
  - Conflict Management
  - Medication Administration Basics
  - Medication Administration-Epinephrine Auto-Injectors
  - First Aid

**A. Distasio** stated the last three programs would be recommended to any volunteers that plan to chaperone a field trip or those that supervise recess.

- **Budget Report-** **A. Distasio** reported the 2018-2019 budget is in great shape. He stated we had a student recently outplaced and the cost would be in the area of \$100,000.
- **Roof/Solar Project-** **Joe Alicata** reported the roof project has been on hold due to a mix up with administrative paperwork. He stated both parties have come to an agreement and the contract has been signed. **Joe** reported the trusses that have been engineered to build the west wing's pitched roof will be delivered in three to four weeks and that the metal roofing has been delivered onsite. He stated due to the extensive hail damage, a claim was submitted for the roof that had been completed in 2013 as well as the fans and AC units, and that these would be replaced. **Joe** also shared that the projected completion date for the west wing roof project will be mid-December. **A. Distasio** and **L. Hollingsworth** thanked **Joe Alicata**.

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

**L. Hollingsworth** thanked the teachers, office and custodial staff for such a smooth opening to the new school year. She reported **Sherice Bennett** has done a great job working through any PowerSchool issues. **L. Hollingsworth** shared that **Alissa Goguen** as well as herself, would be presenting SBA (Smarter Balanced Assessment) data at the October BOE Meeting. She reported that NGSS (Next Generation Science Standards) science units were in full effect and that K-5 teachers continue to work with CREC and Erika Sacharko to align K-5 NGSS units. She thanked **Deb Costolnick** for her time spent over the summer organizing middle school NGSS units to help align with high school curriculum. **L. Hollingsworth** stated that new Social Studies Frameworks are gradually being implemented and beginning this year grades 6-8 will be following the curriculum content. She reported our preschool enrollment is the largest it has been in a while, even bigger than the kindergarten class. **L. Hollingsworth** reported on our school wide "Growth Mindset" and that teachers and staff would be coaching students through "can do" feedback to help with their stamina to complete real work. She also shared that a committee for the eighth grade trip to Washington, D.C. is actively forming and will include parents of 6, 7 and 8<sup>th</sup> graders, as well as teachers and BOE members. Anyone willing to participate on the committee may reach out to **Laura Hollingsworth**.

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

- **Board of Finance-** **A. Distasio** reported the next meeting will be held on September 19, 2018.
- **Shared Services-** Nothing to report at this time.

**Old Business- NONE**

## **New Business-**

- **2018-2019 BOE Goals- INFORMATIONAL ITEM**
- **Personnel- INFORMATIONAL ITEM- A. Distasio** read a letter of resignation that he would be resigning as Superintendent of Hartland School, effective on or about January 1, 2019.

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

- **Deb Costolnick**, middle school science teacher, thanked **Dr. Distasio** for all his hard work here at Hartland School and congratulated him on his retirement.

## **Executive Session-**

- Motion to begin Executive Session- **K. Daley, A. Fenn**, otherwise approved **unanimous**. Meeting went into Executive Session at 7:57 p.m.
- Motion to end Executive Session at 8:25 p.m. – **A. Fenn, E. Smith**, otherwise approved **unanimous**.
- **Future Agenda Items-**
  - Policy Review
  - SBA Results
  - BOE Goals
  - Committee Reports
  - Next Meeting- **October 15, 2018 (West Hartland)**

Adjournment: 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Sherice Bennett**  
Board Recording Secretary

**Staci Hastey**  
Board Secretary