

Hartland School District Board Meeting
March 15, 2021
APPROVED Meeting Minutes

Present at the meeting:

Board: Nicole Buck, Sarah Stewart-Taylor-Ab, Beth Roy, Scott Richardson, and Colleen Spence.

Administration: David Baker, Christine Bourne, Brittany Preston, Angie Ladeau, and Katie Ahern

Public: Jennifer Knight

I. **Call to Order @ 6:09 pm** by Nicole Buck

II. **Changes/Additions to the Agenda**

Added under items for action: Approve the Warning

Under items for discussion changed order based on brevity of some topics.

III. **Approval of Minutes**

a) February 8, 2021

Motion: Colleen Spence

2nd: Beth Roy

Vote: 4-0-0

IV. **Public Participation/Announcements**

None

V. **Principal's Report**

The community dinner was a huge success, with serving over 200 meals. They're hopeful to be able to have another one before the end of the year.

The IDL Project in 2nd-4th grade was a hit with the quilting of fabric pieces to coincide with conversation about what it means to be "connected." To self, others, community, etc.

The SU wide Restructuring Committee met for the first time last week and will continue to do so for the remainder of the year. They're identifying the positives from the pandemic that align with the strategic plan and therefore can be kept moving forward. Once the priorities are established the in-house scheduling committee will work on creating structures and schedules for next year.

a) Summer Plans

Program will run 7/6-8/6. Thus still allowing staff to have some time off in August before the school year begins again. There will be 3hrs of instruction in the morning. Then the Hartland and Windsor Recreation Centers will help support students in the afternoon for their social time opportunities with their peers. The academy is also

partnered with HCRS and We R Hope to embed their staff in working with many of the students in the programs. Anticipating there might be around 170 students eligible based on TMP scores. The program will have small class sizes and two adults in each classroom. Transportation will be provided from sending town, and take students to respective Rec Programs in the afternoons.

b) Outdoor Equipment

There is \$1,081 left in the HES Outdoor Classroom Fund. There was discussion on next steps including connecting with Jennifer Waite (NPS) to try and secure a grant for Phase 1 of the project that is estimated to cost around \$70,000.

The outdoor carpools are currently frozen to the ground. Once they that Buildings and Grounds will try and salvage what they can in hopes to have them usable for this spring again.

c) COVID Updates

Vaccinations are happening. Some staff have already gotten theirs this past weekend. They're being mindful of spreading them out so not all staff potentially need to be absent at the same time.

We stopped surveillance testing, based on the number of staff getting vaccinated so lessened need and the concern they could result in false positives.

The Recovery Team met this week to work on the recovery plan that will focus on these three pillars:

- 1-Socioemotional functioning, mental health and wellbeing
- 2-Student engagement
- 3-Academic achievement and success

d) Other Updates

TMP begins in April.

SBAC will take place in May.

8th Grade graduation is June 9th

PT conferences are the week of April 5-9.

The last wellness survey ws from Mar 5, and those charts were shared. Very similar to previous ones. It will be interesting to see the results from the next one coming up since so many staff will have been vaccinated by then.

VI. **Superintendent's Report**

The restructuring task force will meet for the second time this Thursday.
Legislation that is in the works:

- a) Changing the weighting formula that is used for calculating EP. This will have a positive impact on all of our communities.

- b) Literacy Bill that will direct schools to look at data and design/implement plans to improve literacy in their students.
- c) Financials
The original CARES Act provided funding for COVID-related expenses.
>Esser 1 Funds- should provide the SU around \$1million to utilize in FY21-23.
>Esser 2 Funds- could potentially provide double that amount to us for use up through FY24.

VII. Items for Discussion

- a) Review Budget for Town Meeting
There was lots of discussion on the order of slides for presentations. It was decided it will be 1-article, 2-strategic plan, 3-principal slides with highlights that tie to the strategic plan, and 4-data at the end.
- b) Anti-Racism Task Force
No update, working on scheduling a meeting.
- c) School Meals Funding Allocation
Discussion was held @ the SU level. Agreement that the current formula is flawed in that it doesn't properly reflect the # of students that can access the program. No final decision was made, but consensus to review and discussion around possibly using an "on-site" indicator for counting.

VIII. Items for Action

- a) Annual School Meeting Date
4/24 via Zoom. Much discussion about the time of the meeting. The town and school are going on the same day and they are starting @ 9:00 am. First option was 11:00 am, back-up options 11:30 am/12:30pm. Board chair will continue to follow-up with the town to finalize a time, as it has to be on the warning.
- b) Shifting from Floor Vote to Ballot
Per the Warning, articles will be voted on by Australian ballot.
Sidebar conversation about how towns approve school board directors' pay, and discussion about the need to increase the \$ amounts so they are more in line with the surrounding communities. Hartland currently pays \$500 from the school budget to all board members annually.
- c) Approving the Warning
Motion: Beth Roy
2nd: Scott Richardson
Vote: 4-0-0

IX. Setting the Next Agenda

Date: 4/19 @ 6pm

Items: Anti Racism Task Force, Building Committee, Recovery Plan Update, Outdoor

equipment update, Town meeting-last minute prep, TMP scores from April, Restructuring Team

X. **Executive Session** (VSA.T11 Section 313)

Motion to Enter (8:19 pm): Scott Richardson

2nd: Colleen Spence

Vote: 4-0-0

Motion to Exit (9:00 pm): Beth Roy

2nd: Scott Richardson

Vote: 4-0-0

XI. **Adjournment**

Motion: Beth Roy

2nd: Scott Richardson

Vote: 4-0-0

RADAR LIST

- Community engagement
- Social/emotional
- Engagement, Preparation, Variety
- Special Education (504, targeted plan, structural deficiencies)
- Physical Plant (security)
- Proficiency Based Education
- Process (stick to role as a Board)