

Hartford Public Schools
Board of Education Regular Meeting
Thursday, November 14, 2013, 7:00 p.m.
Central Administration Office – Board Room
Hartford, MI 49057

The Board of Education meeting was called to order by President Chambers at 7:01 p.m.

Members present: Banic, Chambers, Johnson, Kuehnle, Meachum, Najacht
Member absent: Summerhill
Others present: Superintendent Andy Hubbard, Mike Hallgren, Dave Janicki, Joel
Messenger, Ed Dickenson, Brad Geesaman

Rick Vawter, Gregg Jessup, Jon Bisnett, Nancy Larsson, Teresa Babb,
Sam Babb, Daniel Brininstool

Motion by Najacht seconded by Banic to approve the minutes from the October 17, 2013
Business Meeting and the November 7, 2013 Regular Meeting. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Najacht seconded by Johnson to approve the agenda as presented.
Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Johnson seconded by Banic to approve Payroll Vouchers #11638 for October 16,
2013 totaling \$463,329.26; Payroll Voucher #11639 for October 31, 2013 totaling \$351,725.08;
and Warrant Voucher #11640 for November 2013 bills totaling \$130,543.90.
Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Najacht seconded by Meachum to accept the retirement resignation from Rick Vawter
effective December 31, 2013 and to thank him for his 9 years of loyal and dedicated service to
the Hartford Public Schools.
Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Najacht, seconded by Banic, to hire Kingscott to provide pre-bond services only for
facility renovations, with compensation to be paid upon a successful approval of a bond
proposal, with the relationship to be terminated upon 7 days' notice, and with the district to have
a license to use and reproduce all work products.
Motion carried 5-1.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Meachum, to approve the request for an overnight field trip to
Lansing for the High School Model UN Club from December 5-7, 2013.
Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Najacht, seconded by Banic, to approve the 2014 Refunding Bond's Resolution as
presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Banic, Chambers, Johnson, Kuehnle, Meachum, Najacht,

Nays:

Motion carried 6-0.

President Chambers reported on the following:

- The Board was very impressed with the MASB Conference, reported it was the best one they have been to so far, very informational.
- The Board is in the process of setting up the board operating procedures, a handout was given to each board member to take home and study.
- The Board would like to complete the Board Code of Ethics by January 2014.
- Mr. Hubbard is working on a Board of Communication policy to communicate emergencies and other issues that may arise during school hours to the Board.

Superintendent Hubbard reported on the following:

- December 12, 2013 a Community Awareness meeting will be held in the Auditorium to discuss the Accountability Scorecard rankings.
- To promote this meeting notices will be put on Facebook, School Website, send home in Friday Folders, etc.

Motion by Meachum seconded by Najacht to adjourn the regular board meeting.

Motion carried 6-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:33p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Meachum
Secretary

Discussion on Architect Selection:

- Chambers: Met with Heidi from Kingscott at the MASB Conference, community engagement is top priority. Liked the fact that Kingscott involved students in the process. Did not like the fees that Tower Pinkster charged.
- Johnson: TowerPinkster was her favorite; she liked the presentation and felt they would do a good job. Has nothing negative to say about the other companies, feels they will all do a good job.
- Kuehnle: Very impressed with the TowerPinkster presentation, feels that all three companies would do a good job but liked TowerPinkster the best.
- Banic: Talked with construction firms at the MASB conference, they recommended Kingscott, he was very impressed them.
- Meachum: Talked with Coloma and Decatur who are both using TowerPinkster for their projects, they are very pleased with their outcomes. He would recommend TowerPinkster.
- Najacht: Did a comparison on all three firms and based the scoring on the following topics:
1. What percent of their business is K-12
 2. What is their bond success rate
 3. Presentation
 4. Community Engagement
 5. Team Comfort
 6. Cost of Bond Failure
 7. Fee percentage
 8. Site visit and preparation