

**Hartland High School PAC**  
**Meeting Minutes – May 1, 2012**

**Members Present:**

Tim Dilworth, President (timdilworth@yahoo.com)	Doni Dilworth (donigale.dilworth@yahoo.com)
Jamie Nicholson, V.P. (ejaknicholson@comcast.net)	Christina Monson cdcmonson@wwnet.net
Laurie Cothran, Secr. (lauriecothran@yahoo.com)	Lorrie Cabush (lorrie.cabush@comcast.net)
Sue Aberasturi Treas. (aberasturista@aol.com)	Johanna Breece (johannabreece@comcast.net)
Chuck Hughes, Principal	Dawn Farrell (Farrelld@hartlandschools.us)
(ChuckHughes@hartlandschools.us)	Frieda Piper (fpiper422@gmail.com)

**Call to membership:** Forms made available to attendees.

**Financial Requests:** The available budget was approximately \$700. Chuck Hughes suggested that half of the amounts requested by each party could be approved. Christina Monson made a motion to approve, seconded by Johanna Breece. Motion passed.

- **The Dance Project requested \$600** to help with the expenses of putting on the Black light Dance at Hartland High School. The Dane Project is a community organization that promotes positive dancing thru education. Student dances offer instruction at every dance. Styles of dance range from Swing (the most popular), Waltz, Viennese Waltz and Contra to Break Dance, Dub-step, and hard style shuffling. Connor Cothran, a Junior at Hartland, spoke about how swing dancing has broken down the barriers/cliques and making it easier to get to know his peers in the community. It has helped him become more confident and has given fellow students an alternative to the dance style that is the norm at the high school. Doni Dilworth spoke of the success at the Ore Creek Dance. Mike , a security guard for the Black Light Dance commented to Jamie Nicholson the night of the dance that it was the best group of students in attendance and that he enjoyed watching the students having fun.
- **Dawn Farrell requested \$900** for the Family Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) club to help cover their expenses for 10 state finalists to compete in Orlando FL. Students participate in many different areas to develop leadership skills. Some achievements benefitting the Hartland School District include the recycling of pop cans/water bottles, teaching children about the benefits of exercising, life event planning for Prom and 350 door drafters for all of the outside doors IN THE DISTRICT. There are many more.

**Review/approve Minutes:** March 2012 meeting minutes were motioned for approval by Christina Monson, Sue Aberasturi seconded. Motion passed.

**Financial Report:** There was a general discussion on how to budget for next year. Suggestions were made to increase the donation amount on the registration form to \$20, the directory only option to \$7 and add detail that the money supports student programs. Cristina Monson motioned to approve the increase, 2<sup>nd</sup> Johanna Breece. Motion passed. Financial update: Funds set aside for

Alt Ed \$100,

Baccalaureate \$150 (paper product, punch, and student service recognition- Doni motioned to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jamie Nicholson. Motion passed

Bus driver brunch \$50;

P.O. Box \$26

Teacher appreciation \$ budget amount

**Special Topic:** The Non-Homestead Millage Election on May 8, 2012. The millage, assessed on second homes and business and vacant property, equates to 4.5 million in funding for students. The election is made yearly to keep the community aware of how much the school district receives annually due to the passing of the bill. (See information flyer attached.)

#### **Old Business:**

- Parent observation at Homecoming dance-
  - Chuck Hughes will ask the incoming principal to open the track for 30 minutes to allow parents to observe.
  - Incoming freshman parents will be made aware of this opportunity at the link meeting for 9th graders.
- DPAC meeting updates see below

#### **New Business:**

- Elections – Tim Dilworth nominated Laurie Cothran for the position of Secretary and Johanna Breece for the position of treasurer. Nominations approved and nominees elected. Pres. and V.P. positions still open.
- Set meeting dates for 2012-13. August meeting date 8-7-12. Wait on the rest to set with the new Principal.
- Special topic for August- Budget, Elections, Registration table. Chuck Hughes will send a teleparent message to mark calendars for the PAC meeting. And to sign up for the list serve.
- Teacher appreciation luncheon –moved to 5/15 due to grad ceremony. Sue Aberasturi, Deb Albert and Frieda Piper will coordinate. Chuck will notify staff that the library will be closed. Dietary needs will be taken into account – vegetarian, vegan, gluten free etc. Setup 9am, food served 10:30-12:30 cleanup 12:30-1:30. Raffle of gift cert. to subway, biggby, etc.
- Chuck Hughes Thanked the PAC members for their commitment to the students. He was impressed with the cohesiveness of the group and their ability to throw ideas out on the table and have an effective discussion.
- Call to membership –
  - Drama Club would like to request a photo booth for Homecoming to raise funds. The committee tabled the discussion for the August meeting.
  - Jamie Nicholson wanted to bring to the committee's attention the use of synthetic drugs that can be obtained legally. A police officer visited Highland Christian Academy, the school in which she teaches and related the concerns with these drugs. Students get high and have hallucinations. The damage to the brain can be substantial over a relatively short amount of time. Two community businesses are selling the products. The Smokers Depot and the gas station at Clyde and US-23. K-2, LOL or "synthetic marijuana" is sold legally as a bath salt that states it is not for consumption. A PAC member asked about Drug sniffing dogs. Chuck Hughes explained that it doesn't make sense to get a drug dog involved because the dealers are changing the formula often and students can circumvent the effort. Hartland at one point had a dog come in almost every month for two years. More often than not, it is a fellow student who reports the information to the staff. If Chuck or the counselors hear anything they sit down with the parents and the student. Jamie Nicholson has had a parent contact her regarding this problem as well. Her son, Kirk, when asked about this concern said he feels safe at Hartland High School. Laurie Cothran heard the topic discussed by an officer at the township board meeting. Frieda Piper pointed out that there is a need to tell parents of other children that your child is not allowed to do drugs/drink alcohol at their house. If you have any questions contact Nicole Schinjeck, Joe Delvero, or Mary Day. Information can be reported anonymously. The Hartland Coalition offers educational seminars throughout the year. Parents have a right to and should look in back packs, bedrooms, lockers etc. as a preventative measure.



## **District Parent Advisory Committee (DPAC):**

### **February – Scott Van Epps**

- His duties include expulsion hearings. 2010/11 year there were 61 hearings in k-12 including alt.Ed. This is an increase of 10. Chuck Hughes commented that because the hearings are used as an intervention mechanism to give kids and on occasion parents guidance, the actual number of students expelled is much lower.
- Union negotiations
- Marketing- School of choice numbers for 2010/11 student count increased by 214. Hartland has replaced Brighton as magnet school district and Huron Valley as well. Mason Cothran an Ore Creek student, stated he felt pride in his school when he saw the Billboard on m-59.

### **March –**

Election results show decline in population. Hartland lost 50 residents in 4 years, Brighton and Pinckney down 200 **per year** in the last 4 years

### **April – Legacy Kurt**

Kurt is a former Hartland Athletic director. He has an award winning program. He exudes caring for students who may be one step away from Juvenile court. His graduation, attendance and completion rates are at the top in the state. Because the program is based on grant money the number of students , the number of students can't exceed a determined amount. Currently approximately 120 students attended in 2010-11. With the smaller class comes less distraction which can be helpful for some students. Students learn through comprehensive alternative approaches.

Submitted by Laurie Cothran

# HHS PAC Budget 2011-2012

7/1/2011 through 6/30/2012 Using HHS PAC Proposed Budget 2011-12

4/30/2012

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Category	7/1/2011 Actual	- Budget	6/30/2012 Difference
<b>INCOME</b>			
Carry Over 2010-2011	4,506.80	4,506.00	0.80
Gordon Food Service	62.96	50.00	12.96
Meijer Rewards	447.33	850.00	-402.67
Student Registration	3,532.25	3,800.00	-267.75
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>8,549.34</b>	<b>9,206.00</b>	<b>-656.66</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Alternative Ed.	0.00	100.00	100.00
Baccalaureate Ceremony	0.00	100.00	100.00
Bereavement Fund	0.00	100.00	100.00
Bus Driver Appreciation	0.00	50.00	50.00
Cash Carry Over 2012-2013	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Challenge Day	600.00	600.00	0.00
Class Donation	800.00	800.00	0.00
Link Program	500.00	250.00	-250.00
Misc.	0.00	100.00	100.00
Non-Profit Filing Fee	20.00	20.00	0.00
Senior All Night Party	100.00	100.00	0.00
Student Assistance	0.00	500.00	500.00
Student Programs	2,900.00	3,560.00	660.00
Student Recognition	141.28	400.00	258.72
Teacher Appreciation	235.53	1,000.00	764.47
US Postal Service	0.00	26.00	26.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>5,296.81</b>	<b>9,206.00</b>	<b>3,909.19</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>3,252.53</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>3,252.53</b>

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1752

Bus driver Appreciation

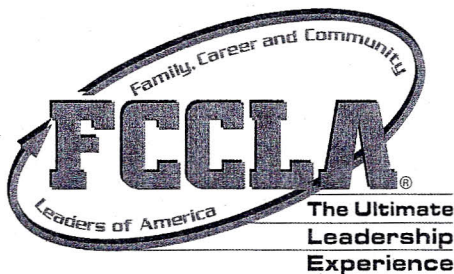
**Hartland Consolidated Schools  
Security Department**

On 01.21.2012 I assisted in working the Swing Dance that was held at Hartland High School by The Dance Project. It was a great experience to watch and see how talented that these kids were. I have worked numerous dances over the years, and this was by far was the most enjoyable. The kids were extremely respectful, pleasant, and a pleasure to supervise. The committee that sponsored this activity had more than enough help as far as chaperones. I felt guilty, because they did all the work.

Respectfully submitted,



Mike Capra-Director of Security  
Hartland Consolidated Schools  
Howell, MI



90/kid registration

FCCLA is a club sponsored by our 2 Family & Consumer Teachers, Dawn Farrell & Jennifer Burgess. We are not compensated as advisors and the kids only pay the National FCCLA dues of \$19 per year so our funds are limited to what we can sell and/or raise for competitions.

We have 10 students going to Orlando, Florida July 8-12, 2012 to present their STAR events and compete against other FCCLA members across the nation since they placed first in the Michigan FCCLA competition. We are very proud of all the hard work they do all year and for the Hartland community, such as:

Relay for Life

March of Dimes Walk- raised \$439 this year

Environmental Ambassadors-picking up litter in the Kensington Park

Life Event Planning for the 2012 Prom

Advocacy for Childhood Obesity

Fuel Up to Play 60-2 students that have been working with the younger kids on physical exercise since September

Recycling all the pop bottles/cans and water bottles for the entire high school

350 door drafters (and counting!) for all the outside doors in the district

Career Investigation on becoming a teacher

Sewing and providing 150+ blankets for the cats at the Humane Society (2<sup>nd</sup> year project)

Past Projects: Raising 17,000 lbs. of dog & cat food for Last Chance Rescue

Reading at the elementary schools for March is Reading Month

Halloween Latchkey party October 2010 & 2011

Nursing Home visits and games with the senior citizens

Providing books and stuffed animals for Hurley Animal Center's Pediatric unit

And many more!

We are looking for any financial assistance to send our 10 students to Orlando to represent Hartland High School and FCCLA with pride! Any consideration would be appreciated.

*Dawn Farrell*



**Special School Election  
TUESDAY, May 8, 2012  
Non-Homestead Tax Renewal Proposal**

***Frequently Asked Questions:***

**Why is a non-homestead renewal important to  
Hartland Schools?**

- The 18-mill tax equates to \$4,483,329 in revenue for the district this year
- State assumes 100% of the non-homestead tax is collected based on a levy of 18 mills
- Funds not collected ARE NOT made up by the state when allocating monies to our schools for educational purposes

**Is the Non-Homestead renewal something new?**

- NO! This tax levy has been in place since 1995
- Businesses, vacant property and second homes are expected to pay this tax as part of Michigan's school funding program
- This is a renewal of the 18 mills passed for one year in 2011

**Does this renewal mean a tax increase for area businesses?**

- NO! This same 18 mills has been levied on businesses, vacant land and 2<sup>nd</sup> homes since 1995 and the passage of Proposal A

**If the only property I own in the Hartland district is my home,  
does this proposal cost me anything?**

- NO! As stated in the ballot proposal, principal residences, qualified agricultural property and qualified forest property are exempt
- NO! But keep in mind if the proposal is defeated, it will cost Hartland Schools approximately \$4,483,329

**REMEMBER TO VOTE!!**

### EXPULSION HEARINGS -Longitudinal data summary 2010-11

There were 61 total expulsion hearings held for the 2010-11 school year for grades K-12, including alternative education. This represents an increase of 10 hearings compared to the 51 held in 2009-10.

Categorically and most significantly, there was an increase in expulsion hearings for possession of a weapon or dangerous object, which resulted in 7 hearings in 2010-11 compared to only 1 in 2009-10.

In 2010-11, the high school (grades 9-12) comprised 35 of the 61 total hearings or 57% compared to 35% in 2009-10. The alternative education program had 10 of the 61 total hearings or 16% compared to 32% in 2009-10. There were 14 hearings for middle school students in both 2010-11 and 2009-10. The intermediate school and elementary level each had one expulsion hearing in 2010-11.

The school year average for the number of expulsion hearings over the past 9 years is 50.1 and therefore the 2010-11 school year resulted in an above-average number of hearings.

The following is a breakdown by category of student infractions for the past 9 years:

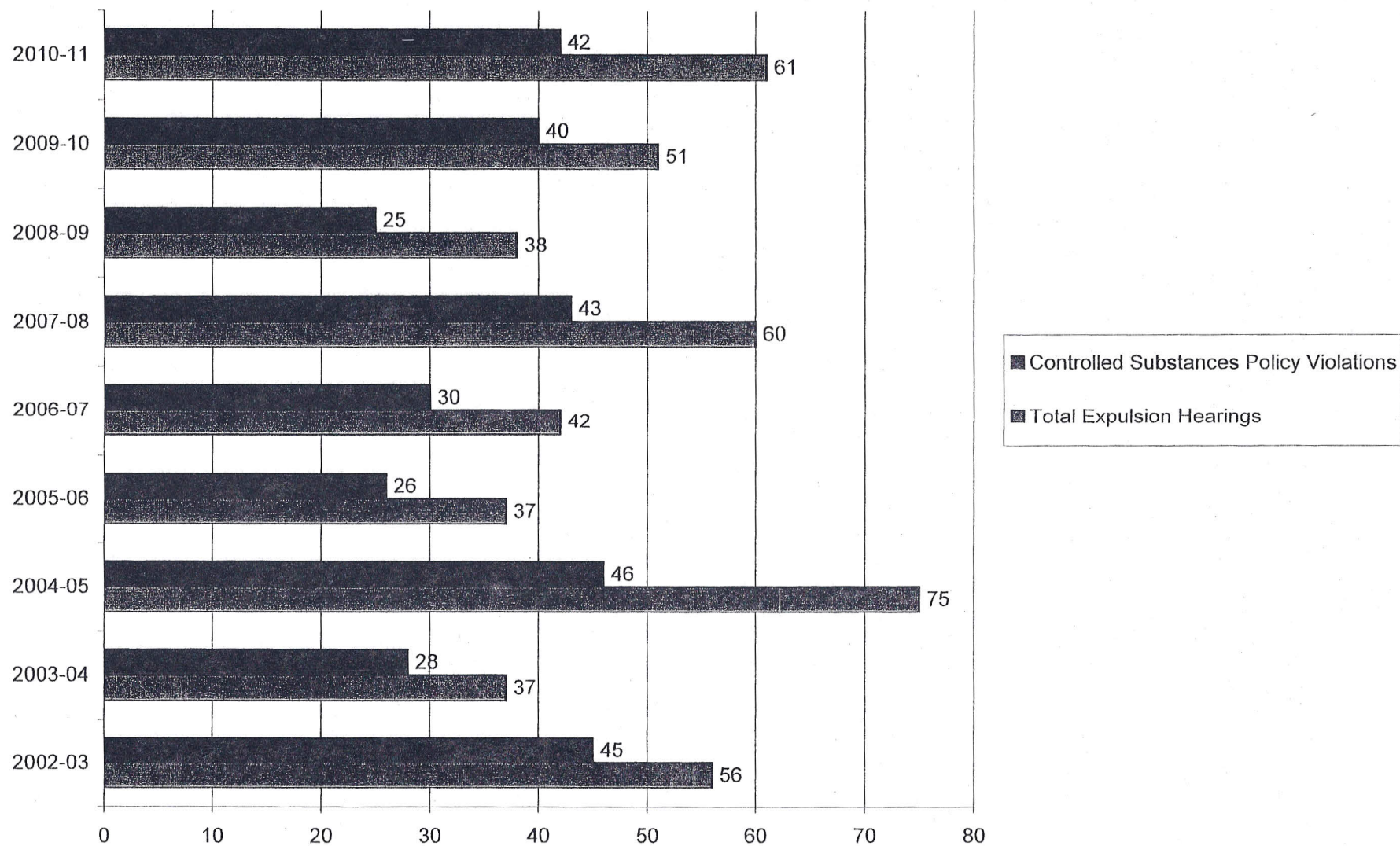
	02-03	03-04	04-05	05-06	06-07	07-08	08-09	09-10	10-11
Drug/Alcohol	45	28	46	26	30	43	25	40	42
Fighting/Threatening	4	2	12	2	5	4	7	6	7
Sexual Harassment	1	0	0	1	0	6	1	0	0
Stealing/destruction	1	0	5	1	1	1	1	0	0
Bomb Threat	3	1	2	0	1	0	0	2	1
Possession of Weapon	2	3	7	6	2	2	2	1	7
Persistent Disobedience	0	3	3	1	1	1	2	1	1
Unsafe Behavior					2	3	0	1	1
Harassment/racism									2
TOTALS	56	37	75	37	42	60	38	51	61

The number of students expelled by the Board of Education were as follows:

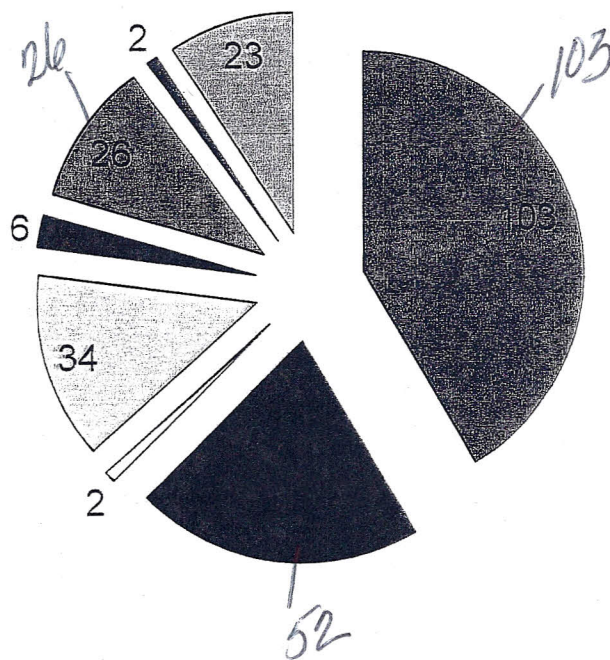
2010-11 = 4 (1 student permanently expelled)  
2009-10 = 2  
2008-09 = 1  
2007-08 = 3 (1 student readmitted for 6<sup>th</sup> grade 2008-09)  
2006-07 = 1 (student readmitted for second semester 2006-07)  
2005-06 = 4  
2004-05 = 3  
2003-04 = 4  
2002-03 = 6



## Expulsion Hearings



## School of Choice Referrals 2011



■ Word of Mouth	103
■ Currently Enrolled/Moving	52
□ Radio	2
□ No Response	34
■ Research	6
■ Sibs Currently Enrolled	26
■ Newspaper	2
■ Website	23