

Hartland Consolidated Schools

Curriculum Committee Meeting-Minutes

October 6, 2026

Boardroom

1:00 p.m.

Present: Chuck Hughes, Trish Poelke, Danielle Custodio, Glenn Gogoleski, Jeff Scott

Jeff Scott called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

The group talked about selecting a committee chairperson. Glenn nominated Jeff.

Dr. Poelke suggested the administrator on a standing committee should be recommended as the chair, the person who has the knowledge and is doing all the work. Jeff discussed having a temporary chair for this meeting and having a discussion with the full board about the structure of selecting a chairperson. The committee agreed with Dr. Poelke being the chair for today's meeting.

A member of the community addressed the committee.

Public Act 146: Resource Recommendation

Dr. Poelke talked about the history of phonics and reading curriculum in the district, and where the district is headed. There are some good programs on the list that meet PA146 requirements. UFLI has been great, but is only K-2 curriculum, so we are now looking at options for 3-5.

The 35m grant allows us to choose 2 programs from the State list, as long as they are for different grades.

Dr. Poelke noted that Professional Development (PD) is available from the vendor only, and she would like to use MLK day in January for the PD. The trainer is currently available that day, but we need to book soon. We may have teachers pilot the curriculum before the PD. Teachers will need time to look through the materials before training.

Jeff asked if the new 95 phonics will be implemented this school year or next. Dr. Poelke said as soon as it is approved we will begin training for full implementation in 2027-28.

Jeff asked what the cost will be going forward, after the first year. Dr. Poelke said the quote is for four years of materials and resources. We will reassess along the way as teachers are using it.

The fee includes working with the instructional coach and principals to help implement the curriculum and make adjustments as needed. The money from the State 35m grant will cover all of the costs. All resources need to be purchased this school year for future use. Dr. Poelke noted she didn't receive this information until July.

This will come to the board at the October 19th meeting for a vote in order to get the purchase approved and schedule the PD date.

Dr. Poelke said the next big decision within PA 146 is to purchase a screener. The list will be available in December to see what the options are. K-3 is required to take the screener. The screener's purpose is to look at what issues students may be having with reading so that we can target with intervention. We don't know the cost yet. We'll need to purchase the screener in the spring to be ready for next school year.

Chuck noted the high school curriculum guide changes will be coming to the board for review in November and approval in December in time for scheduling to begin in January.

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Renee Braden
Recording Secretary