

New Hartford Public Schools  
Board of Education Meeting  
February 27, 2018  
7:00 p.m./Multipurpose Room  
Antolini School

**Present:** Josh Adams, Penny Miller, Pat Spaziani (stepped out at 9:38, returned at 9:43), Jenn Benaitis (stepped out at 9:23, returned at 9:25), Stacie Cull, Tim Goff, Kelly O'Dell Longhi (stepped out at 8:05, returned at 8:11), Thomas Buzzi, Tim Klepps, Superintendent Brian Murphy

**Absent:** None

**A. Chair to Open Meeting-** Chairman Josh Adams to call the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**B. Chair to Select Order of Business-** No changes to the order of business.

**C. Superintendent's Report-**

- a. **Dyslexia Presentation-** Powerpoint by Barbara McLean
- b. **Capital Plan Subcommittee Update-**
- c. **Underground Storage Tank Update-** The issue with Bakerville's underground oil tank taking in water has been addressed and resolved. Superintendent Murphy informed the board that the district's 4 oil tanks, 1 at Bakerville, 1 at NHE and 2 at Antolini, installed in 1990, are nearing the end of their 30 year lifespan. There is an option to extend the life of the tanks by 10 years at a cost of \$30,000 per tank. The tank at Bakerville school was inspected and is eligible for this options. The other 3 tanks will be tested within the next few weeks. The board was informed no warranty is provided with this service but that replacing the tanks would cost upwards of \$250,000 per tank.

**D. Public Comment-**

- a. **Sue London (Town Hill Rd)-** Presented questions to the board regarding the 2018-2019 budget and increases and asked for clarification (see attachment).
- b. **Kelly Howard (Bee Mountain Rd)-** Addressed the topic of Dyslexia, certified Orton Gillingham staff, and questions regarding the level of services provided to New Hartford students with Dyslexia. Provided legislation documentation (see attachment).
- c. **Gina Maroney (28 Red Clover Rd)-** Informed the board she would contact both the Orton Gillingham and Wilson facilities to obtain an updated list of individuals certified within the programs. She will provide the board with an updated list at the next meeting.

**E. Consent Agenda**

- a. **Approval of Minutes February 6, 2018- Motion** by Penny Miller, second by Pat Spaziani to approve the consent agenda. All in favor, none opposed. **Motion passes.**
- b. **Personnel Report**

**F. Communication to the Board of Education-** No communication to the board

**G. Old Business**

- a. **Budget 2018-2019- Motion** by Josh Adam, second by Pat Spaziani to remove the second section of Pre-K from the budget. Those in favor: Pat Spaziani and Jenn Benaitis. Opposed: Stacie Cull, Kelly O'Dell-Longhi, Tim Klepps, Josh Adams, Tim Goff, Thomas Buzzi, Penny Miller. **Motion fails. Motion** by Pat Spaziani, second by Jenn Benaitis to reduce the 2018-2019 budget by (2) IA positions. Those in favor: Pat Spaziani, Jenn Benaitis, Penny Miller. Opposed: Stacie Cull, Kelly O'Dell Longhi, Tim Klepps, Tim Goff, Thomas Buzzi. Abstained: Josh Adams. **Motion fails. Motion** by Tim Goff, second by Thomas Buzz to reduce line item 730 in the amount of \$2,000 for a new total of \$8,000. All in favor, none opposed. **Motion passes. Motion** by Josh Adams, second by Tim Goff that the New Hartford Board of Education approve, for presentation to the Board of Finance, the 2018-2019 Board of Education budget of \$8,118,305. Those in favor: Stacie Cull, Kelly O'Dell Longhi, Tim Klepps, Josh Adams, Tim Goff, Thomas Buzzi, and Penny Miller. Opposed: Jenn Benaitis, Pat Spaziani. **Motion passes.**

**H. New Business- Motion** by Penny Miller, second by Jenn Benaitis to approve the 2018-2019 Capital Expenditure request. All in favor, none opposed. **Motion passes.**

**I. Reports**

- a. **Policy Review- Motion** by Jenn Benaitis, second by Penny Miller to table policy review until the next meeting. All in favor, none opposed. **Motion Passes.**
  - i. **Electronic Communication Use (3543.31)- I**
  - ii. **Student Data Protection and Privacy (3520.13)-**
  - iii. **Recruitment and Selection/Staff (4111)-**

**J. Adjournment- Motion** by Tim Goff second by Penny Miller to adjourn the meeting at 9:45. All in favor, none opposed. **Motion passes.**

*The Board of Education meeting scheduled for March 13th, 2018 has been cancelled.*

**Minutes Respectfully Submitted by,**  
**Alexis Calder**  
**Recording Secretary**  
**3/1/2018**