

New Hartford Public Schools  
Special Board of Education Meeting  
April 24, 2018  
7:00 p.m./Multipurpose Room  
Antolini School

**Present:** Josh Adams, Penny Miller, Jenn Benaitis (stepped out at 8:20, back in at 8:21), Tim Goff, Kelly O'Dell Longhi (stepped out at 8:01, back in at 8:05), Thomas Buzzi, Tim Klepps, Pat Spaziani, Stacie Cull, and Superintendent Brian Murphy

**Absent:** None

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

**B. Chair Select Order of Business-**

**C. Superintendent's Report**

- a. **Superintendent's Awards-**
- b. **Pre-K Presentation-**

**D. Public Comment-**

**E. Consent Agenda**

- a. **Approval of Minutes- February 27, 2018 / March 29, 2018- Motion** by Penny Miller, second by Thomas Buzzi, to approve the consent agenda. Those in favor: Josh Adams, Penny Miller, Jenn Benaitis, Tim Goff, Kelly O'Dell Longhi, Thomas Buzzi, Tim Klepps, Stacie Cull. Abstained: Pat Spaziani. **Motion passes.**
- b. **Expenditure Report-**
- c. **Personnel- Motion** by Penny Miller, second by Tim Goff, to pull the personnel report from the consent agenda. All in favor, none opposed. **Motion passes.** **Motion** by Penny Miller, second by Kelly O'Dell Longhi, to grant Allison Mellio maternity leave for the 2018-2019 school year. All in favor, none opposed. **Motion passes.**

**F. Communication to the Board of Education- None**

**G. Old Business**

- a. **Budget 2018-2019- Motion** by Tim Goff, second by Penny Miller, to reduce the budget by \$15,000 by eliminating the position of instructional assistant at Antolini school for the 2018-2019 school year. All in favor, none opposed. **Motion passes.** **Motion** by Tim Goff, second by Penny Miller, to instruct Superintendent Brian Murphy to work with the PTO to develop a plan for scheduling parent volunteers to help assist with the duties of the instructional assistant at Antolini. Discussion noted that several members felt the concept is good but may step

outside of the board's authority by involving itself in day to day operations. Those in favor: Tim Goff and Kelly O'Dell Longhi. Opposed: Penny Miller, Thomas Buzzi, Josh Adams, Tim Klepps, Stacie Cull, Pat Spaziani, Jenn Benaitis. **Motion fails.** **Motion** by Tim Goff, second by Jenn Benaitis, to reduce the budget by \$14,000 on the equipment line item for desks, chairs, etc. All in favor, none opposed. **Motion passes.** **Motion** by Pat Spaziani, second by Stacie Cull, to reduce the budget by \$21,000 for health insurance and \$40,000 for the part-time curriculum director. Those in favor: Penny Miller, Thomas Buzzi, Tim Goff, Tim Klepps, and Stacie Cull. Opposed: Jenn Benaitis, Pat Spaziani, Kelly O'Dell Longhi, Josh Adams. **Motion passes.** **Motion** by Tim Goff, second by Penny Miller, to accept the new 2018-2019 budget of \$7,966,575.00. Those in favor: Stacie Cull, Tim Klepps, Josh Adams, Tim Goff, Thomas Buzzi, Josh Adams, Penny Miller. Opposed: Pat Spaziani and Jenn Benaitis. Absent/Out of Room: Kelly O'Dell Longhi. **Motion passes.**

#### H. New Business

- a. **Healthy Food Certification Statement- Motion** by Josh Adams, second by Tim Goff, that pursuant to Section 10-215f of the C.G.S., the New Hartford Board of Education certifies that all food items offered for sale to students in the schools under its jurisdiction, and not exempted from the Connecticut Nutrition Standards will comply with the CNS during the period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. All in favor, none opposed. **Motion passes.** **Motion** by Josh Adams, second by Tim Goff, that the New Hartford Board of Education will allow the sale to students of food items that do not meet the CNS, provided that 1. Such food is sold in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend, 2. Such sale is at the location of the event, and 3. Such food is not sold from a vending machine or school store. All in favor, none opposed. **Motion passes.**
- b. **District Calendar 2017-2018 / 2018-2019-Motion** by Tim Goff, second by Penny Miller, to approve the 2018-2019 school calendar as presented. Those in favor: Pat Spaziani and Jenn Benaitis. Opposed: Stacie Cull, Tim Klepps, Josh Adams, Tim Goff, Thomas Buzzi, Kelly O'Dell Longhi, and Penny Miller. **Motion fails.** **Motion** by Josh Adams, second by Penny Miller, to remove the 181st day from the 2018-2019 and approve the calendar with 180 days. All opposed. **Motion fails.** **Motion** by Tim Goff, second by Penny Miller, to table the 2018-2019 calendar to the next board of education meeting. Those in favor: Stacie Cull, Tim Klepps, Josh Adams, Tim Goff, Thomas Buzzi, Kelly O'Dell Longhi, and Penny Miller. Opposed: Jenn Benaitis and Pat Spaziani. **Motion passes.** Per recommendation of Superintendent Brian Murphy, **motion** by Thomas Buzzi, second by Penny Miller, to remove the 181st day from the 2017-2018 school year and make June 22nd the last day of school. Those in favor: Kelly O'Dell Longhi, Penny Miller, Tim Klepps, Thomas Buzzi. Opposed: Jenn Benaitis, Josh Adams, Pat Spaziani, Tim Goff. Abstained: Stacie Cull. **Motion fails.**
- c. **Superintendent's recommendation for non-renewal of employment contracts-**

- d. **Possible action regarding superintendent's recommendation for non-renewal of employment contract- Motion** by Josh Adams, second by Jenn Benaitis, that the contract of employment of Ashley Holmes not be renewed for the following year upon its expiration at the end of the 2017-2018 school year., and that the Superintendent of Schools is directed to advise such person in writing of this action. Those in favor: Jenn Benaitis, Tim Klepps, Josh Adams, Tim Goff, Thomas Buzzi, Pat Spaziani. Opposed: Penny Miller, Kelly O'Dell Longhi, and Stacie Cull. **Motion passes.**

**I. Reports**

- a. **Policy review Motion** by Penny Miller, second by Jenn Benaitis, to table to the policies to the next meeting. Those opposed: Stacie Cull, Tim Klepps, Josh Adams, Tim Goff, Thomas Buzzi, Jenn Benaitis, Pat Spaziani. Abstained: Penny Miller. **Motion fails.**
- i. **Electronic Communication Use (3543.31)-** Second reading by Stacie Cull. Motion by Penny Miller, second by Pat Spaziani to approve policy 3543.31. All in favor, none opposed. **Motion passes.**
- ii. **Student Data Protection and Privacy (3520.13)-** Second reading by Stacie Cull. Motion by Penny Miller, second by Kelly O'Dell Longhi, to approve the second reading of 3520.13. Those in favor: Stacie Cull, Tim Klepps, Tim Goff, Thomas Buzzi, Penny Miller, Jenn Benaitis, Pat Spaziani.
- iii. **Recruitment and Selection / Staff (4111)-** Second reading by Stacie Cull.

- J. **Adjournment- Motion** by Penny Miller, second by Jenn Benaitis, to adjourn the meeting at 8:52. All in favor, none opposed. **Motion passes.**

*Respectfully Submitted,*  
*Alexis Calder*  
*Recording Secretary*  
*4/27/2018*