

New Hartford Public Schools
Board of Education Meeting
September 17, 2019
7:00 p.m./Multipurpose Room
Antolini School

Present: Chairman Tim Goff, Penny Miller, Thomas Buzzi, Karl Hermonat, Kelly O'Dell Longhi, Stacie Cull, Tim Klepps, Pat Spaziani, and Superintendent Brian Murphy

Absent: Jenn Benaitis

A. Chair to Open Meeting- Chairman Tim Goff called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

B. Pledge of Allegiance-

C. Chair Select Order of Business- At this time the board observed a moment of silence to remember a former long-time employee of the New Hartford Public Schools, Lisa Spring, who recently passed away.

D. Superintendent's Report-

- a. Curriculum Update-** Curriculum Director Kelly Dean delivered a presentation discussing newly developed written curriculum and future goals surrounding written curriculum. The district's specialist teachers for Spanish, physical education, art, music, and library media recently developed written curriculum for their area of instruction. The presentation described the importance of a written curriculum and provided examples of what the written curriculum looks like for each unit of study. The 2019-2020 curriculum goal is to create a written curriculum for English language art and math.

E. Public Comment- None

F. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Minutes-August 20, 2019 Motion** by Penny Miller, second by Pat Spaziani, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Those in favor: Tim Goff, Penny Miller, Thomas Buzzi, Karl Hermonat, Kelly O'Dell Longhi, Tim Klepps, Pat Spaziani. Abstained: Stacie Cull. **Motion approved.**
- b. Expenditure Report-**
- c. Personnel-** Brian Murphy informed the board that all tutor positions have been filled for the 2019-2020 school year.

G. Communication to the Board of Education- The board received an email from a parent regarding a bus issue. The issue was addressed by the superintendent.

H. Reports

- a. **Community Relations and Outreach Sub-Committee-** Thomas Buzzi updated the board on the previous Community Relations and Outreach Sub-Committee meeting and provide 6 ideas, 5 of which the committee voted to move forward with, on how to strengthen community involvement: 1) adjust email reminders to include a clear time, date, and short description of what will be discussed at the upcoming board meeting, 2) post meeting times and dates on the sign located on Rt 202, 3) have principals acknowledge board members at school meetings and events, 4) compose an email with all upcoming events and have board members sign up to attend meetings and ensure at least 2-3 members are present at these events, and 5) after the upcoming election, place a picture and bio on the town website for each member. The last idea discussed at the meeting was not part of the recommendations but might be researched in the future. That item was to increase social media presence by posting meetings and agendas on social media sites.

- I. **Adjournment- Motion** by Penny Miller, second by Pat Spaziani, to adjourn at 7:33. All in favor, none opposed. **Motion passes.**

Respectfully Submitted,
Alexis Calder
Recording Secretary
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