

**New Hartford Board of Education Meeting
Board of Education Meeting
February 4, 2020
7:00 PM /Multi-Purpose Room
Antolini School**

Board Members Present:

Tim Goff, Chairman
Karl Hermonat, Vice Chairman
Tom Buzzi
Penny Miller
Kelly O'Dell Longhi
Tony Persechino
Mary Stempien
Heather Tomala

Absent:

Timothy Klepps

Also Present:

Brian Murphy- Superintendent of Schools
Amanda Shaw-Antolini School Principal
Kelly Carroll- Bakerville & New Hartford School Principal
Barbara McLean- Director of Student Services
Diane Barrett- Recording Secretary
Jennifer Harris- School Psychologist
Members of the Public: Laura Polakow, Elizabeth Lavalley, Kayli Midwinter, Edward Mumm,
Kathryn Boughton- Republican American reporter

A. Chair to Open Meeting -

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tim Goff at 7:01 pm.

B. The Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was cited.

Change to Agenda: Chairman Tim Goff added to New Business to appoint a Board of Education member to the Capital Expenditure Subcommittee.

MOTION by Miller to add the appointment of a BOE member to the Capital Expenditure Subcommittee under New Business, seconded by Persechino.

Unanimous

C. Superintendent's Report

1. 2020-2021 Budget Presentation

Superintendent Murphy began the presentation with the review of the budget priorities and assumptions for the 2020-2021 school year that were discussed in detail at the January 7, 2020 BOE meeting.

Discussion of the Capital Plan which has a preliminary cost of \$124,500. Still fine tuning the capital plan with the BOE Capital Subcommittee.

Presented the overall preliminary budget increase for 2020-2021 of 2.99%.

Main points mentioned:

Special Education increases- almost 55%- which includes:

- *Hiring of a Social Worker for all three schools- Bakerville, Antolini and New Hartford Elementary School
- *An increase in nursing services for special education students
- * Tuition increases for outplacing students
- * Increase in OT/PT services
- * Transportation of special education students

Other percent increase/decrease emanate from:

- *Certified Staff salaries - 3.7% increase due to adding a curriculum coach position to the certified salaries line item, and omitting this position from the administrator's line.
- *Teachers salaries have a contractual increase of 2.8% for the 2020-2021 year.
- *Technology- 2.8% increase due to preventative maintenance for anti-virus and malware attacks
- *Secretarial Salaries- 2% increase
- *Non-certified Staff salaries- 2% increase
- *Custodial Costs- part time custodian salary increase for 2020-2021
- * Health Insurance- 6% increase - preliminary for discussion
- *Reduction of one bus for transportation of students- cost savings of \$48,000

Focal Points:

- **Projected* students for 2020-2021 - decrease of 7 students from last year.
- Kindergarten- 32 interested in kindergarten- 21 students are registered.
- *Per pupil expenditures- New Hartford Pre-k through 6th grade is at a lower cost for per pupil expense in comparison to the surrounding districts.
- *Professional Development- initiated a new math program this year- 2019-2020- for 6th grade and are initiating a PILOT form of "Illustrative Math" for grades K-5, working with the other regional school districts.
- *Substitution of teachers moved over to Kelly Services.
- *Capital Plan- in review-
- *New Classroom Doors to increase safety.
- *Chrome Books added for 4th grade with much success in use in the 5th and 6th grade.

- *Promethean Boards-five boards moving down to the primary schools for 2020-2021.
- *Readers Workshop- Professional development for teachers from consultants of Columbia University. New Hartford teachers are in their second year and will continue this professional development workshop for 2020-2021.
- *Implementation of unified sports.

D. Public Comment : None

E. Consent Agenda

1. **Expenditure Report** - updated copy in the BOE packet - No discussion.

2. **Personnel**

Superintendent Murphy announced that Ruth Hopkins is retiring from her Tutor position (Antolini School) at the end of this school year. Kaitlyn Kurdziel (Art Teacher) is resigning at the end of the school year to take a teaching position in Kuwait. Melissa Preece will be replacing Heather Mathes in the first grade at New Hartford Elementary School. Heather will be transitioning to the Curriculum Coach as of February 24, 2020. Andrew Zaorski and Elizabeth Sikorski have been hired as tutors for Bakerville and New Hartford Elementary School.

3. **Approval of Minutes-** 8:04 pm

MOTION by Miller to accept/approve the consent agenda and the BOE minutes from December 3, 2019/January 7, 2020 and January 14, 2020 meetings, seconded by Buzzi .

Unanimous

F. Communication to the Board

Tim Goff and Superintendent Murphy did not have any information to communicate to the BOE at this time.

G. New Business

1. **School Calendar**

Superintendent Murphy announces the 2020-2021 Calendar. He reviewed that he did recommend a change in the calendar to add 4 early release /professional development days to the 2020-2021 calendar:

December 23, 2020	- early release - 1:00 pm
January 15, 2021	- professional development - early release 1:00 pm
February 12, 2021	- professional development- early release 1:00 pm
March 19, 2021	- professional development - early release 1:00 pm

MOTION by Miller to accept the 2020-2021 School Calendar, seconded by Persechino.

Unanimous

2. Capital Expenditure Subcommittee for the Town of New Hartford
Appointment of a Board Member

MOTION Tim Goff nominated Thomas Buzzi to serve on the Capital Expenditure Subcommittee, seconded by Hermonat

Unanimous

H. Adjournment

MOTION by Miller to adjourn the BOE meeting at 8:16 pm, seconded by Hermonat

Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Barrett
Recording Secretary