

**New Hartford Board of Education Meeting
Board of Education Meeting
February 18, 2020
7:00 PM /Multi-Purpose Room
Antolini School**

Board Members Present:

Tim Goff, Chairman
Karl Hermonat, Vice Chairman
Tom Buzzi
Timothy Klepps
Penny Miller
Tony Persechino
Mary Stempien
Heather Tomala

Absent:

Kelly O'Dell Longhi

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
Library Media Specialist Karen Pfeffer
Members of the Public: Alexander Martinez, Elizabeth Martinez, Kat (Kathryn) Linnetz, Michael Linnetz, Beth Linnetz, Edward Mumm, Aulay Carlson, Kathryn Boughton- Republican American reporter

A. Chair to Open Meeting -

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tim Goff at 7:00 pm.

B. The Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was cited.

C. Chair Select Order of Business

Chairman Tim Goff requests two changes to agenda:

Change #1: Kelly O'Dell Longhi was absent. She would have been reporting the policy review. Chairman Tim Goff would like to **table** this Policy Review discussion until the next BOE meeting with no objection.

Change #2: Chairman Tim Goff would like to move **Public Comment** before the **Superintendent's Report**.

D. Public Comment

Aulay Carlson, 455 West Hill Road read a letter stating his opinions on the 2020-2021 Budget proposal.

E. Superintendent's Report

1. Advanced Manufacturing Program Presentation

Superintendent Murphy began the presentation briefing the room about the Advanced Manufacturing Program for the 6th grade. New Hartford Public Schools partnered with Goodwin University and would like to update the BOE on the progress of this "State of the Art" program that is one of its kind in the Northwest corner. The Superintendent introduced Library Media Specialist Karen Pfeffer, and two 6th grade students-Kathryn Lennitz and Alexander Martinez.

Mrs. Pfeffer spoke with much appreciation to Superintendent Murphy, the Board of Education, her administrators, her students and the volunteers. She explained that she is so fortunate to be here because she works in a school district that supports her 100%, even with her crazy ideas. She explains the students are always in discussion about books, literature, and real world activities. STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) classes begin in Pre-K and go up to the 6th grade. The children locate problems in the community, and identify a solution. From the solutions, they create prototypes. Working with Goodwin University, they began learning about CAD and print projects on 3-D printers. In May 2020, the students will visit Goodwin University.

Mrs. Pfeffer introduced her student, Kat Linnetz and Board Member -Heather Tomala to the floor. Heather Tomala is demonstrating a "Project Runway" outfit that Kat Linnetz designed out of plastic bags and tissue paper.

She then introduced *Alex Martinez*, a student from Ann Antolini School. Alex Martinez proceeds to speak to the BOE about 3-D printers. He expresses how 3-D printers show how the earth is evolving in many ways. He thanked the Goodwin University for this opportunity and dedicated his speech to Mrs. Karen Pfeffer.

Kat Linnetz, a student at Ann Antolini, followed Alex's speech. She explained for Project Runway, the students were given some materials to create an outfit for the teacher of their choice. Kat decided to make a dress out of a long sheet of plastic, a belt made out of plastic, and tissue paper for the scarf. She learned a lot because it was difficult to design the "right fit." She thanked Mrs. Pfeffer and expressed her hope that this unit continues in the future.

7:25 PM- Superintendent Murphy presented Library Media Specialist Karen Pfeffer with a *certificate of appreciation* for recognizing her efforts with the STEAM program at the New Hartford Public Schools.

2. 2020-2021 Budget

Tim Goff explained that there are 2 adjustments- moved the security upgrades on page 32 under Item 407 Maintenance for a total of \$12,500.00 of the operating budget to the Capital budget. This shift caused the overall increase from 2.99% to be reduced to 2.84% in the operating budget and an increase in the Capital budget.

Review of Budget:

Concerns/Requests for the Board of Education for the 2020-2021 Budget Proposal: The Board of Education and Superintendent Murphy reviewed, in detail, the concerns and/or recommendations of the Board for the 2020-2021 Proposed Budget.

9:13 PM- **MOTION** by Buzzi to approve the 2020-2021 Board of Education Budget for the New Hartford Public Schools for \$8,589,106.00 for presentation to the Board of Finance on March 14, 2020 at 9:30 AM, seconded by Klepps.

Unanimous

9:14 PM - **MOTION** by Buzzi to approve the 2020-2021 New Hartford Public Schools Capital Expenditure Budget of \$146,500.00 for presentation to the Board of Finance , seconded by Miller.

Unanimous

F. Consent Agenda

No additional comments from Superintendent Murphy.

9:16 PM **MOTION** by Miller to approve the Consent Agenda which is the approval of BOE minutes from the February 4, 2020 meeting, and the personnel report from Superintendent Murphy in regards to Kathleen Tancreti will be out on medical leave from March 16- April 27, 2020, seconded by Persechino.

Unanimous

G. Communication to the Board of Education

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

H. Reports

Chairman Tim Goff tabled this Policy Review discussion until the next BOE meeting.

I. New Business

9:17 PM **MOTION** by Miller to enter executive session for the purpose of discussion and possible action concerning employment of a teacher, seconded by Stempien.

Unanimous

9:21 PM Executive session began.

10:06 PM **MOTION** by Goff that the New Hartford Board of Education authorize Superintendent Murphy to negotiate and finalize a settlement agreement with the employee based on the terms discussed in the executive session on February 18, 2020 and MOVED FURTHER that the Superintendent be authorized to execute the settlement agreement on behalf of the Board should a final agreement be reached, seconded by Miller.

Unanimous

10:06 PM **MOTION** by Miller to adjourn at 10:06 PM, seconded by Hermonat.

Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Barrett
Recording Secretary