

**New Hartford Public Schools
Special Board of Education Meeting – July 31, 2019
6:00 pm / Media Center / Antolini School**

PRESENT Chairman Tim Goff, Karl Hermonat, Penny Miller, Kelly O'Dell Longhi, Tom Buzzi and Superintendent of Schools Brian Murphy.

Others Present Antolini Admin Assistant Chris Barberet and Bakerville / New Hartford Elementary Principal Kelly Carroll.

Absent Jenn Benaitis, Stacie Cull, Tim Klepps and Pat Spaziani

Chairman Goff opened the meeting at 6:05 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Murphy reported that as of July 31st there are 57 students registered for the 2019-2020 incoming Kindergarten class. Because of this there will be 3 sections of Kindergarten with 2 classes at Bakerville and 1 class at New Hartford Elementary. There will be 19 students in each class. The swing line is West Hill Road. As we still have a month before school starts those numbers could change. Chairman Goff said as we have 57 students enrolled there isn't a need for a 4th section. Supt. Murphy said that each Kindergarten class will have a full-time tutor. Supt. Murphy will update the board at the next BOE meeting on August 20th if these numbers change.

New Business

Review of Capital Plan Bid Submittals

Chairman Goff said bid requests were sent out for School Furniture, Technology Equipment (Chrome Books) and Security Technology (Intercom safety improvements for the Antolini Playground). Supt. Murphy said the information requesting bids was placed in the Hartford Courant, Waterbury Republican American and the District's website June 21st through July 8th. The only bids received back were for the School Furniture. Supt. Murphy through the Board's attorney is asking the board to suspend the formal bidding process for the Technology Equipment and Security Technology and to give the authority to the Superintendent to complete those plans. The Board's attorney recommended this process. Mr. Goff started the discussion on the bids received for the School Furniture. Bids were received from School Furnishings / Academia Furniture Industries for \$18,596.77, School Specialty for \$21,217.97 and Lakeshore Learning Materials for \$29,128.08. All prices include installation. There is \$21,000 in the Capital Budget for this project.

MOTION: by Buzzi to authorize the purchase of School Furniture through School Furnishings / Academia Furniture Industries per their quote of \$18,596.77. Seconded by Miller.

Unanimous

Mr. Goff said we have 2 Capital projects for which we have not received any quotes. One was for Classroom Technology Items (4 Promethean Boards, 1 Chromebook Cart (includes 30 Chromebooks) and 54 Chromebooks). The 2nd one was for Installation and Set-Up of School Security Technology which

included: Utility Pole (approximately 15 ft.), 2 high definition surveillance weatherproof cameras, Audio and visual emergency notification devices (weatherproof), Emergency button (weatherproof, protected from weather) and installation of cameras, audio and visual notification devices, and emergency button on utility pole (including fiber optic cable, and any other items and labor necessary to connect items to existing security systems, additional network connections) and Programming of security system.

Per our attorney we can authorize Superintendent Murphy to reach out to the suppliers and order these items. Superintendent Murphy will contact companies that we have purchased these items from before.

MOTION by Miller to waive the bid process so Superintendent Murphy can complete the Security Technology Project. Second by O'Dell Longhi.

Discussion followed with Mr. Goff asking that Supt. Murphy inform the board of the price for the project.

Unanimous

MOTION by Miller to waive the bid process so Superintendent Murphy can complete the Technology Equipment Capital Purchase. Second by O'Dell Longhi.

Unanimous

MOTION by Buzzi to enter Executive Session for Discussion and possible action regarding pending grievance/arbitration filed by AFSCME Co. 4, Local 1303-367 at 6:30 pm. Second by Hermonat.

Unanimous

MOTION by Buzzi to come out of Executive Session at 6:47 pm. Second by Goff.

Unanimous

MOTION by Goff to adjourn at 6:47 pm. Second by Buzzi.

Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Penny Miller
Secretary
New Hartford Board of Education