

**New Hartford Public Schools**

**Board of Education Meeting**

**April 25, 2017**

**7:00 pm/Multi-Purpose Room**

**Antolini School**

**Present:** Josh Adams, Jenn Benaitis, Cindy Duval, Karl Hermonat, Mary Misiorski, Penny Miller, Pat Spaziani, Jen Zenuh (arrived at 7:13), Superintendent Brian Murphy

**Absent:** Stacie Cull

- A. Chair to Open Meeting: Chairman Jen Benaitis called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.
- B. Chair Select Order of Business
  - Motion** by Jenn Benaitis to amend the agenda to add "Update from the School Building Committee" under C. Old Business, second by Josh Adams. All in favor, none opposed.
  - Motion Passes**
- C. Old Business
  - a. Board of Finance Update- Jenn Benaitis talked to Jim Fitzgerald earlier in the day. Nothing is concrete but the indication is that the state will not pass on to the town the teacher's pensions. It has yet to be voted on, though.
  - b. Update from the School Building Committee- Pat Spaziani updated the board that there will be new ceiling tiles placed in the classrooms and acoustic panels in the multipurpose room. Pat emailed Denton for an update and the cost of the acoustic panels but has not heard back yet. She will update the BOE at the next meeting when she receives more information.
- D. Superintendent Report
  - a. Oak Hill Update- Oak Hill is interested in leasing another classroom for their 2017-2018 school year beginning on July 1<sup>st</sup> for \$44k. This brings them to a total of 3 classrooms at \$132k. **Motion** by Penny Miller to increase Oak Hill from 2 classrooms to 3 classrooms for their 2017-2018 school year at an income to the town for \$132k, second by Jen Benaitis. All in favor, none opposed. **Motion Passes.**
  - b. Superintendent's Awards- Brian Murphy presented Adam Wright and Alexis Arthur with this year's Superintendent Awards.
- E. Consent Agenda
  - a. Approval of Minutes- March 21, 2017- Pat Spaziani asked to pull minutes from March 21, 2017. **Motion** by Josh Adams to approve the consent agenda minus the minutes, second by Penny Miller. All in favor, none opposed. **Motion Passes.** March 21, 2017 minutes to be changed as noted. Page 1 to remove the ' after Murphy, to change Jen Benaitis to Jenn, correct the spelling in Schroeder under TAG update, correct Gillet and Karen to Kara under public comment, and change prek to PreK. **Motion** by Josh Adams to approve the minutes as amended, second by Penny Miller. Those in favor Josh Adams, Jenn Benaitis, Karl Hermonat, Mary Misiorski, Penny Miller, Pat Spaziani, Jen Zenuh, abstained Cindy Duval. **Motion Passes.**
  - b. Expenditure Report-

- c. Personnel
- F. Communication to the Board of Education
  - a. PTO President Kara Desantis- wrote to notify that the PTO is proposing that they have a committee set up prior to an event and that the PTO is now using REMIND for updates and notification where you can text @nhpto to 81010
  - b. Former Chair Sue London wrote on her observations and suggestions regarding the New Hartford BOE budget.
- G. Opportunity for Public Comment
  - a. Kelly Howard of 17 Bee Mountain Rd spoke to give her clarification on BOE member posting on social media regarding the PTO
- H. Report
  - a. Policy Review
    - i. Parliamentary Procedures (9325.3)- Second reading by Mary Misiorski. **Motion** by Pat Spaziani to approve Parliamentary Procedures 9235.3, second by Josh Adams. All in favor, none opposed. **Motion Passes.**
    - ii. Food Service (3542.43)- First reading by Mary Misiorski.
    - iii. Security Check/Fingerprinting (4112.5)- First reading by Mark Misiorski.
    - iv. Board Member Use of Internet Social Networks (9327.1)- First reading by Mary Misiorski. Brian will reach out to CABE about a retention policy regarding internet social networks before the next meeting.
- I. New Business
  - a. Superintendent recommendations for non-renewal of employment contracts- Brian Murphy recommend to the board the non-renewal of 6 non-tenured teachers due to the cuts proposed by the state. He noted that these non-renewals do not automatically mean these teachers will not return next year. The recommendation is to allow the board the ability to cut the position if the state cuts go through. The non-renewal includes Andrea Bennett, Rachel Juliano, Shannon Lasse, Rachel Savage, Ariel Schroeder, and Colleen Toohey.
  - b. Possible action regarding superintendent's recommendations for non-renewal of employment contracts- **Motion** by Jenn Benaitis that the contract of employment of Andrea Bennett, Rachel Juliano, Shannon Lasse, Rachel Savage, Ariel Schroeder, and Colleen Toohey not be renewed for the following year upon its expiration at the end of the 2016-2017 school year and the superintendent of schools is directed to advise such people in writing about this action, second by Josh Adams. Those in favor Jenn Benaitis, Josh Adams, Pat Spaziani, Mary Misiorski, Karl Hermonat opposed Cindy Duval, Penny Miller, Jen Zenuh. **Motion Passes.**
- J. Adjournment- **Motion** by Jenn Benaitis to adjourn the meeting at 8:43, second by Pat Spaziani. All in favor, none opposed. **Motion Passes.**

*Respectfully submitted by Alexis Calder*