

**New Hartford Public Schools**

**Board of Education Meeting**

**June 6, 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, Stacie Cull, and Superintendent Brian Murphy

**Absent:** None

**A. Chair to Open Meeting:** Chairman Jenn Benaitis called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

**B. Chair Select Order of Business**

**C. Old Business**

**1. Operating Budget 2017-2018/Possible Action or amendment/Possible Executive Session for the purpose of discussion with the Board of Education lawyer on the budget process-** Motion by Jenn Benaitis that the New Hartford Board of Education enter into executive session to discuss a confidential attorney client privilege communication regarding Board of Education budget adoption process and invite Attorney Peter Mahr, Superintendent Brian Murphy, and Board of Finance Chairman Jim Fitzgerald, second by Josh Adams.

**Amendment** to previous **motion** by Jenn Benaitis that the New Hartford Board of Education enter into executive session to discuss a confidential attorney client privilege communication regarding the Board of Education budget adoption process and invite Attorney Peter Mahr and Superintendent Brian Murphy, second by Josh Adams. Those in favor Pat Spaziani, Cindy Duval, Mary Misiorski, Jenn Benaitis, and Josh Adams. Opposed Jen Zenuh, Penny Miller, and Karl Hermonat. **Motion passes.**

**Board of Education enters executive session at 7:05**

**Board of Education exits executive session at 7:36**

**2. School Building Committee Update** Pat Spaziani updated the BOE on acoustic panels and read the response from Bud Butler (see attachment). The lighting project should begin within 2 weeks with the panels being completed by August 1<sup>st</sup>.

**D. Superintendent Report**

**1. School Climate Survey-** Mr. Murphy explained the School Climate Survey and the additional questions regarding long range planning that were included in this year's survey.

**2. School Lunch Program Audit-** Mr. Murphy informed the board that we had this year's school lunch audit by State Department of Education and it was passed with "flying colors".

**3. Superintendent's Newsletter-** Second Edition, highlights the programs and activities for this year.

**4. Poet Laureate Program Presentation-** Mrs. Hawley explained the Poet Laureate Program that involved New Hartford Public School students from grades K-6. Students Hayes and Caraline read their recipe poems and Mrs. Hawley read Julie's address poem, excellent job! Through the sale of the book *Poetry for the Pantry: Feed a Body, Feed Your Soul* they have raised 500 meals for the CT Food Bank. The book is available for purchase online at [www.newhrtfd.org](http://www.newhrtfd.org) and all profits go to the CT Food Bank.

#### **E. Consent Agenda**

**1. Approval of Minutes-May 16,2017-** minutes pulled for review and the spelling and punctuation will be changed as discussed. **Motion** by Josh Adams to approve the consent agenda with the minutes as amended, second by Pat Spaziani. All in favor, none opposed. **Motion Passes.**

#### **2. Expenditure Report**

**3. Personnel-** Brian Murphy informed the board that Karen Pfeffer will be the full-time Media Specialist and Veronica Marquis will be the new part-time Physical Education/Health teacher for the upcoming 2017-2018 school year. Interviews will begin this week to fill positions in Special Education.

#### **F. Communication to the Board of Education**

#### **G. Opportunity for Public Comment**

Tim Goff (50 Birdsvie Ave) expressed his desire to know details about what was discussed during executive session.

#### **H. Reports**

##### **1. Policy Review**

**a. Food Service (3542.43) Motion** by Mary Misiorski to adopt the Food Service Policy (3542.43), second by Josh Adams. All in favor, none opposed. **Motion Passes.**

**b. Security Check/ Fingerprinting (4112.5) Motion** by Mary Misiorski to adopt the policy Security Check/Fingerprinting (4112.5) and approve the regulation, second by Stacie Cull. All in favor, none opposed. **Motion Passes.**

**c. Board Member Use of Internet Social Networks (9327.1)** After discussion, **motion** by Josh Adams to adopt the revision policy 9327.1, second by Pat Spaziani. Those in favor Josh Adams, Jenn Benaitis, Cindy Duval Karl Hermonat, Mary Misiorski, Penny Miller, Pat Spaziani, Stacie Cull. Opposed Jen Zenuh. **Motion Passes.**

**d. Electronic Communications (3543.31)** First reading by Mary Misiorski.

**e. School Wellness Policy (6142.101)** First reading by Penny Miller.

#### **I. New Business**

**1.Board of Education Self-Evaluation-** Jenn Benaitis asked for board members to fill out self-evaluation along with superintendent's evaluation outside of the May 19<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**2. Superintendent's Evaluation Document-** included with Board of Education Self-Evaluation as stated above.

### **3. Discussion regarding a confidential student matter (Possible Executive Session)**

**Motion** by Jenn Benaitis that the New Hartford Board of Education enter into executive session to discuss a confidential student matter along with Superintendent Brian Murphy and Paula Gladu-Morabito, second by Josh Adams. All in favor, none opposed. **Motion Passes.**

**Board of Education enters executive session at 8:31**

**Board of Education exits executive session at 8:46**

### **J. Adjournment**

**Motion** by Jenn Benaitis to adjourn the meeting at 8:46, second by Josh Adams. All in favor, none opposed. **Motion Passes.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Alexis Calder**

**6/8/2017**