

New Hartford Public Schools
Board of Education Meeting
December 5,, 2017
7:00 p.m./Multipurpose Room
Antolini School

Present: Josh Adams, Penny Miller, Pat Spaziani, Jenn Benatis, Stacie Cull, Time Goff, Kelly O'Dell Longhi, Thomas Buzzi, Superintendent Brian Murphy

Absent: Tim Klepps

A. Chair to Open Meeting- Chairman Jenn Benatis to call meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

B. Chair to Select Order of Business- No changes to the order of business.

C. Old Business

a. Antolini School Building Project Update- First Selectman Dan Jerram was available to answer questions from the board. **Motion** by Jenn Benatis, second by Josh Adams, that the New Hartford Board of Education accepts closing of Phase I Project Number-0920037RR of the Antolini School Building Project. All in favor; none opposed. **Motion Passes.**

b. Budget Update 2017-2018-

D. Board Officer Elections- Nomination by Pat Spaziani, second by Tim Goff, for Josh Adams as Chairman of the Board of Education. Nomination by Thomas Buzzi, second by Penny Miller, for Tim Goff as Vice Chairman of the Board of Education. Nomination by Tim Goff, second by Thomas Buzzi, for Penny Miller as Secretary of the Board of Education. After a vote, all for Josh Adams as Chairman, Tim Goff as Vice Chairman, and Penny Miller as Secretary.

E. Superintendent's Report

a. SBAC Report

b. Special Education Program

F. Public Comment

a. Marcia Jones (298 Ramstein Rd)- read a portion of a letter she previously sent to board members about the position of Instructional Assistant (see attachment).

b. Christine Sullivan (66 High St)- read a letter about the benefits of the position of Instructional Assistant (see attachment).

G. Consent Agenda- Motion by Kelly O'Dell Longhi, second by Penny Miller, to have discussion under New Business about the position of Instructional Assistant. All in favor- Kelly O'Dell Longhi, Stacie Cull, Josh Adams, Tim Goff, Thomas Buzzi, Penny Miller. Opposed- Pat Spaziani. Abstained- Jenn Benatis. **Motion passes.**

- a. **Approval of Minutes- October 3, 2017- Motion** by Penny Miller, second by Pat Spaziani, to a the consent agenda as presented. All in favor-Pat Spaziani, Jenn Benatis, Josh Adams, Penny Miller. Abstained- Staci Cull, Tim Goff, Kelly O'Dell Longhi, Thomas Buzzi. **Motion passes.**
- b. **Personnel Report-** Superintendent Brian Murphy recommended the Board of Education approve the request to extend the maternity leave of two teachers till the end of the school year. **Motion** by Jenn Benaitis, second by Kelly O'dell Longhi, to approve the extended maternity leave of two teachers. All in favor, none opposed. **Motion passes.**

H. Communication to the Board of Education

- a. Josh Adams read a letter from D and Butler (see attached).

I. New Business

- a. **Board of Education Meeting Dates/2018- Motion** by Penny Miller, second by Tim Goff, to approve the calendar as presented. All in favor, none opposed. **Motion passes.**
- b. **Discussion of the Position of Instructional Assistant-** A discussion about staffing will be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

- J. **Adjournment- Motion** by Penny Miller, second by Penny Miller, to adjourn the meeting at 8:54. All in favor, none opposed. **Motion passes.**

*Respectfully submitted by Alexis Calder,
Recording Secretary
12/7/2017*

