

**New Hartford Public Schools
TOWN OF NEW HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday June 7, 2016 @ 7:00pm
Antolini School –Multi-Purpose Room
80 Antolini Road, New Hartford, Connecticut**

Present: Josh Adams, Jen Benaitis, Sue Lundin, Penny Miller, Mary Misiorski, Pat Spaziani, Stacie Cull, Superintendent Brian Murphy

Absent: Cindy Duval, Jen Zenuh

Chair to Open Meeting: Chairman Sue Lundin called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Opportunity for Public Comment:

Janet Terenzi (*Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent of Schools*) – spoke of Personnel Subcommittees proposal to the Board. The proposal reflects a salary increase of 2.5% while also increasing the health insurance to 17.5% resulting in \$4000.00 loss of income. Janet is asking that the Board reconsider the proposal (**Attachment A**)

Tom Buzzi (Niles Road) Expressed concern over the lack of answered questions asked at the Board of Education meetings. Requested an additional public comment section, at the end of meeting, as well as the beginning.

Glenn Philips – expressed concern about a public comment at the end of the meeting.

Order Business: A request was made to add under Reports the Wellness Committee (Item 2).

Superintendent Report:

1. Superintendents Newsletter:

Superintendent Murphy sent out a newsletter electronically to parents and staff highlighting the events and accomplishments of our students over this past school year.

2. Oak Hill School Proposal:

First Selectman Dan Jerram and Superintendent Brian Murphy met with Oak Hill School representatives, seeking Oak Hills interest in expanding their program at Antolini School. Currently Oak Hill leases 1.5 rooms on an annual basis paying \$66,419.00. A proposal is being presented to the Board that would expand lease space by another 1.5 classrooms (3 rooms total) for the next 3 years. As Oak Hill does not immediately have enough students to occupy 3 classrooms, they are agreeing to increase tuition by 22,000.00 over the next three years of the proposed contract ultimately paying 132,000.00 in year 3.

Motion by Pat Spaziani, 2nd by Sue Lundin, recommending Superintendent Murphy to work with Oak Hill representatives on a one year expansion agreement that would utilize 2 classrooms for the 2016-2017 school year.

After further discussion, Pat Spaziani withdrew her motion.

Motion by Josh Adams directing Superintendent Murphy to re-enter into negotiations, with Oak Hill School, that would center around the concept of tying the rental fee with the number of classrooms leased, based on Oak Hill needs for the school 2016-2017. Josh went on to clarify the specifics of the motions stating that if Oak Hill needed all 3 classrooms right away it would pay 132,000.00 for the rental fee in the 2016-2017 school year. In essence, they would be paying 22,000.00 for each half classroom rented. Motion was seconded by Mary Misiorski. Those in favor of the motion: Josh Adams, Jen Benaitis, Sue Lundin, Mary Misiorski, Pat Spaziani, Stacie Cull. Those opposed Penny Miller.

Motion passes

Consent Agenda:

1. Approval of Minutes – May 17, 2016

2. Financial Report

3. Personnel

Superintendent Murphy read a letter from Sheila Hawley, notification of her retirement.

Motion by Pat Spaziani, 2nd by Staci Cull to approve the Consent Agenda. Those in favor of the motion: Josh Adams, Jen Benaitis, Sue Lundin, Mary Misiorski, Pat Spaziani, Stacie Cull. Abstention by Penny Miller.

Motion passes

Communications to the Board:

An email from Mike and Gina Maroney was read to Board expressing support for the renting of additional space to the Oak Hill School. **(Attachment B)**

New Business:

1. Superintendent's Evaluation –

Motion by Josh Adams, 2nd by Jen Benaitis to go into Executive Session at 7:45 for the purpose of the Superintendent's Evaluation. All approved.

Motion passes

Out of Executive Session at 7:50

Motion by Pat Spaziani, 2nd by Josh Adams to table the Superintendents evaluation until a later date. All approved.

Motion passes

- ### 2. Discussion and possible action concerning the appointment and employment of a central office secretarial position –
- Personnel subcommittee presented the terms of the employment agreement. After some discussion, a **Motion** by Pat Spaziani, 2nd by Jen Benaitis to accept the notification of employment for the Executive Secretary to the Superintendent of Schools. After further discussion those in favor of the motion: Jen Benaitis, Sue Lundin, Mary Misiorski, Pat Spaziani, those opposed Stacie Cull, Josh Adams, Penny Miller.

Motion passes

- ### 3. Discussion of possible adhoc committee for school population options –
- a consideration of membership will take place over the next week to establish an adhoc committee for school population options. The purpose of the committee will be to look at current and future school population issues and come up with a recommendation as to how to proceed.
- ### 4. Board of Education Self Evaluation –
- the Board of Education members are asked to complete their self-evaluation for the next meeting.

Reports:

1. Policy Subcommittee:

The Policy Subcommittee reported on and reviewed with the Board the following Policy and Regulation:

First reading: Policy and Regulation 5141.21 (Administering Medication) – minor updates were suggested. The second reading will take place at the next Board of Ed meeting.

2. Wellness Committee -

Penny Miller reported on the work of the Wellness Committee.

Adjournment:

Motion by Mary Misiorski, 2nd by Stacie Cull to adjourn the meeting at 8:40. All in favor

Motion passes

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Misiorski

Secretary for the New Hartford Board of Education

Attachment A

Attachment B