

**New Hartford Public Schools
Town of New Hartford, CT
Board of Education
Special Meeting Minutes
Wednesday February 8, 2017 @
7:00pm
Antolini School – Multi Purpose
Room**

Present: Josh Adams, Jen Benaitis, Karl Hermonat, Mary Misiorski, Stacie Cull, Cindy Duval, Jen Zenuh, Superintendent Brian Murphy.

Absent: Penny Miller, Pat Spaziani

Chair to Open Meeting: Chairman Jen Benaitis called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

Old Business:

Superintendent Report:

1. **Budget Presentation** - Superintendent Murphy presented to the Board, his budget plan for the 2017-2018 school year. A budget with a 1.9% increase is being proposed. After the presentation, the Board had opportunity for questions.

Consent Agenda:

1. **Motion** by Josh Adams to accept the *Consent Agenda*, second by Karl Hermonat. All in favor. **Motion passes.**

Communications to the Board:

1. Letter was read from Maria Moore. She expressed a concern about three additional construction projects totaling more than \$700,000 that are not included in the scope of the construction projects at Antolini School for which taxpayers approved funding at a town meeting. The letter went on to request an appointment of a Board of Education member to the School Building Committee on an interim basis until that person can be confirmed at town meeting.
2. The Board received a 2nd letter from Jim Fitzgerald. His letter stated the proposed cuts in ECS as well a proposed shifting of responsibility for teachers retirement funding.

Opportunity for Public Comment:

Tim Goff (50 Birdsvie Ave) – expressed concerns about the fuel line item in the budget and concern for the approval of the teacher's contract.

Reports:

Adhoc Committee Update – Karl Hermonat updated the Board saying that Milone & MacBroom had presented their report in December and due to inclement weather and school cancellations, a January meeting had been cancelled. He reported that the next scheduled meeting would be on the 15th of February. Cindy Duval inquired about the possible recommendation by the Adhoc Committee to the Board of Education before for the Board of Ed March meeting.

New Business:

1. **Discussion and possible action concerning the tentative agreement reached with the New Hartford Education Association for a successor collective bargaining agreement:**

Motion by Josh Adams to go into Executive Session at 8:00 for the purpose of collective bargaining agreement discussion, 2nd by Karl Hermonat. All in favor. **Motion passes.**

Motion by Jen Benaitis to come out of Executive Session at 8:45, 2nd by Staci Cull. All in favor.

Motion passes

Motion by Mary Misiorski, 2nd by Josh Adams to accept the 3 year agreement reached between the New Hartford Board of Education and the New Hartford Education Association. All in favor.

Motion passes

2. **Budget Transfers 2016-2017 School Year:**

The Superintendent reviewed with the Board of Education line item transfers.

Motion by Jen Zenuh, 2nd by Mary Misiorski to accept the budget line item transfers. All in favor. **Motion passes**

3. **Capital Expenditures Subcommittee** – this advisory committee needs Board representation. Superintendent Murphy will be present but not able to vote. Jen Zenuh volunteered to attend along with Superintendent Murphy.

Motion by Josh Adams, 2nd by Staci Cull to accept Jen Zenuh as the appointed representative to the Capital Expenditures Committee. All in favor. **Motion passes**

4. **School Building Committee** – After lengthy discussion about the need for Board representation to this Committee there was a **Motion** by Josh Adams directing the Board of Education Chairman to request the Board of Selectman schedule a Town meeting for the purpose of appointing a Board of Education member to the School Building Committee, 2nd by Mary Misiorski. All in favor. **Motion passes.**

Adjournment:

Motion by Jen Benaitis, 2nd by Josh Adams to adjourn the meeting at 9:08. All in favor
Motion passes

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Misiorski

Secretary for the New Hartford Board of Education

Attachment: Maria Moore's letter to the Board of Education