New Hartford Public Schools Adhoc Enrollment Projection Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

DATE: November 28, 2016

LOCATION: Media Center, Ann Antolini

PRESENT: Karl Hermonat, Lila Tuxbury, Josh Adams, Nancy Schroeder-Perez, Mary Misiorski, Peter Humphrey, Roxanne Pangallo, Kate Rieger, Brian Murphy, Johnathan Costa

CALL TO ORDER: Karl Hermonat, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

- 1.) Members reviewed and discussed the priority grid for most important educational and financial criteria to consider.
- 2.) Members reviewed and discussed Milone and MacBroom report: Aging populations, enrollment and housing sales, birth rate, historical verses speculation, slow recovery in economy. Committee members discussed questions for consultant.
- 3.) Public Comment: Donna Laplante; commented that projecting can be difficult, how are we going to maintain quality with grand list not growing. Change comes slow. Mr. Buzzi; commented on having priority grid being available to public, facility utilization study including faculty. What is best use of the staff? What is the charge of committee? (Mr. Hermonat read the charge). Mr. Goff; commented on his disappointment with the discussion not having enough emphasis on building permits. Need to incentivize Crec to come back. Look at the numbers, in his opinion loss is less than two classrooms between Bakerville and New Hartford Elementary. Mr. Costa commented need to consider the total number of all three schools. Mrs. Bombara; commented there was a referendum to keep the school open. Mr. Hermonat (Chairman) commented that we need to look at what is the best use of the building.
- 4.) Next meeting: December 15th, 7:00 pm at Ann Antolini multipurpose room. Milone and MacBroom consultant will be presenting the report to the committee and public, Q&A will follow.
- 5.) The Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm