

**New Hartford Public Schools
Special Board of Education Meeting Minutes**

August 18, 2020

6:00 pm/Virtual Meeting

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 829 1636 0315

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Present: Chairman Tim Goff, Members: Tom Buzzi, Karl Hermonat, Tim Klepps, Penny Miller, Tony Persechino, Heather Tomala, Kelly O'Dell Longhi,

Others present: Supt. of Schools Brian Murphy, Barbara McLean, Amanda Shaw, Kelly Carroll, Heather Mathes

Absent: Tim Klepps

- A. **Chair to Open Meeting** - Chairman Goff opened the meeting at 6:04 pm.
- B. **Pledge of Allegiance** - The board joined together in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- C. **Chair to Select Order of Business** – No changes to the Order of Business.
- D. **Superintendent's Report**
 1. **District Food Service Provider** - Mr. Murphy stated that the District went out to bid for the Food Service Contract because Ed Advance had become cost prohibitive. Two bids were received. One from Ed Advance and one from Fresh Picks Café. Fresh Picks was very reasonable and was awarded the contract. There will be no changes to the delivery model. The four part time cafeteria workers will now be employed by Fresh Picks.
- E. **Public Comment** – Chairman Goff stated that he had received five pieces of communication from Caitlin & Brian Gagnon, Alicia Boucher, Laura & Jeff Martin, Ed Mumm, and Aulay Carlson. These letters are attached to the minutes.
- F. **Consent Agenda**
 1. **Approval of Minutes – June 16, 2020**
 2. **Expenditure Report**
 3. **Personnel/Retirements** – Betsey Conner announced her retirement. Brian has sent her a letter on behalf of the Board, thanking her for her service to NHPS. Diane Barrett will no longer be taking the minutes of the BOE meetings as she has family obligations. Brian will be posting for this position.

Motion by Penny Miller, 2nd by Heather Tomala to approve the Consent Agenda

Unanimous.

G. Reports

1. COVID-19 Policy Review – Kelly reviewed the COVID-19 Policy for the second reading. She noted small changes that the Policy Subcommittee made. Tom Buzzi asked if this Policy had an expiration date and if it had been vetted by the Board’s attorney. Brian affirmed that the policy had been vetted by the Board attorney and that we could have this policy expire at the end of the 2020-2021 school year or the duration of the COVID-19 crisis.

Penny Miller made a motion to approve the COVID Policy for the 2020-2021 school year or the end of the COVID-19 pandemic, 2nd by Mary Stempien.

Discuss ensued regarding an expiration date of this policy.

Penny Miller amended her motion to approve Policy 3156, COVID-19 Policy, with the revision that the expiration date of this Policy is January 15, 2021 or sooner as necessary, 2nd by Tom Buzzi **Unanimous.**

H. New Business

1. Superintendent Evaluation (proposed for Executive Session)

Motion by Penny Miller to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the Superintendent’s evaluation, 2nd by Tim Goff **Unanimous**

Motion by Tim Goff to come out of Executive Session at 7:20, 2nd by Tony Persechino **Unanimous**

Motion by Penny Miller to extend the contract of Superintendent Brian Murphy for one year, 2nd by Tony Persechino **Unanimous**

Motion by Karl Hermonat, to increase the salary of Superintendent Brian Murphy by 2% for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, 2nd by Mary Stempien **Unanimous**

I. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn at 7:25 by Penny Miller, 2nd by Tom Buzzi **Unanimous**

Respectfully Submitted,

**Janet Terenzi
Recording Secretary**

