

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

**December 1, 2020**

**6:00 pm/Virtual Meeting**

**Access Meeting/Listen Only**

**Join Zoom Meeting**

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Meeting ID: 858 5944 5620

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

**Guests:** Brian Murphy, Kelly Carroll, Amanda Shaw, Heather Mathes, Laura Polakow, Barbara Mclean

**A. Chair to Open Meeting-** Tim Goff opened fully virtual meeting at 6.01pm

**B. Pledge of Allegiance** – The board joined in saying the Pledge of Allegiance

**C. Chair Select Order of Business-** No change to the order of business

**D. Superintendent's Report**

**1. Math Night/December 9, 2020**

Mr. Murphy opened the report, by informing the Board that there will be a Math night on December 9<sup>th</sup> which will be led by Heather Mathes. The purpose of the meeting, is to provide information and an overview to parents of the new Illustrative Math Program. As mentioned in a previous meeting, this new program aligns with the Connecticut Math Standards. A link for parents to join the meeting will be provided in the Friday folder.

**2. School Improvement Plans**

Principals Kelly Carroll and Amanda Shaw presented their schools Improvement plans to the board. These are put together by each school's leadership teams and align with the Superintendents district goals.

Ms. Carroll presented the school improvement plan for New Hartford Elementary School and Bakerville Consolidated School. The goals for the primary school are:

1. **Reading-** Students will read and comprehend complex literacy and information texts independently and proficiently. (CCSS Reading Anchor Standard 10)
2. **Mathematics-** make sense of problems and persevere in solving them. (CCSS Standards for mathematical practice)

3. **Climate-** The school community has a shared vision and plan for promoting, enhancing and sustaining a positive school climate. (National School Climate Standard 1)
4. **Technology-** Utilize technology to expand educational opportunities for all students.

Principal Amanda Shaw presented the school improvement plan for Ann Antolini Elementary school. The goals for this school are:

1. **Reading-** Students will read and comprehend complex literacy and information texts independently and proficiently. (CCSS Reading Anchor Standard 10)
2. **Mathematics-** make sense of problems and persevere in solving them. (CCSS Standards for mathematical practice)
3. **Climate-** The school community has a shared vision and plan for promoting, enhancing and sustaining a positive school climate. (National School Climate Standard 1)
4. **Technology-** Utilize technology to expand educational opportunities for all students.

Each plan also explained the schools learning objectives and provided data which showed academic and climate results as well as student and parent surveys over a three-year period.

#### **E. Public Comment/Communication to the Board of Education**

Tim Goff read aloud an email that was received on November 25<sup>th</sup>. Each board member received a copy prior to the meeting. The letter from Susan Lundin, expressed her personal concern for the apparent passive nature of the Board specifically related to expenditure reports and line item reviews. The letter also requested the Board further address the possible consolidation of Bakerville and Ann Antolini Schools. Tim responded to the letter by stating that the content of the letter could not be further from the truth. He said that the Board is open to constructive ideas, opinions and criticisms from the community; however, went on to say the destructive criticism toward the board and its members will not be tolerated.

#### **F. Consent Agenda**

**Motion** by Penny Miller to approve the consent agenda and review the expenditure report.  
Second by Tom Buzzi.

**Motion passes.**

#### **1. Approval of Minutes-November 17, 2020**

#### **2. Expenditure Report**

Penny asked Mr. Murphy if the recent data he shared with the board which showed the districts COVID related costs were shown on the expenditure report? Mr. Murphy explained

that these costs were applied to the maintenance line item and health supplies; however, as stated previously, the district did receive grant money from the state for COVID costs which is why the previous information shared regarding this costs are different. Mr. Murphy confirmed that approximately \$36,000 was received in grant money.

**Motion-** to approve consent agenda after review.

**Unanimous.**

**G. New Business**

**1. BOE Meeting Schedule -2021**

Tim opened a discussion to the Board regarding the times the 2021 meetings should be held. Before the pandemic, meetings were in person at 7:00 p.m. Since then meetings have been named "*special*" meetings and have been conducted virtually at 6:00 p.m.

**Motion-**by Penny Miller to approve the 2021 BOE calendar with January 19<sup>th</sup> -April 20<sup>th</sup> being held at 6:00 p.m. and from May 18<sup>th</sup> through the remainder of year, the time will be 7:00 p.m. All meetings will be held at Ann Antolini school unless virtual. Second by Tom Buzzi.

**Unanimous**

**H. Adjournment-**

**Motion by Penny Miller to adjourn meeting at 7.24 p.m. Second by Tony Persechino.**

**Unanimous**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Laura Fritch  
Recording Secretary**