

**New Hartford Public Schools
Board of Education Meeting
March 2, 2021**

**6:00 pm/Virtual Meeting
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Meeting ID: 841 8428 9169

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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

Other- Heather Mathes, Laura Polakow, Susan Lundin, Brooke Harris, Kelly Carroll, Amanda Shaw, Jennifer Harris

A. Chair to Open Meeting- Tim Goff opened fully virtual meeting at 6.02pm

B. Pledge of Allegiance- The Board joined in saying the pledge of allegiance.

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

D. Superintendent's Report

1. Healthy Food Certification

Mr. Murphy opened the Superintendents report, by giving a brief overview of the annual exercise to approve the State of Connecticut's mandate to school district BOE's to approve participation in the National School Lunch Program. The motions were as follows:

MOTION-by Goff pursuant to Section 10-215F of the CGS New Hartford Board of Education certifies that all food items offered for sale to students in the schools under its jurisdiction and not exempted from the Connecticut Nutrition Standards will comply with the CNS during the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. Seconded by Miller.

Unanimous

MOTION- by Goff that the New Hartford Board of Education will allow the sale to students of food items that do not meet the CNS provided that (1) such food is sold in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on a weekend (2) such sale is at the location of the event and (3) such food is not sold from a vending machine or a school store. Seconded by Miller.

Unanimous

A copy of these motions will be shared to the board by Tim Goff following the meeting.

Mr. Murphy closed his report by thanking all those who participated in the National read aloud day on March 2nd. Although this was a fully virtual event, staff and students had a great day.

E. Public Comment/Communications to the Board of Education

A letter was received by the Board on March 2nd from Brooke Harris who expressed her concern regarding the elimination of a 4th grade teacher at Ann Antolini School as proposed in the 2021-2022 district budget. Tim Goff will respond directly to Ms. Harris to address this issue.

An email was also forwarded to Tim Goff on February 18th By Superintendent Murphy, from Jane Allen who also expressed her concerns regarding the reduction of the grade 4th teacher at Ann Antolini School next year. Mr. Murphy responded to Ms. Allen directly.

Both forms of communication will be including in the board minutes.

F. Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes – February 16, 2021

Tim Goff asked to pull the minutes from the February 16th meeting and make changes to specific items. Goff read these aloud for the board:

Under Superintendent's Report

1. Budget 2021-2022 Motion by Perschino to approve the proposed budget for the 2021-2022 school year. Buzzi seconded for discussion. **(Add) This motion was rescinded and adjusted for further discussion.**
2. Under Motion to Approve the 2021-2022 Board of Education budget for the New Hartford Public Schools for \$8,869,070 for presentation to the Board of Finance in March. All those in favor: **(Add) Goff**

Motion- By Goff to approve the meeting minutes from February 16th with proposed changes. Seconded by Persechino.

Motion passes

A copy of the updated minutes will be submitted to the Superintendent's office by the Board Secretary for review.

2. Expenditure Report

3. Personnel

Mr. Murphy informed the board that Todd Marfyak has retired from his position as part time custodian at Ann Antolini School. He will be replaced by James Lathrop who will start on March 15th, Mr. Murphy and Chairman Tim Goff thanked Mr. Marfyak for his years of service and wished him well in his retirement.

Motion- by Miller to approve consent agenda as presented. Seconded by Tomala.

Unanimous

G. Reports

1. Review Policy 5145.44 (Personnel Certified/Non-Certified/Title IX Sexual Harassment)

Kelly O'Dell Longhi read aloud the second review of this policy with recommended changes.

Motion- By Tomala to approve the second read of **Policy 5145.44 (Personnel Certified/Non-Certified/Title IX Sexual Harassment)** seconded by Stempien.

Unanimous

Tim Goff notified the board that next board meeting on March 6th will be in person. The maximum capacity will be 25 to a room. It is hoped that restrictions will ease in the coming months to bring meetings back to full capacity. Goff will keep the board updated with any updates or changes.

H. Adjournment

Motion- by Miller to adjourn meeting at 6.25pm. Seconded by Stempien.

Unanimous

Respectfully Submitted,

**Laura Fritch
Board Secretary**