

**New Hartford Public Schools
Board of Education Special Meeting (In-Person)
Ann Antolini Elementary School – Library
Tuesday April 23, 2024 @ 5:30PM**

PRESENT: Superintendent Jeffrey Sousa; Chairman Timothy Klepps; Vice Chairman Thomas Buzzi; Members: Meagan Albert; Erik Perotti; Timothy Russell; Deirdre Tindall; Frank Rodenberg and Recording Secretary Elizabeth Domas.

ABSENT: Board Members Penny Miller and Kristin Young.

Chairman Timothy Klepps called the meeting to order at 5:30PM.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. 2024-2025 Budget Update

Superintendent Jeffrey Sousa welcomes the newest Board Member Erik Perotti and thanks him for his service. Mr. Sousa updated the Board that upon further discussion with the Board of Finance, a motion was made by the Board of Finance to place the Excess Cost Grant in the Board of Education budget rather than the general Town budget. The letter sent by the Board of Finance Chairwoman is attached to these minutes. The final Board of Education budget is \$416,480.27 which is a 4.42% increase in the budget with the \$130,000 ECG applied to the budget. Deirdre Tindall asked Chairman Timothy Klepps to clarify the reporting that will be required to the Board of Finance. The plan is to have this reflected in the expenditure report as a line item.

3. CAFE Delegate Discussion and Appointment

Superintendent Jeffrey Sousa notified the Board that members of CAFE are involved in the legislative process. Mr. Sousa would like the Board to nominate a Board Member to represent the New Hartford Board of Education with him, this usually consists of a 2–3-day workshop. Mr. Sousa made a recommendation to the Board to have an individual be a delegate representative primary to get involved. Deirdre Tindall volunteered.

MOTION by Frank Rodenberg to appoint Deirdre Tindall to be the New Hartford Board of Education CAFE delegate. Second by Timothy Russell.

**UNANIMOUS
Motion Passes**

Chairman Timothy Klepps recommended to have an alternate delegate in the event the delegate cannot attend.

MOTION by Frank Rodenberg to appoint Thomas Buzzi to be the New Hartford Board of Education CAFE delegate alternate. Second by Deirdre Tindall.

**UNANIMOUS
Motion Passes**

MOTION by Thomas Buzzi to enter Executive Session and to invite Superintendent Jeffrey Sousa to the session at 5:43PM. Second by Frank Rodenberg.

UNANIMOUS
Motion Passes

*Everyone in attendance left the meeting.
The Board of Education and Superintendent Sousa remained for Executive Session.*

Motions following Executive Session were provided by Superintendent Jeffrey Sousa to the Recording Secretary.

4. Executive Session: Physical Security and Concerning the Performance of a Board Member

MOTION by Thomas Buzzi to exit Executive Session at 6:20PM. Second by Timothy Klepps.

UNANIMOUS
Motion Passes

5. Adjournment

MOTION by Thomas Buzzi to adjourn the meeting at 6:21PM. Second by Timothy Klepps.

UNANIMOUS
Motion Passes

*Respectfully submitted by,
Elizabeth Domas, Recording Secretary*

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Attachments:
Board of Finance ECG Letter