

**New Hartford Public Schools  
TOWN OF NEW HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday, January 5, 2016 at 7:00 PM  
Ann Antolini School  
80 Antolini Road, New Hartford, Connecticut**

Present: BOE members Josh Adams, Jen Benaitis, Stacie Cull, Cindy Duval, Penny Miller, Mary Misiorski, Pat Spaziani, Superintendent Brian Murphy, SBC member Denton Butler

Absent: Sue Lundin, Jen Zenuh

Public: Thomas Buzzi

**A. CHAIR TO OPEN MEETING:**

Vice-Chair Jen Benaitis called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

**B. Informational Session concerning potential Window/ADA/Air Handler Upgrades:**

Mr. Denton Butler came before the Board to provide an update on the Roof and Window Replacement, ADA Code Improvement project at Antolini School. He reported on *Redefined Project Activities*, remarking that were still within the original scope of the project also noting that this redefined project will not exceed the approved referendum amount voted on November 20<sup>th</sup> 2014.

The following are the recommended project activities:

- ~Handicap Parking Ramp
- ~Sidewalk Amendments
- ~Bathroom Fixes
- ~Nurses Station Revisions
- ~New Windows
- ~Air Handler Replacement
- ~Court Erosion Control, Revisions – Paving, Curbing, Landing/Loading Area
- ~Classroom – Counters, Sinks, Workstations
- ~Sinage
- ~West Entrance
- ~Compliance Loading/Unloading Passengers
- ~Updated Fire Alarm System

SBC recommends expanding the project activities based upon:

- ~76% voter approval on November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014
- ~Scope of project unchanged but includes additional priorities as detailed by Facility Assessment
- ~With decision to close Bakerville School there is a need to keep Antolini/New Hartford Elementary current.
- ~Lessen the impact of ever escalating costs
- ~Considerable time and effort goes into gaining approval from Townspeople and Bureaucrats

At this time Mr Butler opened up the meeting to any questions that the Board may have.

Pat Spaziani asked about the possibility of installing Air Conditioning while replacing Air Handlers, Mr Butler responded that it was not within the scope of the project but there could possibly be units placed around the building in areas where there is need.

Josh Adams voiced concerns about public perceptions of the *Redefined Project Activities*, Mr Butler reiterated that the original scope of the project was not changing and that with this redefined project and continuing on to say that we are reaping the benefits of money saved from the roof project.

Pat Spaziani raised a concern that if the Board supports this project tonight, and it then goes to the Board of Selectman for approval, could the Board of Selectmen limit what is spent for the project. Mr Butler responded by saying that the Board of Selectmen have the right to modify or reduce the scope of the project.

Pat Spaziani put forward the motion "The BOE supports the expansion, within project scope and budget of the formerly approved roof, windows, ADA and associated compliance activities, utilizing referendum approved monies, not to exceed the amount previously appropriated by New Hartford voters on November 20, 2014, for said purpose."

Second by Penny Miller, after some discussion the following Board members approved the motion put forth - Jen Benaitis, Stacie Cull, Cindy Duval, Penny Miller, Mary Misiorski, Pat Spaziani, with one abstention -Josh Adams

**C. Adjournment**

Jen Benaitis motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:30pm, Josh Adams second the motion, all in favor.

**Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Misiorski  
Board Secretary**