

New Hartford Board of Education
Regular Meeting – February 1, 2022
Ann Antolini School – Multi-Purpose Room @ 7 pm
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Present: Chairman Karl Hermonat, Vice Chair Kelly O’Dell Longhi, Secretary Penny Miller, members present: Tim Klepps (in at 7:05 pm), Tony Persechino, Mary Stempien.

On Zoom: Tom Buzzi & Deirdre Tindall

Absent: Travis Bonhomme

Also present: Superintendent of Schools Brian Murphy, Ann Antolini School Principal Amanda Shaw, Bakerville & New Hartford Elementary Schools Principal Kelly Carroll, Fiscal Services Admin. Asst. Diane Barrett, Curriculum Specialist Heather Mathes, Director of Student Services Barbara McLean, Psychologist Jen Harris, Members of the public: Indie Cardwell, Kristy Paradis, Kristen Kosiba and Anissa Zucker.

Chairman Hermonat opened the meeting at 7 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair to select order of business

Chairman Hermonat moved Public Comment/Communication before the Superintendent’s Report up in the agenda to accommodate those in the audience.

Public Comment/Communication

Indie Cardwell, 81 Burwell Rd, a 2nd grader from Bakerville School spoke against the wearing of masks. She compared the wearing of masks to Rosie Parks. Indie said that she and her friends have aches caused by the masks. She felt we should stop wearing masks. Christy Paradis, Indie’s mother, said she had received a phone call from school today about this and it turned into a panic attack. She said Indie is a normal happy child.

Kristen Kosiba, 40 Windsor Lane, spoke on her opposition to the children having to wear masks in school. She said that it was hard for the children to know people’s expressions when they have a mask on. Her 5-year-old child told her that she takes extra water breaks so that she can breathe by taking off her mask. She said to make the mask optional. Their childhood is being stolen by this mandate.

Anissa Zucker, 10 Kellogg Rd, said that she would like the mask policy removed. Her daughter, Melody, had been a student at Bakerville School but is now being homeschooled. She had lost her job at Oak Hill because she is not vaccinated. She said that her family may be moving possibly to Massachusetts.

Superintendent’s Report

Supt. Murphy thanked his administrative team for all of their help with the preparation of the 2022-2023 New Hartford Public Schools budget. Copies of the proposed budget can be viewed at the Supt. of Schools office.

The proposed budget increase is \$176,712 or 1.99%. A summary of the proposed budget increases is:

- Increases in Special Education Costs
 (which includes SPED Pupil Transportation) \$ 14,449
- Salary Increases \$106,520
- Remaining Increases \$221,791
 Main Drivers: Health Insurance, Regular Ed bus lease
 heating oil, medical/dental
- Decreases -\$166,048
 Main Decreases: Contracted Service Tuition

The staff decreases/increases are:

- Decrease due to personnel change
 1.0 full time teacher \$ 51,372
- Increase in part-time Health Teacher
 .7 to .8 Health Teacher \$ 5,438

The contractual increases are:

- Administrators 7.0%
 Increase of days for Special Ed Director from 205 to 220
 One-time payment to bring the principals
- Teachers 2.9%
- Tutors 2.0%
- Custodians 2.0%
- Secretaries 2.0%

Capital Requests – Total \$250,000

District-Wide:

90 Chromebooks / 4 Promethean Boards / Repair Server at Antolini	\$55,000
Antolini School	
Add outlets & relabel electrical panels	\$12,000
Security Upgrades (Doors)	\$9,000
Furniture Replacement	\$20,000
Paint Classrooms	\$8,000
Paving – Parking Lot – Oak Hill Entrance / Pick-up	\$123,000
Bakerville School	
Furniture Replacement	\$15,000
New Hartford	
Paint Classrooms	\$8,000

Consent Agenda

MOTION

Ms. Miller motioned that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented. Second by Ms. Stempien.

Motion passed unanimously

Reports – 2nd read of the following:

- 1. Review Policy 6159(Individualized Education Program/Special Education Program)**

2. Review Policy 5113(Attendance/Excuses/Dismissal)

3. Review Policy 5131.911(Bullying Prevention and Intervention)

MOTION:

Ms. Stempien made a motion to approve Policies 6159, 5113, 5131.911. Second by Ms. Miller

Aye: Klepps, Stempien, Persechino, Hermonat, Miller, O'Dell-Longhi, Tindall; Abstained: Buzzi

Motion passes

New Business

School Calendar – 2022-2023

The 2022-2023 school calendar was presented for approval. There was some discussion around changing the calendar so that the children would go to school on Election Day but have Veteran's Day off.

MOTION

Mr. Klepps made a motion to accept the New Hartford BOE 2022-2023 School Calendar. Second by Ms. Stempien.

Unanimous

MOTION

Ms. Miller made a motion to adjourn at 8:17 pm. Second by Ms. Stempien.

Unanimous

Respectfully submitted, Penny Miller, Board Secretary

Attachments:

2022 / 2023 New Hartford Public School Proposed Budget
School Calendar