

**New Hartford Board of Education
Regular Meeting – March 1, 2022
Ann Antolini School – Multi-Purpose Room @ 7 pm**
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Present: Chairman Karl Hermonat, Vice Chair Kelly O’Dell Longhi, Board Secretary Penny Miller, Members: Travis Bonhomme, Tom Buzzi, Tim Klepps, Tony Persechino, Mary Stempien and Deirdre Tindall

Also Present: Superintendent of School Brian Murphy, Ann Antolini School Principal Amanda Shaw, Bakerville & New Hartford Elementary School Principal Kelly Carroll, Curriculum Specialist Heather Mathes, Director of Student Services Barbara McLean, Rebecca Stapleton, Bill & Judy Thompson, Rick Koenig, Sandy Lebel and Kathryn Boughton (Republican American reporter).

Chairman Hermonat opened the meeting at 7:00 with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Superintendent’s Report

Superintendent Murphy introduced Mrs. Becky Stapleton (6th grade teacher / Ann Antolini School) and Mr. Rick Koenig (custodian / New Hartford Elementary School) as the recipients of the Superintendent’s Staff Awards for the 2021-2022 school year. Mrs. Stapleton has been a teacher in our district for 22 years. Supt. Murphy said she is a role model not only to her students but to the staff. Mr. Koenig has worked in our school district for 18 years. Supt. Murphy said that Mr. Koenig treats New Hartford Elementary School like it is his own home. The school is immaculate and the hallway floors are so clean you could eat off of them. He is always interacting with students. He goes above and beyond. Supt. Murphy said that both are exemplary staff members who have gone above and beyond for the students in New Hartford.

Superintendent Murphy said that the 6th grade school play is on the same night as our April 13th meeting. He proposed that the meeting time on April 13th be moved to 6 pm in the Antolini Media Center.

Motion by Ms. Miller to change the meeting time on April 13th to 6 pm in the Library Media Center at the Ann Antolini School. Second by Mr. Buzzi.

Unanimous

Public Comment / Communications

None

Consent Agenda

Motion by Ms. Miller to accept the Consent Agenda. Second by Ms. Stempien.

Unanimous

Reports

Ms. Stempien said that Policy 4118.11 was pulled as there are more changes coming. This is a first read for the following policies:

Policy 5141.4 (Reporting of Child Abuse and Neglect). There is a small change on Page c, the addition of the school principal to the 2nd to the last paragraph. It will now read: *The confidential rapid response team shall consist of (1) a local teacher, a principal and the Superintendent, (2) a local police officer, and (3) any other person the Board of Education deems appropriate.*

Mr. Persechino asked who receives the notification first, Supt. Murphy said they report to DCF first. A serious report/accusation adds the police and the rapid response team.

First read of Policy 5131.6 Students / Alcohol and Drugs. Mr. Buzzi asked if there was a policy for disciplinary action for alcohol and drugs. He felt that the policy number for disciplinary action should be added to this policy. The Policy Sub-Committee will review the disciplinary policy to make sure it is relevant to this policy.

Motion by Ms. Miller to adjourn at 7:22 pm. Second by Ms. Stempien.

Unanimous

Respectfully submitted, Penny Miller, Board Secretary