

**New Hartford Board of Education
Special Meeting – April 13, 2022
Library Media Center – Ann Antolini School**

Present Chairman Karl Hermonat, Vice Chairman Kelly O’Dell Longhi, Secretary Penny Miller, Members: Travis Bonhomme, Tim Klepps (in at 6:17), Tony Persechino and Mary Stempien

Absent Tom Buzzi and Deirdre Tindall

Others Present Superintendent of Schools Brian Murphy, Ann Antolini School Principal Amanda Shaw, LMC teacher Karen Pfeffer, Curriculum Coordinator Heather Mathes, Kathryn Boughton (reporter Republican American), Ann Antolini Students: Isabelle Molnar, Dakota Roy, Caitlyn Varney, Kailey Dileo, Marlita Chicoski, Ben Gadwah, Sienna Michalski, Eva King, Hayes Brobston and Evan Boucher.

Chairman Hermonat opened the meeting at 6:00 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

No changes were made to the agenda.

Superintendent’s Report

Supt. Murphy introduced Library Media Teacher Mrs. Pfeffer. Mrs. Pfeffer spoke on the relationship between the 5 & 6th graders at Ann Antolini School and Goodwin University. She said the STEAM program starts with Pre-K up to 6th grade. The skills the children learn are repetitive. For instance, a skill they learn in pre-k may not be repeated until 2nd grade. By the time they reach 6th grade, the skills they have learned make them Goodwin University ready. Sixth graders Isabelle Molnar, Dakota Roy, Caitlyn Varney and Kailey Dileo spoke on working with Goodwin University. All 6th graders will be visiting Goodwin University after Spring Break where they will be shown 4 different components. A guest speaker will talk to the students about manufacturing and technology in the real world. A copy of their slide presentation is available at the Board of Education offices or with the Town Clerk. Mrs. Pfeffer also leads the Gifted and Talented Enrichment program for grades 4 – 6. She said the children pick a topic every year and try to stay within New Hartford. She wants them to understand their roots. They were asked to interview 25 people they didn’t know. She said she is honored to be a part of it. Marlita Chicoski, Ben Gadwah, Sienna Michalski, Eva King, Hayes Brobston and Evan Boucher showed the slide show that they created about what they are doing this year. Mrs. Pfeffer said the topic for this year was community.

Supt. Murphy said that the CT State Dept. of Education is implementing a state pilot program on behavioral health for 6 school districts in Connecticut. He proudly announced that New Hartford has been chosen to participate in this program.

Supt. Murphy said he was very happy to inform the board there are 36 students interested in participating in the Pre-K program for next year. He would like to add another section of full-day Pre-K at New Hartford Elementary. This will mean we won’t be reducing one teaching section as previously outlined in the 2022/2023 budget. The money for the salary of this additional teaching section will come from the Pre-K tuition. In the fall Pre-K will have 27 regular education and 9 special education students. The tuition for the 3-year-old students is \$1800 and the 4-year-old students is \$4500.

MOTION by Mr. Klepps to add a 2nd full-time teacher for the Pre-K program. Second by Mr. Persechino.

Unanimous

Public Comment

No correspondence was received and there was no public comment.

Consent Agenda

MOTION by Mr. Persechino to approve the Consent Agenda. Second by Ms. Miller

Supt. Murphy said he would like to inform the board regrettably that Amanda Shaw, principal of Ann Antolini School, will be leaving the district after 22 wonderful fantastic years. Eleven of them as principal of the Ann Antolini School. She also served as a teacher and curriculum specialist. Her last day is June 30, 2022. She spearheaded the \$5 million dollar renovation at the school. She tirelessly advocates for her students. Mr. Murphy said that every single year he is amazed that at the 6th grade moving-up ceremony Mrs. Shaw knows every student's name. He thanked her for everything she has done for New Hartford and her students.

Unanimous

New Business

1. Healthy Certification Approval

The following motions were made by Chairman Hermonat for our Healthy Food Certification.

MOTION Pursuant to C.G.S. Section 10-215f, the board of education or governing authority certifies that all food items offered for sale to students in the schools under its jurisdiction, and not exempted from the Connecticut Nutrition Standards published by the Connecticut State Department of Education, will comply with the Connecticut Nutrition Standards during the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. This certification shall include all food offered for sale to students separately from reimbursable meals at all times and from all sources, including but not limited to school stores, vending machines, school cafeterias, culinary programs, and any fundraising activities on school premises sponsored by the school or non-school organizations and groups. Second by Ms. Miller

Unanimous

MOTION The board of education or governing authority will allow the sale to students of food items that do not meet the Connecticut Nutrition Standards provided that the following conditions are met: 1) the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; 2) the sale is at the location of the event; and 3) the food items are not sold from a vending machine or school store. An "event" is an occurrence that involves more than just a regularly scheduled practice, meeting, or extracurricular activity. For example, soccer games, school plays, and interscholastic debates are events but soccer practices, play rehearsals, and debate team meetings are not. The "regular school day" is the period from midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day. "Location" means where the event is being held and must be the same place as the food sales. Second by Ms. Miller

Unanimous

2. Discussion and possible action regarding the principal position for Ann Antolini School (discussion proposed for executive session)

MOTION by Ms. Miller to go into executive session at 6:56 pm and to invite Supt. Murphy to join us. Second by Mr. Persechino.

Unanimous

Executive session ended at 7:28 pm

MOTION by Ms. Miller to extend the position of principal at Ann Antolini School to Kelly Carroll effective July 1, 2022. Second by Mr. Bonhomme.

Unanimous

Reports

Ms. Stempien presented Policy 5141.4 (Reporting of Child Abuse and Neglect) saying there were no changes to the policy.

MOTION by Ms. Miller to approve Policy 5141.4 (Reporting of Child Abuse and Neglect). Second by Mr. Bonhomme.

Unanimous

Ms. Stempien said Policy 5131.6 (Students/Alcohol and Drugs) added Ref. Policy 5131 *Student Conduct*

MOTION by Ms. Miller to approve Policy 5131.6 (Students/Alcohol and Drugs) with changes. Second by Mr. Persechino.

Unanimous

Ms. Stempien said this was the first read for Policy 4118.11 (Personnel-Certified-Non-Certified). This was also the first read for new Policy 6142.61 (Instruction/Physical Activity). The mention of 12th grade will be changed as this is just for our elementary students. Also, physical education will be changed to physical activity. Any mention of middle or high school was removed. The paragraph about Interscholastic Athletics was removed.

MOTION by Ms. Miller to adjourn at 7:42 pm. Second by Ms. Stempien.

Unanimous

Respectfully submitted, Penny Miller, Board Secretary