

**New Hartford Board of Education  
Regular Meeting – June 7, 2022  
Ann Antolini School – Multi-Purpose Room @ 7 pm**  
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**Present:** Chairman Karl Hermonat, Vice Chair Kelly O'Dell Longhi (in at 7:05 pm), Board Secretary Penny Miller, Members: Travis Bonhomme (in at 7:04 pm) Tom Buzzi, Tim Klepps, Tony Persechino, Mary Stempien and Deirdre Tindall.

**Also present:** Supt. of Schools Brian Murphy, School Psychologist Jen Harris, Curriculum Specialist Heather Mathes, Bakerville & New Hartford Elementary Schools Principal Kelly Carroll, Ann Antolini Principal Amanda Shaw, Director of Student Services Barbara McLean, Connecticut Junior Republic Director of Behavioral Health Jennifer Grant and Candidate for Principal of Bakerville & New Hartford Elementary Schools Amy Kennedy.

Chairman Hermonat opened the meeting at 7:01 pm and asked those present to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Superintendent's Report

1. Budget Transfers 2021-2022
  - a. Supt. Murphy said there are 9-line items that have a deficit. A copy is on file with the Town Clerk for review. The total amount is \$221,000. Mr. Klepps and other board members asked for more information on the Emergency Repairs. Supt. Murphy said he would send the Board more information on the items that created the deficit from throughout the year.
  - b. The board asked going forward if this information was more forthcoming every month.

**MOTION** by Ms. Miller to approve the Line-Item Transfers, totaling \$221,000 for the budget year 2021-2022. Second by Mr. Persechino.

*Unanimous*

Supt. Murphy introduced the Jennifer Grant from the Connecticut Junior Republic (CJR) and Barbara McLean. He said the mental health needs of our students have increased over the last couple of year. The New Hartford Public Schools is looking to partner with CJR to hire a part-time Social Worker for the next school year to meet our student needs. This person would be in our schools for 3 days a week. CJR has been working successfully with Region 7 and other schools in our area. The cost would be \$35,000 and this would be covered by two federal grants. It does not go beyond next year at which time it will be re-evaluated.

**MOTION** by Ms. Miller to partner with the Connecticut Junior Republic for the upcoming school year, 2022-2023 at a cost of \$35,000. Second by Ms. Tindall.

*Unanimous*

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**Consent Agenda**

Supt. Murphy said the Rick Koenig, New Hartford Elementary School Custodian for 19 years, Carol Pollutro, Admin Assist to the Principal at New Hartford Elementary School for 37 years and Sue Boucher, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade teacher at Ann Antolini School for 26 years are all retiring. The board wished them all well. Jen Harris is leaving after 16 years for an administrative position at Ed Advance and Kara DeSantis is taking a job with the town.

**MOTION** by Mr. Buzzi to approve the Consent Agenda containing the May 17, 2022 minutes, Expenditure Report and Personnel. Second by Ms. Miller.

*Aye: Buzzi, Klepps, Persechino, Hermonat, Miller; Abstained: Stempien, Bonhomme & O'Dell-Longhi.*

*Motion passed*

**MOTION** by Chairman Hermonat to enter into executive session at 7:41 pm, for the purpose of conducting interviews of candidates for the position of Principal of Bakerville School and New Hartford Elementary School, inviting the candidates separately and Brian Murphy into portions of the executive session.

*Unanimous*

Executive session ended at 9:25 pm

**MOTION** by Chairman Hermonat that the Board appoint Amy Kennedy as Principal of New Hartford Elementary School and Bakerville School, effective July 1, 2022, for the 2022-2023 school year. Second by Mr. Bonhomme.

*Unanimous*

**Reports**

Ms. Stempien presented the following policies for a second read and acceptance.

1. Review Policy 4118.11 (Personnel-Certified/Non-Certified)
2. Review Policy 6142.61 (Instruction/Physical Activity)

**MOTION** by Mr. Persechino to accept the reports as presented. Second by Ms. Miller.

*Unanimous*

**MOTION** by Ms. Miller to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 pm. Second by Ms. Stempien.

*Unanimous*

*Respectfully submitted, Penny Miller, Board Secretary*

Attachments on file with the Town Clerk  
Line-item Transfers