

**New Hartford Public Schools
Board of Education Meeting
February 2, 2021**

**6:00 pm/Virtual Meeting
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Present: Tim Goff, Karl Hermonat, Penny Miller, Tom Buzzi, Tim Klepps, Tony Persechino, Heather Tomala, Kelly O'Dell Longhi, Mary Stempien

Guests: Brian Murphy, Kelly Carroll, Amanda Shaw, Heather Mathes, Laura Polakow, Barbara Mclean, Andrew Bennet, Chris Barberet, Elise Yost, Karen Pheffer, Deborah Marciano.

- A. **Chair to Open Meeting-** Tim Goff opened fully virtual meeting at 6.16pm.
- B. **Pledge of Allegiance** – The board joined in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.
- C. **Chair Select Order of Business-** No changes to the order of business.
- D. **Superintendent's Report**
 - 1. **Budget Presentation 2021-2022**

Mr. Murphy presented the New Hartford's Public Schools budget for the 2021-2022 school year. Mr. Murphy began explaining the districts mission statement and capital history highlighting specifically, last year's school budget which was modified significantly as a result of covid 19. Mr. Murphy explained that this year's budget reflects some of the changes that were made in last year's items which resulted in a reduction in specific areas to continue to meet the needs of the students within the New Hartford Public Schools.

Key points in Superintendents Murphy's presentation:

- The overall percentage increase proposed is 3.89% with a dollar increase of \$331,964.
- The three main increases which make up the budget is Special Education Costs, \$272,065, Salary Increases \$92,333 and Health insurance/Contractual raises, \$75,220.

- As recognized by the board, the three identified areas do not make up the \$331,964. This is due to decreases in other line items which will be explained later in the presentation.
- 107,694 was cut from the budget which also contributed to the final percentage.
- Major line item increases are special education tuition and transportation for outplaced students. (97.9%) Technical licenses to keep up with the demands of software and cyber security. (65.4%)
- One full time regular education teacher and one full time tutor will be decreased due to personnel changes at Ann Antolini School from grades 2-3.
- Three proposed maintenance projects totaling \$10,800.
- Reductions in Maintenance supplies (54.5%) and Heating Oil (20.8%)
- Medical/Dental insurance projected increase of \$7.1%

Other Notables-

The Dattco bus contract will expire at the end of this school year. The district will be going to bid for the upcoming school year.

Capital Expenditure Requests. 2021-2022

- This plan requests for 80 new chrome books and 4 promethium boards due to aging current equipment and the need for replacements.
- The improvement and upgrade of classrooms and sidewalks at all three schools.
- New playground equipment which is on target to be installed in June of this year.
- Installation of new boiler at New Hartford Elementary.

Mr. Murphy closed his presentation by thanking the board for their continued support for the New Hartford Schools. He went on to explain that approximately \$195,000 in Federal covid 19 grant money was recently received by the district. Some of this money has already been allocated into this school year towards additional costs due covid 19 related expenses. In response to a question by Tim Goff, Mr. Murphy explained that the district still faces a \$190,000 deficit as a result in the rise of special education costs. The federal money received, was used against all unanticipated costs due to the pandemic.

The next meeting will be February 16th, where the budget will be reviewed by the board. Questions by the board, will be submitted prior to the meeting and read aloud at the next meeting.

E. Public Comment/Communication to the Board of Education

No comment

F. Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes-January 19, 2021

2. Expenditure Report

Motion- made by Heather Tomala to approve the consent agenda. Penny seconded.

Unanimous.

G. Reports

1. Review Policy 5145.44 (Personnel Certified/Non-Certified/Title IX Sexual Harassment)

Kelly O'Dell Longhi reviewed the policy with proposed changes. This was the first read. The discussed changes will be made and a final draft will be included at the next meeting for approval.

H. Adjournment

Motion-made by Tony Persechino to adjourn the meeting at 8.01pm. Seconded by Penny Miller.

Unanimous

Respectfully Submitted by,

**Laura Fritch
Recording Secretary**