

New Hartford Public Schools
Special Board of Education Meeting – April 11, 2019
6:30 pm / Media Center / Antolini School

PRESENT: Chairman Tim Goff, Karl Hermonat, Penny Miller, Kelly O'Dell Longhi, Jenn Benaitis and Superintendent of Schools Brian Murphy

Chairman Goff opened the meeting at 6:30 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Goff said that on Tuesday, April 9, 2019 the Board of Finance recommended that the school board move \$6,000 from the Maintenance line for the removal of the *Islands at Bakerville School* and places it in the Capital budget. They did approve the Operating budget less the \$6,000 and the increase of \$6,000 to the Capital budget. Once the change is approved by the local board, the budget will be moved to the Town Meeting on April 23rd that will adjourn to the referendum on May 7th.

MOTION: by Miller to remove \$6,000 from the Maintenance Line Item #407 from the 2019-2020 New Hartford Public Schools Board of Education Budget; seconded by O'Dell Longhi.

Unanimous

MOTION: by Miller to add \$6,000 to the Capital Budget, titling it *Island Removal/Paving* under Bakerville School, which brings the Capital Budget to \$110,500 for the 2019-2020 New Hartford Public Schools Board of Education Budget; seconded by O'Dell Longhi.

Discussion followed. Mr. Hermonat doesn't think it is necessary to remove the island just to add a couple of parking spaces. He said aesthetically it is nice to have them. Ms. Miller commented the reason the Board of Finance is putting it into Capital is it needs to be approved by Planning and Zoning. If P&Z doesn't approve it then the money stays in Capital and it won't get lost in the General Operating Budget. Ms. Benaitis said it should be in Capital as you are not maintaining an item you are physically removing it. Ms. Miller asked if the money designated for Line Painting would go do if the island isn't removed. Mr. Murphy said it would go down slightly.

Aye: Goff, Miller, Hermonat, O'Dell Longhi; Opposed: Benaitis.

Motion carries

MOTION: by Miller to approve the 2019-2020 New Hartford Public Schools Board of Education Budget in the amount of \$8,351,516.00; seconded by O'Dell Longhi.

Discussion followed. Ms. Benaitis said she thinks the increase of 4.9% is high. We are sending fewer children to Regional and we could be doing more with it. Other districts around us are coming in at lower increases.

Aye: Goff, Hermonat, Miller, O'Dell Longhi; Opposed: Benaitis

Motion carries

MOTION: by Miller to adjourn at 6:37 pm; seconded by O'Dell Longhi.

Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,
Penny Miller
New Hartford Board of Education Secretary