

New Hartford Public Schools
Board of Education Special Meeting (VIRTUAL ONLY)
7:00PM on Tuesday, December 3, 2024

PRESENT: Superintendent Jeffrey Sousa; Chairman Timothy Klepps; **Board Members:** Meagan Albert; Penny Miller; Erik Perotti; Timothy Russell; Deirdre Tindall and Kristin Young.

ABSENT: Vice Chairman Thomas Buzzi and Board Member Frank Rodenberg.

Chairman Timothy Klepps called the special meeting to order at 7:02PM.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Order of Business

C. Communications to the Board of Education/Public Comment None

D. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Jeffrey Sousa informed the Board of Education that he is waiting on the auditors final review of the non-lapsing account, hopefully in the next couple of weeks Mr. Sousa will have the amount. Mr. Sousa announced negotiations have wrapped up and he expressed his thanks to Board Members Penny Miller, Frank Rodenberg and Deirdre Tindall for their extra time and efforts on the contracts that were recently settled. The next Board of Education meeting is on Tuesday January 7, 2025 and at this meeting the Board will review the district plan. Mr. Sousa wishes everyone a Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year.

E. Board of Education Chair's Report:

Chairman Timothy Klepps reminded all Board Members of the Town Meeting scheduled for Tuesday December 10, 2024, at 7:00PM, at this meeting Board of Education grants will be presented. Mr. Klepps noted at the next Board of Education meeting he would like to spend time talking about committees and memberships.

F. Routine Business

Approval of Minutes: November 19, 2024 (Regular Meeting) & Expenditure Report

MOTION by Penny Miller to approve meeting minutes from November 19, 2024. Second by Erik Perotti.

UNANIMOUS
Motion Passes

MOTION by Penny Miller to approve the expenditure report as presented. Second by Timothy Russell.

UNANIMOUS
Motion Passes

G. New Business

MOTION by Penny Miller to approve the Board of Education meeting schedule 2025-2026. Second by Kristin Young.

Board Member Penny Miller requested Board of Education meeting dates to not be on the same day as the Board of Finance meetings.

AMENDED-MOTION by Penny Miller to approve the Board of Education meeting schedule 2025-2026 except to include three date changes, which are as follows. The meeting on May 13, 2025, changed to May 6, 2025, the meeting on October 14, 2025, changed to October 7, 2025, and the meeting on May 12, 2026, changed to May 5, 2026. The meeting for April 8 left as is. Second by Kristin Young.

AMENDED-MOTION by Penny Miller to approve the Board of Education meeting schedule 2025-2026 with the three date changes as noted above **and** to add an additional date change for the meeting on November 18, 2025, changed to November 11, 2025. Second by Kristin Young.

UNANIMOUS
Motion Passes

Mr. Sousa noted he made verification that Region 7 open houses do not conflict with New Hartford open houses. New Hartford open houses are a week later than Region 7, this was also added to the calendar.

MOTION by Penny Miller to approve the Board of Education School Calendar 2025-2026. Second by Timothy Russell.

Board member Erik Perotti inquired if February 17 should be shaded the day was not identified in gray, the answer was yes, and this will be corrected. Mr. Sousa noted he will confirm February 17 to not be counted in the 180 school days. If the count was off the last day of school would need to be pushed back by one day. The Board of Education has a meeting scheduled for February 17, although school is not in session, the consensus was to leave this as is and the date can be adjusted later.

AMENDED-MOTION by Penny Miller to approve the Board of Education School Calendar 2025-2026 with a shading correction made to February 17. Second by Timothy Russell.

UNANIMOUS
Motion Passes

H. Old Business

I. Reports

Becky from EdAdvance was invited to tonight's meeting, although she was not able to attend due to a schedule conflict. There is possibility she can attend the Tuesday January 7, 2024 Board of Education meeting, stay tuned.

J. Public Comment - (For Agenda Items Only): None

K. Adjournment:

MOTION by Penny Miller to adjourn the meeting at 7:36PM. Second by Timothy Russell.

UNANIMOUS
Motion Passes

Respectfully submitted by,
Elizabeth Domas, Recording Secretary

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Attachments:

Board of Education Meeting Schedule 2025-2026

New Hartford Public Schools Calendar 2025-2026