New Hartford Public Schools
Board of Education Special Meeting
Ann Antolini Elementary School – Library
Tuesday November 25, 2025 @ 6:00PM

PRESENT: Superintendent Jeffrey Sousa; Chair Timothy Klepps; Vice Chair Kristin Young
Members: Thomas Buzzi; Penny Miller (Secretary); Erik Perotti; Jon Puz (Virtual); Timothy Russell

ABSENT: Frank Rodenberg

Timothy Klepps, Chair of the NHPS Board of Education, called the **special** meeting to order at 6:00PM.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Interview Potential Candidates for the Board of Education Vacancy
(Invitation to Executive Session will be extended to Candidates for Purposes of Discussion)

The individuals listed below were interviewed as potential candidates for the Board of Education vacancy.

- ***Kirby R. Morante*** *(6:10PM) at 3 Sloan Street*
- ***Jennifer N. Kruczek*** *(6:30PM) at 27 Littlebrook Road*
- ***Elisabeth M. Swanson*** *(6:50PM) at 340 Town Hill Road*
- ***Samantha S. Wald*** *(7:10PM-Virtual) at 45 Robbins Road*

3. Executive Session

MOTION by Penny Miller to go into Executive Session for purposes of interviewing the first candidate for the New Hartford Board of Education vacancy and invite Superintendent Sousa to join at 6:06PM. Second by Kristin Young.

UNANIMOUS
Motion Passes

Interviews concluded and the Board of Education ended Executive Session at 7:45PM.

Superintendent Jeffrey Sousa exited the meeting at 7:47PM.

MOTION by Penny Miller to go into Executive Session at 7:48PM for the purpose of discussion related to the candidates eligible to run for the New Hartford Board of Education vacancy for the next two years ending on November 16, 2027. Second by Kristin Young.

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Executive Session ended at 8:16PM.

4. Vote to Fill Unfinished Term Position

MOTION by Timothy Klepps to fill the New Hartford Board of Education vacancy, in accordance with Board bylaws and Connecticut General Statutes § 10-219, elects **Kirby Morante** to serve out the remaining term, vacated by Meagan Albert, which will conclude on November 16, 2027. Second by Penny Miller.

Aye: Thomas Buzzi; Timothy Klepps; Penny Miller; Erik Perotti; Timothy Russell; Kristin Young
Naye:
Abstain: Jon Puz

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Motion Passes

5. Adjournment

MOTION by Penny Miller to adjourn the meeting at 8:19PM. Second by Erik Perotti.

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Respectfully submitted by,
Elizabeth Domas, Recording Secretary

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Attachments:

Candidates 2025-11-25 *(Applicants & Interviews)*

Resumes of Interview Candidates (4) – Kruczek, Morante, Swanson & Wald

Ben Keeler – Withdraw Correspondence – dated 11/20/2025

Greg O'Brien to BOE– Kirby Morante (R) for NH BOE Vacancy – dated 11/21/2025

& **BOE Chair (Timothy Klepps) Response to O'Brien** – dated 11/24/2025