

PRESENT: Mr. Thomson, Mrs. Yard, Mrs. Sexton Read, Mr. Mr. Jerram, Mrs. Kenneson, Mrs. Dorazio, Mr. Griffey, Student Representatives M. McCoy, A. Cantwell, Roger Newbury, Director of Finance and Operations, and Clint Montgomery, Superintendent of Schools.

Mr. Thomson called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Earl MacInnes, First Selectman of New Hartford, requested to save his comments until the Board begins the budget discussion.

PUBLIC

Kaye Sweeney recognized the Board's dedication and expressed her thanks with a bouquet of flowers to support Board of Education Appreciation Month.

Clay Williams, NWR7 student, was there to observe and expressed his desire to become a BOE Student Representative next year.

MOTION by Mrs. Yard, seconded by Ms. Sexton Read, and passed unanimously, to approve the corrected minutes of February 27, 2008.

MINUTES
2/27/2008

Correction: replace High School Vice Principal with High School Housemaster I.

MOTION by Mrs. Kenneson, seconded by Mrs. Dorazio, and passed unanimously, to approve the corrected minutes of March 5, 2008.

MINUTES
3/5/2008

Corrections: 1.) page 2, 4th paragraph, "He noted that there will be some significant increases in health care costs from last year and that the policy year changed, so they will have a definite quotes as to how much to budget." Change to: "He noted that there will be a 5.5% increase in the premium, however due to the budget and enrollment change, the line item in 08-09's budget will see nominal change."

2.) page 2, 8th paragraph, change to: "Mr. Thomson noted that they have extended a retirement package to eligible teachers."

Mr. Newbury provided a budget report to the Board. He highlighted some of the significant transfers in the budget.

BUDGET
TRANSFERS

MOTION by Mr. Jerram, seconded by Mr. Griffey, and passed unanimously, to approve the transfers in the budget as proposed.

Supt. Montgomery reported that the Costa Rica trip has been postponed. He reported that Mrs. Hull needed additional time to finance the trip which may be rescheduled for April 2009.

UPDATES

Supt. Montgomery reminded the Board of the change in the in-school suspension law on July 1, 2008. He reported that plans are being made to address the changes and requirements of the regulations.

SUSPENSION
LAW

Supt. Montgomery reported that Mr. Chichester is working on the American Mural Project with the teachers.

AMERICAN
MURAL PROJECT

Supt. Montgomery reported that he would like to invite Paula Morabito, who is the new head of Shared Services, to a meeting in May.

SHARED
SERVICES

Supt. Montgomery reported that Mr. Chichester will be reporting to the Board on the school's new mission statement sometime in April. He will be seeking Board input and approval of the updated mission statement.

MISSION
STATEMENT

Supt. Montgomery reported that plans for graduation are in progress and it will take several visits to The Warner to work out the logistics of the ceremony. The first visit is set for this week.

GRADUATION

Supt. Montgomery reported that CABA has received a copy of the Board policies and will be reviewing the materials.

CABA

Mr. Newbury reported that once we get the signatures from the Fire Marshal, Building Inspector and Area Health, the 042 can be submitted to the State for approval. Once this approval is obtained, bids will be immediately sent out. He noted that a timeline will be sent out dealing with the use of the school this summer.

GYM FLOOR

Earl MacInnes stated that he, and other Board of Selectman members from New Hartford, are very concerned that there will not be a referendum for NWR7 budget. They feel strongly that it should continue to go to referendum. He is unsure if people will petition if the BOE does not send the budget to referendum. He has heard from other First Selectman in the three other towns that due to cost they do not want the budget to go to referendum. In addition, the New Hartford Board of Finance and Board of Selectman feel the budget, as proposed, should be trimmed by \$60,000.00. As it stands, it will not be supported and they want it under 4%.

BUDGET
DELIBERATIONS

Mr. Griffey stated that he is very disheartened that this is their view and he wishes they had expressed their concerns at previous meetings.

Mr. Newbury reported, in response to Mrs. Kenneson request, that 8 girls and 11 boys are signed up for freshman basketball. The girls' team scheduled 10 games and the boys' team scheduled 12 games. Discussion followed about whether or not to continue the program.

FRESHMAN
BASKETBALL

Mr. Thomson opened up the discussion of the budget to the Board. The Capital Plan with the \$200,000 bond was discussed. Supt. Montgomery noted that he receives many compliments about the condition of the school and in order to maintain that level of upkeep, you need a planned schedule to fund the maintenance involved in the upkeep. Mr. Newbury felt that using Capital Plans is the most effective way for the school to do what it needs to maintain its infrastructure.

MOTION by Mr. Jerram, seconded by Mrs. Kenneson, and passed unanimously, to go into Executive Session at 8:15 p.m. for the purpose of negotiations. Present in Executive Session: Mr. Thomson, Mrs. Yard, Mrs. Sexton Read, Mr. Griffey, Mr. Jerram, Mrs. Kenneson, Mrs. Dorazio, Mr. Lanctot (via telephone), Roger Newbury, Director of Finance and Operations, and Clint Montgomery, Superintendent of Schools.

EXECUTIVE
SESSION

MOTION by Mr. Jerram, seconded by Mrs. Kenneson, and passed unanimously, to come out of Executive Session at 8:49 p.m.

PUBLIC

MOTION by Mrs. Yard, seconded by Mrs. Dorazio, and passed unanimously, to accept the resignation of Philip Gatcomb, Technology Education teacher. GATCOMB RESIGNATION

MOTION by Mrs. Yard, seconded by Mrs. Sexton-Read, and passed unanimously, to accept with appreciation the resignation of William Speiser, English teacher and Department Chair. SPEISER RESIGNATION

MOTION by Mrs. Yard, seconded by Mrs. Dorazio, to authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contract with Winchester to accept a maximum of twenty tuition students to be designated Code 90. Aye: Mr. Thomson, Mrs. Dorazio, Mr. Lanctot, Mrs. Yard, Mrs. Kenneson, Mrs. Sexton-Read. Nay: Mr. Griffey, Mr. Jerram. Motion Passed: 4.2 to 3.8. WINCHESTER TUITION STUDENTS

MOTION by Mrs. Yard, seconded by Mrs. Sexton-Read, to move the vote on the annual 2008-2009 budget to a District Meeting. Aye: Mr. Thomson, Mrs. Dorazio, Mr. Lanctot, Mrs. Yard, Mrs. Kenneson, Mrs. Sexton-Read. Nay: Mr. Griffey, Mr. Jerram. Motion passed: 4.2 to 3.8. BUDGET VOTE TO DISTRICT MEETING

Upon further discussion, the Board requested that Mr. Montgomery and Mr. Newbury remove \$33,750. from the salary account so that the budget would come in at 3.988%. BUDGET DELIBERATIONS

Superintendent Montgomery read a letter from Jessica Hinman requesting maternity leave. J. HINMAN LEAVE

MOTION by Mrs. Yard, seconded by Mrs. Kenneson, and passed unanimously, to grant a leave to Mrs. Hinman consistent with District practice.

Superintendent Montgomery read a letter from Lesley Sullivan requesting maternity leave. L. SULLIVAN LEAVE

MOTION by Mrs. Yard, seconded by Mrs. Dorazio, and passed unanimously, to grant a leave to Mrs. Sullivan consistent with District practice.

Superintendent Montgomery distributed a letter from William Sullivan thanking Chairman Thomson for visiting the Civic classes. B. SULLIVAN

Superintendent Montgomery discussed the transportation of Hartland students to Northwestern which had been discussed at previous Board meetings. He indicated that arrangements for both transporting and notifying parents are in the works. HARTLAND TRANSPORTATION

MOTION by Mr. Jerram, seconded by Mrs. Dorazio, and passed unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at 9:09 p.m. ADJOURN

Respectfully submitted,

Tera B. Dunn