

Hartford Central School District
Board of Education Meeting

AGENDA

Date: April 8, 2024

Time: 6:30pm

Type: Regular Meeting

Location(s): Distance Learning Room #1
Hartford Central School District
4704 State Route 149
Hartford, New York 12838

Virtually via
Webex

16431 Millstone Circle
Unit 204
Fort Myers, Florida 33908

Board Members Present: Mr. Phil Jessen, Mrs. Janine Thomas, Mr. Ronald Smith and Mrs. Ashley Happy

Absent: Mr. Adam Fish

1. Meeting Call to Order

Mr. Jessen called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

2. Public To Be Heard

2.1 None.

3. Consent Agenda

Upon the motion made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mrs. Happy, the Board of Education approved:

3.1 Minutes from the Regular Board of Education Meeting, held on March 11, 2024;

3.2 The District's Financial Reports; and

3.3 The District's CSE/CPSE Recommendations.

Motion Carried: 4 – 0

4. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Cook discussed:

- Provided an update on the State Budget and Advocacy efforts;
- Notified the Board that the school has approved the scope of work provided by Cornice for zero-emission buses and will resubmit the application to NYSERDA;
- Informed the Board about the current status of the two vacant BOCES positions and outlined plans for proceeding with the hiring process;
- Discussed the various construction projects (Capital Project, Capital Outlay, Exterior PE Space and potential new Capital Project); and
- Announced important upcoming dates.

5. Building Principals Reports

5.1 Secondary Report: Mrs. Shelley Dupuis (report enclosed):

- Student Recognition;
- Academic/ Classroom News;
- Club News; and
- Upcoming Events.

5.2 Elementary Report: Mrs. Bethellen Mannix (report enclosed):

- Student Recognition;
- Classroom News; and
- Upcoming Events.

6. Old Business

6.1 None.

7. New Business

7.1 Upon the motion made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mrs. Happy, the Board of Education adopted the proposed resolution to reduce three teaching positions in the Elementary Education tenure area, one Instrumental Music teaching position to .80 in the Music Tenure Area, and one Art teaching position in the Art Tenure area to .80 through the abolition of positions and reduction in full time equivalents, effective June 30, 2024.

Motion Carried: 4 – 0

7.2 Upon the motion made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mrs. Happy, the Board of Education:

7.2.1 Granted Ms. Annamarie Anderson tenure in the tenure and certificate area of Elementary Education, effective June 1, 2024; and

7.2.2 Approved Ms. Danielle LeBaron’s transfer from the tenure and certification area of Elementary Education to the tenure and certification area of Special Education, effective July 1, 2024.

Motion Carried: 4 – 0

7.3 Upon the motion made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mrs. Happy, the Board of Education approved the proposed service agreements with:

7.3.1 Washington County, for the continuation of Special Patrol Officer services for the District for the 2024-2025 school year;

7.3.2 Denise Petteys, to serve as the District’s Claim Auditor for the 2024-2025 school year; and

7.3.3 The Glens Falls City School District, for health services provided to Hartford resident students attending a private school in the Glens Falls School District.

Motion Carried: 4 – 0

7.4 Upon the motion made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mrs. Happy, the Board of Education accepted the requests of:

7.4.1 Mrs. Allison Daigle to enroll her daughter, Adalynn; and

7.4.2 Mrs. Sarah Whaley to enroll her daughter, Maddison, in the Hartford Central School District as non-district resident students for the 2024-2025 school year.

Motion Carried: 4 – 0

7.5 Upon the motion made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mrs. Happy, the Board of Education:

7.5.1 Approved the District's proposed property tax report card; and

7.5.2 Adopted the proposed 2024-2025 budget of \$13,373,294 to be presented for voter referendum on May 21, 2024.

Motion Carried: 4 – 0

7.6 Upon the motion made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mrs. Happy, the Board of Education approved the overnight field trip request from the FFA to travel to Buffalo, New York on May 2, 2024 through May 4, 2024 to attend the NYS FFA Convention.

Motion Carried: 4 – 0

7.7 Upon the motion made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mrs. Happy, the Board of Education approved the recommended budget line item transfers.

Motion Carried: 4 – 0

7.8 Upon the motion made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mrs. Happy, the Board of Education approved the transportation request of Mr. and Mrs. Munchback to transport their children, Alexandria and Evangelina, to attend the St. Mary's – St. Alphonso's School for the 2024-2025 school year.

Motion Carried: 4 – 0

7.9 Upon the motion made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mrs. Happy, the Board of Education adopted the proposed resolution voluntarily recognizing the Hartford Administrators Association.

Motion Carried: 4 – 0

8. Executive Session: Upon the motion made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mrs. Happy, the Board of Education adjourned to Executive Session at 7:02pm to discuss matters of personnel.

Motion Carried: 4 – 0

Upon the motion made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mrs. Happy, the Board of Education returned to open session at 7:19pm.

Motion Carried: 4 – 0

9. Adjournment: Upon the motion made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mrs. Happy, the Board of Education adjourned at 7:20pm.

Motion Carried: 4 – 0