

Hartford Central School District
Board of Education Meeting

AGENDA

Date: January 8, 2024

Time: 5:30pm

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. Adam Fish, Mr. Ronald Smith and Mrs. Ashley Happy

1. Meeting Call to Order

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

2. Public To Be Heard

2.1 None.

3. Construction Projects Update: The district was pleased to welcome Scott Wolfe and Elizabeth Brutsch from our architectural and construction management firm, CS Arch and Associates, to provide an update on the open Capital Projects.

4. Consent Agenda

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

4.1 Minutes from the Regular Board of Education Meeting, held on December 11, 2023;

4.2 The District's Financial Reports; and

4.3 The District's CSE/CPSE Recommendations.

Motion Carried: 5 – 0

5. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Cook discussed:

- Discussed the various construction projects (Capital Project, Capital Outlay, Exterior PE Space, SSBA, phone line conversion to Spectrum, and emergency project);
- Informed the Board of heating issues with the boilers and the use of the AEP plant.
- Provided an update on his advocacy efforts and the upcoming Legislative Breakfast;
- Updated the Board on zero-emission buses timeline; and
- Announced important upcoming dates.

6. Building Principals Reports

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

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

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

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

7. Old Business

7.1 None.

8. New Business

8.1 Upon the motion made by Mr. Fish and seconded by Mrs. Happy, the Board of Education approved the personnel consent items as presented:

8.1.1 Extended Mr. Mark Miller's period of Family Medical Leave through January 12, 2024;

8.1.2 Adjusted, effective January 1, 2024, the substitute rate of pay for Teaching Assistants to \$105 per day and non-certified Teachers to \$110 per day; and

8.1.3 Accepted, with gratitude for her years of service to the District, Mrs. Chris Sprague's letter of resignation for the purpose of retirement from the position of Teacher Aide, effective close of business June 30, 2024.

Motion Carried: 5 – 0

8.2 Upon the motion made by Mr. Fish and seconded by Mrs. Happy, the Board of Education approved the proposed contract for health services from the Saratoga Springs City School District for a Hartford resident student parentally placed in the Saratoga Catholic School District.

Motion Carried: 5 – 0

8.3 Upon the motion made by Mr. Fish and seconded by Mrs. Happy, the Board of Education approved the proposed extension agreement with Advanced Therapy and authorized for the Superintendent to sign on behalf of the district.

Motion Carried: 5 – 0

8.4 Upon the motion made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Fish, the Board of Education approved the proposed increase to spending for the ESSER Funded Exterior PE Space project resolution to \$360,000 and moved to a voice vote:

- Mr. Jessen: yes
- Mrs. Thomas: yes
- Mr. Fish: yes
- Mr. Smith: yes
- Mrs. Happy: yes

Motion Carried: 5 – 0

8.5 Upon the motion made by Mr. Fish and seconded by Mr. Smith, the Board of Education approved the proposed SEQRA resolution classifying the anticipated project as a “Type II Action” and moved to a voice vote:

- Mr. Jessen: yes
- Mrs. Thomas: yes
- Mr. Fish: yes
- Mr. Smith: yes
- Mrs. Happy: yes

Motion Carried: 5 – 0

8.6 Upon the motion made by Mr. Fish and seconded by Mr. Smith, the Board of Education authorized the resolution regarding emergency reconstruction, repair, and replacement of the District’s septic system and moved to a voice vote:

- Mr. Jessen: yes
- Mrs. Thomas: yes
- Mr. Fish: yes
- Mr. Smith: yes
- Mrs. Happy: yes

Motion Carried: 5 – 0

9. Executive Session: Upon the motion made by Mr. Fish and seconded by Mr. Smith, the Board of Education adjourned to Executive Session at 7:44pm to discuss matters of personnel.

Motion Carried: 5 – 0

Upon the motion made by Mr. Fish and seconded by Mr. Smith, the Board of Education returned to open session at 8:04pm.

Motion Carried: 5 – 0

10. Adjournment: Upon the motion made by Mr. Fish and seconded by Mrs. Happy, the Board of Education adjourned at 8:05pm.

Motion Carried: 5 – 0