Regular Meeting of the Board of Education

Bradley Elementary School Library

Monday, March 17, 2015 - 7:00 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Recognition of Visitors and Delegations

4. Approval of Minutes
   - Regular Meeting - 2/24/15

5. Correspondence and Communications

6. Board Committee Reports
   - Staffing & Curriculum Committee - 2/26/15
   - Policy Committee - 3/3/15
   - Buildings, Grounds & Transportation Committee - 3/4/15
   - Budget & Finance Committee - 3/4/15

7. New Business

   A. First Reading of Policies/Regulations

   The following policies/procedures are presented for the first reading:

   #5001 District-Wide Safety Plans and Building Level Emergency Response Plans
   #5002 School Closings
   #5003 Short-Term Worker Asbestos Notification
   #5003.1 Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act Short-Term Notification Forum I
   #5003.2 Acknowledgement of Receipt of Asbestos Notification Information
   #5004 Notification of Pesticide Application
   #5005 Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA)
7. **New Business – First Reading of Policies (cont’d.)**

#5100 Automated External Defibrillation (AED) Policy  
#5100.1 Automated External Defibrillation (AED)  
#5100.2 Automated External Defibrillation Collaborative Agreement (AED)  
#5100.3 Notice of Intent to Provide Public Access Defibrillation  
#5101 Health Supplies  
#5200 School Wellness Policy  
#5201 Free and Reduced Meals Policy  
#5300 Information Security Breach Policy  
#5300.1 Security Breach Reporting Form  
#5305 Use of Copyrighted Materials  
#5305.1 Copyright Guidelines  
#5400 Transportation  
#5401 Internal Controls Over Fuel Inventory  
#5401.1 Internal Controls Over Fuel Inventory  
#5500 Patriotic Ceremonies and Observances  
#5307 Social Media and Electronic Device Policy

**B. Personnel**

1. **Retirement Resignation/Resignation**

   a. It is recommended that the retirement resignation of Ann Slattery from the position of school counselor be accepted, with regret, effective September 1, 2015.

   b. It is recommended that the resignation of Diane Laria from the position of school monitor be accepted, effective March 27, 2015.

2. **Appointments**

   a. **Substitute Teacher List**

      It is recommended that the following be appointed to the per diem substitute teacher list, pending satisfactory clearance for employment by the State Education Department:

      Alissa Ryczek  
      Heather Edwards  
      Dawn Butler  
      Susan Young  
      Christine Roback  
      Lindsay Burress  
      Kelly Colantuoni  

      Uncertified  
      Uncertified  
      Uncertified  
      Uncertified  
      Music – Initial  
      Uncertified
7. New Business - Personnel - Appointments (cont'd.)

b. Advisor

It is recommended that Steve Klimak be appointed to the position of Winter Guard advisor for the 2014-2015 season.

c. Bus Driver

It is recommended that Mary Bowee be appointed to the position of bus driver, effective March 18, 2015.

d. Substitute School Nurse

It is recommended that Eileen Kolek be appointed to the position of substitute school nurse, effective March 18, 2015, pending satisfactory clearance for employment by the State Education Department.

e. Substitute Bus Drivers

1. It is recommended that Robert Gaffney be appointed to the position of substitute bus driver, effective March 18, 2015, pending satisfactory clearance for employment by the State Education Department.

2. It is recommended that David Hanzalik be appointed to the position of substitute bus driver, effective March 18, 2015, pending satisfactory clearance for employment by the State Education Department.

f. Coaches

It is recommended that the following coaches be appointed for the spring 2015 sports season.

Allison Paravati      Asst. Girls Varsity Lacrosse
Amy Lamatie           Asst. Girls Modified Lacrosse
Lori Hunt             Asst. Girls Modified Track
Chris Moran           Volunteer, Asst. JV/Vars. Baseball
Megan Alsheimer       Volunteer, Asst. JV Softball
David Appleton        Volunteer Asst. Vars. Baseball
7. New Business – Personnel (cont'd.)

3. Unpaid Leave of Absence

It is recommended that an unpaid leave of absence for child rearing purposes be granted to Kacie LaLonde beginning at the end of her disability period through the end of the first semester of the 2015-2016 school year.

C. Resolution for Bus Purchase

It is recommended that the school bus proposition be approved for submittal to the voters on May 19, 2015. This proposition authorizes the purchase of school buses according to the district’s school bus replacement schedule.

D. Nomination of BOCES Board Member

It is recommended that Elaine M. Falvo, 10 Deer Run Road, New Hartford, New York, be nominated to a three-year term on the BOCES Board of Education at the BOCES annual meeting on April 15, 2015.

E. Treasurer’s Reports

It is recommended that the January 31, 2015 Treasurer’s Reports be accepted.

F. Committee on Pre-School Special Education (CPSE)

The recommendation from the Committee on Pre-School Special Education’s meeting of February 13, 2015 (1) is presented for approval.

G. Committee on Special Education (CSE)

The recommendations from the Committee on Special Education’s meeting of March 3, 2015 (6) are presented for approval.

H. 504 Committee

The recommendations from the 504 Committee’s meeting of March 3, 2015 (2) are presented for approval.
7. **New Business (cont'd.)**

I. **Board of Voter Registration 2015-2016**

   It is recommended that the following persons be appointed to the 2015-2016 Board of Voter Registration: Sylvia Carlo, Ellie Jones, and Betty Heil.

J. **Voter Registration Dates 2015**

   The following dates/locations are recommended for voter registration for the May 19, 2015 Annual Budget Vote:

   - Thursday, May 7, 2015 3:00 – 7:00 p.m.
     High School Lobby
   - Saturday, May 9, 2015 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
     High School Lobby
   - Tuesday, May 12, 2015 3:00 – 7:00 p.m.
     High School Lobby

K. **2015-2016 School Calendar**

   It is recommended that the 2015-2016 school calendar be adopted.

8. **Other Business**

   - **Legislative Update and Ongoing Board Strategy**

9. **Adjournment**
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Bradley Elementary School Library
Tuesday, February 24, 2015 – 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Mr. Flamme, Mr. Jadhon, Ms. King, Ms. Philipson,
                  Mr. Piotrowski, Ms. Soggs, Mr. Stephens

Others Present:  Mr. Nole, Mr. Hyde, Ms. Mandel, Ms. Heil

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Recognition of Visitors and Delegations

- Presentation to Andre Paradis – NYS Master Teacher Award
- Recognition to New Hartford Foundation – Lumens LadiBugs
- Growth Scores Presentation – Jamie McNair

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Stephens moved and Mr. Flamme seconded that the minutes of the February 3,
2015 Regular Meeting be approved with the following correction: second sentence in the last
paragraph on page 1 – eliminate Ms. King’s name (referencing the collaboration on drafting
statement letter).

Ayes 7, nays 0, motion carried.

Correspondence and Communications

Mr. Nole referenced an addendum to tonight’s meeting agenda which had been
distributed to the Board. He circulated a letter from a senior high school parent commending a
guidance counselor. Mr. Nole also distributed information from the local School Boards
Association regarding an upcoming Legal Issues Workshop as well as information from Oneida-
Herkimer-Madison BOCES regarding their April 15, 2015 Annual Meeting. Lastly, Mr. Nole
announced that Board of Education members Flamme, Philipson, and Piotrowski are recipients
of the New York State School Boards Association’s Board Achievement Award (Mr. Flamme)
and Board Excellence Awards (Ms. Philipson and Mr. Piotrowski).

Board Committee Reports

- Policy Committee – 2/11/15

Mr. Stephens reported that the Committee reviewed new policy #5307 – Social
Media and Electronic Device. Several suggestions to the policy were made by the committee
members and the policy will be updated and discussed again at the next meeting of the
committee. The committee also discussed policy section 5000 – Support Operations. There
were some questions regarding Policy 5100 and Regulation 5100.1 – Automated External
Defibrillation (AED). This policy will be discussed again at the next committee meeting at which
Mr. Banek, Director of Athletics, Health and Safe Schools will be invited to clarify. There were
also several questions surrounding policy 5200 – School Wellness Policy. Answers to those
questions will be provided at the next Policy Committee meeting which will be held on March 3,
2015.
Budget & Finance Committee – 2/11/15

Ms. Philipson reported that the committee reviewed the second quarter 2014-2015 financial reports and budget transfers. Fund balance projection for the current year was reviewed as were ERS and TRA projections for 2015-2016. Major factors affecting the budget were also reviewed. The committee discussed the tax levy limit and the need for state aid runs to effectively complete the tax cap formula and for 2015-2016 budget planning. A state aid update was reviewed as was the recent General Serial Bond sale for Sangertown Square borrowing. A cost savings analysis was distributed to the committee showing savings resulting from purchasing goods and services via various bids. The committee requested that, if available, the full Board of Education attend the March 18, 2015 Budget & Finance Committee meeting to review the full budget, therefore, consolidating the Budget Workshop scheduled for March 21, 2015 into the meeting on March 18, 2015. The Board agreed but requests that the meeting be scheduled at 5:00 p.m. versus 4:00 p.m.

New Business

A. Personnel

1. Resignations/Retirement Resignations

   a. Ms. Soggs moved and Ms. Philipson seconded that the resignation of Jennifer Spring from the position of principal be accepted, with regret, effective April 1, 2015.

      Ayes 7, nays 0, motion carried.

   b. Ms. Soggs moved and Mr. Piotrowski seconded that the resignation of Melissa Gentile from the position of DP aide be accepted, with regret, effective February 24, 2015.

      Ayes 7, nays 0, motion carried.

   c. Mr. Fiemma moved and Ms. King seconded that the retirement resignation of Thomas Sears from the position of bus driver be accepted, effective February 23, 2015.

      Ayes, 7, nays, 0 motion carried.

   d. Mr. Piotrowski moved and Ms. Soggs seconded that the retirement resignation of Carolyn Buckley from the position of English teacher be accepted, with deep regret, effective June 30, 2015.

      Ayes 7, nays 0, motion carried.
2. Appointments

a. Substitute Teacher List

Mr. Stephens moved and Ms. Philipson seconded that the following be appointed to the per diem substitute teacher list, pending satisfactory clearance for employment by the State Education Department:

Robert Musante  Uncertified
Nicole Madia    Uncertified
Kathleen Shevlin Childhood Ed. 1-6
Jennifer Musch  Uncertified

Ayes 7, nays 0, motion carried.

b. Substitute Bus Aide

Mr. Flemma moved and Ms. King seconded that Lorraine Dunn be appointed to the position of substitute bus aide, effective February 25, 2015, pending satisfactory clearance for employment by the State Education Department.

Ayes 7, nays 0, motion carried.

c. School Monitors

1. Mr. Piotrowski moved and Ms. King seconded that Kris Holbert be appointed to the position of school monitor, effective February 25, 2015.

Ayes 7, nays 0, motion carried.

2. Mr. Flemma moved and Ms. Soggs seconded that Amos Odit be appointed to the position of school monitor, effective February 25, 2015.

Ayes 7, nays 0, motion carried.
d. **Substitute Teacher Aide/Substitute School Monitor/Substitute Office Specialist**

Ms. Philipson moved and Ms. King seconded that **Dawn Butler** be appointed to the substitute positions of teacher aide, school monitor, and office specialist, effective February 25, 2015, pending satisfactory clearance for employment by the State Education Department.

Ayes 7, nays 0, motion carried.

e. **Coaches**

Ms. Stephens moved and Mr. Flemma seconded that the following coaches be appointed for the spring 2015 sports season:

- John Rosato - JV Baseball
- Jim Lutz - Boys Varsity Tennis
- Chuck Rogan - Asst. Boys Varsity Tennis
- Andrea Lewis - Asst. Girls Varsity Track
- MaryKate Edmunds - Girls Varsity Lacrosse

Ayes 7, nays 0, motion carried.

**B. Resolution Regarding Alexandra Kogut Memorial Award**

Ms. Soggs moved and Ms. Philipson seconded that the following resolution regarding the Alexandra Kogut Memorial Award be adopted:

WHEREAS, Alexandra Kogut graduated from New Hartford Central School District in 2012; and

WHEREAS, Alexandra Kogut passed away on September 29, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Alexandra Kogut Memorial Award was established to accept donations to honor Alexandra; and

WHEREAS, the Alexandra Kogut Memorial Award has accumulated a balance of $38,000; and
WHEREAS, in honor of Alexandra Kogut, her parents and family wish to make a one-time donation of $10,000 to the New Hartford Central School District for “award” purposes in Alexandra's memory to additional New Hartford Central School District programs that would further enrich academic, extracurricular, and athletic experiences for the student population; and

WHEREAS, thereafter, the fund shall make annual awards of $2,000 to deserving and qualified students until the fund is completely dispersed.

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of Education of the New Hartford Central School District hereby resolves to disperse $10,000 of awards to enrich the educational program of the School District and the student’s lives from the Alexandra Kogut Memorial Award to the following school programs:

1. 
2. 
3. 

Thereafter the School Board shall make a $2,000 award from the Alexandra Kogut Memorial Award in Alexandra’s honor to a qualified and deserving student.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Ayes 7, nays 0, motion carried.

C. Revenue and Expense Reports

Ms. Soggs moved and Ms. Philipson seconded that the October, November, and December, 2014 Revenue and Expense Reports be accepted.

Ayes 7, nays 0, motion carried.

D. Committee on Pre-School Special Education (CPSE)

Mr. Flemma moved and Ms. Philipson seconded that the recommendations from the Committee on Pre-School Special Education’s meeting of February 6, 2015 (2) be approved.

Ayes 7, nays 0, motion carried.
E. Committee on Special Education (CSE)

Mr. Stephens moved and Ms. King seconded that the recommendations from the Committee on Special Education’s meeting of February 3, 2015 (4) be approved.

Ayes 7, nays 0, motion carried.

Other Business

- Legislative Update and Ongoing Board Strategy

The Board discussed their recent letter that was sent to area legislators and the Observer-Dispatch. It was requested that the letter be placed on the district’s website. The Board also decided to begin plans for an information forum.

Mr. Flemma moved and Ms. Soggs seconded that the above referenced letter be officially entered into these minutes:

We, the Board of Education of the New Hartford Central School District, are proud of our long-standing history of academic excellence. Our well-rounded curriculum is enriched by a strong music and art program, athletics, and advanced placement classes.

We strongly disagree with the educational reforms presented by Governor Cuomo in his recent State of the State address. In his address, Governor Cuomo painted the public education system in New York State with a broad brush. He described a system in crisis, led by ineffective educators inadequately preparing our students for college and career success. While we acknowledge that the public education system faces challenges, we disagree that these issues exist everywhere and that the reforms proposed will have any meaningful impact on the real issues facing education today.

We oppose high-stakes testing tied to teacher evaluation and district funding. In the New Hartford Central School District, 99% of our students graduate and 98% go on to college. Our students are challenged by a curriculum that is rigorous and inclusive. We have an award-winning music program, competitive athletics and a broad offering of extra-curricular activities. Our teaching staff is professional, motivated and among the best in the state. We have achieved this by using local data to evaluate and drive teacher development and training, classroom instruction, and curriculum decisions. We strongly believe that our district, like many others across the state, is best equipped to appropriately evaluate our teachers and our curriculum. We support local control and evaluation of schools.

The real crisis in education today is one of educational inequality. There is no disputing the direct connection between educational achievement and poverty. In New Hartford, we are fortunate to have a community able to provide resources necessary to allow for small class sizes and appropriate technology. Moreover, the vast majority of our students arrive at school well fed, and from a supportive environment that enables them to be successful. Not every district has this advantage. Truly meaningful reform would work to address poverty and its associated challenges.
We support the full and equitable funding of school districts and the end of the Gap Elimination Adjustment. In recent years, school districts across the state have been contending with reduced funding, the Gap Elimination Adjustment and the tax levy limit, while implementing a reform agenda with significant associated costs. In the past six years, the state has taken back more than $8.2 million from New Hartford through the Gap Elimination Adjustment alone.

We demand that Governor Cuomo release the State Aid runs so that districts can adequately plan for the upcoming year. In the State of the State, Governor Cuomo proposed an additional $1.1 billion in state aid for schools next year, representing a 4.8% increase over the current year. However, if the reforms he proposed are not enacted, the increase would drop to $377 million, a decrease of $723 million, well short of the $2 billion or more that the NYS Board of Regents and leading education groups have called for to meet needs of students next year. We strongly oppose the leveraging of our students' futures to further a political agenda. Governor Cuomo's latest reforms represent a gross overreach by the state to exert extensive control over local districts by misrepresenting the issues faced by economically-challenged urban and rural districts as a wide-spread educational crisis caused by inadequate teachers; at the same time he fails to address any of the real issues facing the schools and the families in these districts.

We welcome Governor Cuomo and the Board of Regents to visit the New Hartford Central School District and encourage them to visit other districts so that they can understand what is really needed to achieve success and, more importantly, provide equal opportunity for all students.

Ayes 7, nays 0, motion carried.

Mr. Stephens moved and Mr. Flemma seconded that Ms. Soggs, Mr. Flemma and Ms. King be authorized to begin collaborating on an agenda for an information forum regarding Governor Cuomo's education reforms be held in the district on Wednesday, March 11, 2015.

Ayes 7, nays 0, motion carried.

Executive Session

Mr. Piotrowski moved and Mr. Stephens seconded that the Board go into Executive Session at 8:44 p.m. for the purpose of discussing matters leading to the appointment of particular persons and discussion regarding current litigation and invite Athletic Director Banek.

Ayes 7, nays 0, motion carried.

The Board unanimously agreed to go out of Executive Session at 9:35 p.m.
Other Business

Ms. King moved and Mr. Flemma seconded that restrictions be placed on the Board of Education officers from meeting with staff regarding personnel matters.

Ayes, 1, nays 5 (Mr. Jadhon, Mr. Piotrowski, Ms. Philipson, Ms. Soggs, Mr. Stephens), abstain 1 (Ms. King), motion failed.

7. New Business

A. Personnel

2. Appointments

e. Coaches

Ms. King moved and Ms. Philipson seconded that Peter Alvanos be appointed to the position of assistant boys JV lacrosse coach for the spring 2015 sports season.

Ayes 5, nays 2 (Mr. Flemma, Mr. Jadhon), motion carried.

Mr. Stephens moved and Ms. King seconded that Todd Hobin be appointed to the position of modified girls track coach for the spring 2015 sports season.

Ayes 5, nays 2 (Mr. Flemma, Ms. Soggs), motion carried.

Adjournment

Mr. Stephens moved and Ms. King seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 9:42 p.m.

Ayes 7, nays 0, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Heil, Clerk
New Hartford Central School District
Staffing and Curriculum Minutes
February 26, 2015
4:30 p.m.

Members Present: Ed Flemma, Lisa Philipson, James Stephens

Others Present: Robert Nole, Allen Hyde, Elizabeth Cissi and TJ McAvaney

Excused:

Call to Order: by at 4:29 pm

Received Music Department Report
Mr. TJ McAvaney presented.
Highlights: TJ reported the Music Department accolades on being named top 100 communities in America for music education. He also reported that the marching band had a championship year in the New York State Field Band Conference (NYFBC) placing first. Mr. Hollister serves as the NYSFBC President. Over 50 New Hartford students participated in the Area-All-State Music Festival. Fifty-five Perry Junior High students were selected through audition to participate in the Junior-High All-County Festival. The Bradley Elementary band, choir and orchestra as well as the Hughes Elementary orchestra will participate in the NYSSMA Majors competition. Additional information was provided that accents the success of the music department.

Mrs. Philipson asked about enrollment numbers. Enrollment in the music department has been steady. Growth at the elementary instrumental level. Strings has also grown as well as the choirs. Strong enrollment overall.

Finally, the NH Music Department goals for the 2015-16 school year were presented.

Received English Department Report
Mrs. Elizabeth Cissi presented.
Highlights: Mrs. Cissi reported on the alignment of Common Core and we are moving forward with this process. Close reading and detailed analysis are part of this shift as well as the construction of argument and synthesis as writing disciplines. Practice Common Core exams have been administered at the eleventh grade level. Overall the students have performed well. Curriculum alignment will continue to be done to assist our students with the new standards.

The Research paper is more reflective of a synthesis paper. Many sources are brought
together to sustain a claim.

English 12 curriculum has been revised which is further challenging our graduating seniors with the skills associated with college readiness and academic success.

Mrs. Cissi provided information about the new standards and details regarding the implementation of the standards.

**Received District Hiring Process and Protocols**
Mr. Hyde presented the Guidebook for Members Serving on a Committee to Select Administrator Candidates and Guidebook for Members Serving on Committees to Select Teacher Candidates. Current openings were presented.

**Received Enrollment Projection/Staffing Program Review**
Mr. Hyde presented.
The District enrollment is expected to remain stable. There is an estimate of 2,500 students for the 2015-16 school year.

**Common Core Update**
Mr. Hyde presented.
Highlights included discussion about sixth grade English Language Arts (ELA) modules, the ELA Parent Workshop which will be held on March 16, 2015, elementary AIS Math teachers attendance at a Bill Davidson math workshop sponsored by Oneida BOCES. Follow-up professional development will be offered through the Teacher Center.

Meeting adjourned by Lisa Philipson at 6:00 pm

Next meeting for Staffing & Curriculum Committee: March 19, 2015 at 4:30 in the Bradley Library
New Hartford Central School District  
33 Oxford Road  
New Hartford, NY 13413

Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, March 3, 2015  
12:00 p.m.  
District Office

Present:  
Jim Stephens, Chair  
Pam King  
Beth Soggs

Others Present:  
Robert Nole (arrived at 12:16 p.m.)  
Mary Mandel  
Keith Levatino (excused at 12:25 p.m.)  
John Banek (excused at 12:37 p.m.)  
Betty Heil

Call to Order:

Mr. Stephens called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

Re-Review of the Following Policies:

Dr. Levatino explained the changes that were made at the committee’s request to policy #5307 – Social Media and Electronic Device Policy. Mr. Nole relayed the changes that were made at the committee’s request to policy and regulation 5100 and 5100.1 – Automated External Defibrillation (AED). Mr. Banek then addressed some additional questions from committee members on the AED policy. Mr. Hyde distributed a document containing answers to previous questions that Ms. King raised regarding policy #5200 – School Wellness Policy. The Policy Committee also discussed the Wellness Committee membership and meeting schedule.

With the above referenced changes made, the entire policy Section 5000 – Support Operations will be placed on the March 17, 2015 Board of Education meeting agenda for the first reading.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 12:55 p.m.
BUILDING, GROUNDS & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
March 4, 2015
12:00 noon

Members Present:  Mrs. Beth Soggs
                 Mr. Ed Flemma
                 Mr. Paul Piotrowski

Others Present:   Mrs. Mary Mandel
                 Mr. Robert Nole
                 Mr. Andy Morgan
                 Mr. Peter Gagliano
                 Mr. John Banek

Mrs. Soggs called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

Review Safety Grant Award:
Mrs. Mandel announced that the District was notified that they achieved the Titanium with Honors
Level for the “2015 School Safety Excellence Award Program” sponsored by Utica National Insurance
Company. The award will be presented to the District in the Spring. Mrs. Mandel thanked Mr.
Morgan for coordinating and submitting the grant application on behalf of the District.

Bus Proposition Language:
Mrs. Mandel distributed the bus bonding proposition which supports the bus replacement plan proposal
reviewed at the January 14, 2015 Buildings, Grounds and Transportation Committee meeting. This
includes the bus proposition legal notice and ballot language. It will be presented to the Board of
Education for approval at its March 17, 2015 meeting.

Spring Athletic Facility Use:
Mrs. Mandel, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Banek reviewed the proactive measures implemented to address the
higher than normal quantity of snow on the turf this Spring as well as the process in place to address
field conditions each year.

Annual Fire Inspection:
Mrs. Mandel informed the committee that the 2015 Annual Fire Inspection will be taking place on
March 26 and 27, 2015. Mr. Morgan will work with building principals and senior custodians on
preparation and planning for the inspection.

Safety Update: Radios
Mr. Banek and Mr. Morgan reviewed the new plan for the handheld radio distribution. This is a new
enhancement for our safety plan.

Architect Contract Update:
The committee reviewed previous Buildings, Grounds and Transportation discussions regarding the
architect contract recommendation to full Board of Education. Mrs. Mandel reported that we are
waiting for BOCES results on the Request for Proposal for Building Condition Survey so that both
contracts can be submitted for approval to the Board of Education this Spring.

Adjournment:
The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m. The next meeting will be held on April 8, 2015 at 12:00 p.m.
New Hartford Central School District
Budget and Finance Committee
Minutes
March 4, 2015
4:00 p.m.

Members Present:  Mr. Paul Piotrowski
                 Mrs. Pam King

Others Present:  Mrs. Mary Mandel
                 Mr. Robert Nole

Call to Order:  Mr. Piotrowski called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

2015-2016 Budget Discussions:
An overview of the 2015-2016 budget was provided including budget discussions on impacts affecting
the budget such as health insurance increases, staffing reduction via attrition, building level budgets
that maintain quality educational programs, and explanation of the Governor’s proposal for state aid.
Mrs. Mandel also provided a summary review of the lobby efforts and state aid proposals by different
educational organizations such as the Board of Regents, the Educational Conference Board, New York
State Association of School Business Officials and New York State School Board Association.

Property Tax Levy Limit Review:
Mrs. Mandel reviewed the final allowable tax levy for a simple majority approval for the 2015-2016
school year which is an increase of $977,124. It was explained that each school district must follow an
eight step formula to calculate its individual tax levy limit. She reviewed each step of the formula with
the committee.

Legal Review:
Mrs. Mandel reported that there is no change in the status of the District’s pending tax certioraris.

Adjournment:
The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

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