The Dike-New Hartford Board of Education met November 20, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. for the regular monthly meeting with Lotts presiding and members Badker, Horner, McCarter and Petersen. Also present was administrator Stockdale.

Visitors present included Waylon Bern, Travis Druvenga, Tom Textor, Brian Petullo, Cody Eichmeier, Stacy Fleshner, Mitzi Peterson, and Joanna Seymour.

The agenda was approved as presented on motion of Badker and second of Horner. Vote all aye.

Minutes of the October 16, 2024 Regular Meeting were approved as written on motion of McCarter and second of Petersen. Vote all aye.

Focus on Learning - Stacy Fleshner, Mitzi Petersen, and Travis Druvenga presented to the board on the Western Outreach Center Performance Profile for 2023-24 as well as the new career and college readiness program and the internships available to all 9-12 DNH students.

Principal, Technology, and Building & Grounds Reports were reviewed with no action taken.

On motion of Horner and second of Badker, the early graduation requests for Jaeda Smith and Serenity Petty were approved. Vote all aye.

Contracts were approved on motion of McCarter and second of Petersen:

- Matt Goodman - NH Associate

Vote all aye.

The Board discussed the possibility of adding an additional assistant track coach. The decision was tabled until further notice.

Second reading of early retirement policies 407.6, 407.6E1, 413.6, 413.6E1 was approved on motion of Horner second of Badker. Vote all aye.

On motion of McCarter and second of Petersen, the board approved the transportation department to seek bids for a new school bus for approval consideration in the spring of 2025. Vote all aye.

On motion of Badker and second of Horner, the New Hartford concession stand plans were approved as presented not to exceed a total project cost of $110,000.00 with a project timeframe for completion Spring 2025- Fall 2025. Vote all aye.

On motion of Petersen and second of Badker, the New Hartford real estate purchase of 511 Beaver St. and 202 Broadway was approved. Vote all aye.

The application to the School Budget Review Committee for $1,904.16 for special education administrative costs with River Hills Consortium was approved on motion by McCarter and second by Petersen. Vote all aye.

The application to the School Budget Review Committee for $4,044.55 for special education administrative costs with LIED Center Consortium was approved on motion by McCarter and second by Petersen. Vote all aye.

First and second reading of board policy 710.1R1 was approved on motion of Horner second of Badker. Vote all aye.

First and second reading of board policy 401.7 was approved on motion of Horner second of McCarter. Vote all aye.

Bills of the General, Activity and Nutrition funds were approved for payment on motion of McCarter and second of Badker. Vote all aye.

Financial Reports of the General and Activity funds were approved as presented on motion of McCarter and second of Petersen. Vote all aye.

Other discussion items included the following: the December 18th meeting will include the annual and organizational meeting, the Iowa School Board Association conference is taking place November 20 and 21 and walk-ins are welcome, and the board reviewed the Iowa School Performance Profile.

The board took a 10 minute recess at 6:09 p.m.

Enter into closed session at 6:18 p.m. as provided in 21.5(1)(i) of the open meetings law to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session on motion by Horner second of Badker. (Superintendent Quarterly Review)

Exit out of closed session at 6:46 p.m. on motion by McCarter second by Petersen.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m. The November board meeting will be held on December 18, 2024 in the DNH HS Library at 5:00 p.m.

APPROVED: _____ _____

Christa Lotts, President Kayla Sabbah, Secretary