The Dike-New Hartford Board of Education met December 18, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. for the annual meeting with Lotts presiding and members Badker, Horner, McCarter and Petersen. Also present was administrator Stockdale.

Visitors present included Waylon Bern, Tom Textor, Brian Petullo, Chad Bixby and Scott Connolly.

The annual meeting agenda was approved on motion of Badker and second of McCarter. Vote all aye.

The Board reviewed the 2023-24 certified annual report, along with other annual financial reports, which were all approved on motion of Petersen and second of Horner. Vote all aye.

Being no further business, the annual meeting adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

Following the annual meeting, Sabbah called the organizational meeting to order with board members Badker, Horner, Lotts, McCarter and Petersen. Also present was administrator Stockdale.

Visitors present included Waylon Bern, Tom Textor, Brian Petullo, Chad Bixby and Scott Connolly.

The organizational meeting agenda was approved on motion of Petersen and second of Badker. Vote all aye.

Lotts was elected president for 2024-25 and McCarter vice president. Sabbah administered the oath of office and Lotts assumed the chair. Sabbah was re-appointed secretary for 2024-25 on motion of Petersen and second of Horner with a stipend increase of 3.82%. Vote all aye.

On motion of Horner and second of Badker, Swisher & Cohrt and Ahlers & Cooney Law Firms were approved as general legal counsel for 2024-25. Vote all aye.

Badker was appointed to serve on the Butler County Conference Board, McCarter for Grundy County, and Lotts for Black Hawk County.

Being no further business, the organizational meeting adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

Following the organizational meeting, Lotts called the regular meeting to order with board members Badker, Horner, McCarter and Petersen. Also present was administrator Stockdale.

Visitors present included Waylon Bern, Tom Textor, Brian Petullo, Chad Bixby, Scott Connolly, and Nicole Folkerts.

The regular meeting agenda was approved on motion of McCarter and second of Petersen. Vote all aye.

Minutes of the November 20, 2024 regular meeting were amended to correct the total administrative costs for River Hills to include FICA and IPERS to $2,229.58, which was an increase of $325.42 on the motion of Horner and second of Badker. Vote all aye.

Focus on Learning - Brian Petullo and Scott Connolly presented about the new leadership course that is offered to 8th grade students in the district.

Principal, Technology and Building & Grounds Reports were reviewed with no action taken.
On motion of McCarter and second of Petersen, the request to the School Budget Review Committee for 2024-25 modified supplemental growth for Open Enrollment Out in the amount of $58,537 was approved. Vote all aye.

On motion of Badker and second of Horner the application to the School Budget Review Committee in the amount of $166,616 for modified supplemental growth for At-Risk/Dropout for the 2025-26 school year was approved. Vote all aye.

The special education contract with Waverly-Shell Rock CSD was approved on motion of McCarter and second of Badker. Vote all aye.

The piloting of a virtual snow make up/work day for certified staff was approved on motion of Horner and second by Badker. Vote all aye.

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

- Cassidy Myers - Fall Cheer Coach
- Abbie Banwarth - Assistant HS Volleyball Coach

Vote all aye.

The addition of an assistant JH Play director position for the 2024-25 school year was approved on motion of Badker and second of Horner. This position will remain an annual consideration when needed due to student numbers. Vote all aye.

Stockdale was directed to affect staff reductions as needed in areas of the Pre-K-12 program which are necessary to bring 2025-26 costs within resources in compliance with the collective bargaining agreement on motion of McCarter and second of Petersen. Vote all aye.

The bid from Elite Flatworks for $12,420.00 to refinish the New Hartford concession stand was approved on motion of McCarter and second of Badker. Vote all aye.

The bid from Bluebird bus from School Bus Sales Company for $135,958.00 to purchase a new school bus was approved on motion of McCarter and second of Horner. Vote all aye.

On the motion of Horner and second of Petersen, the Grundy Register was designated as the official newspaper for 2025. 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, Activity and Nutrition funds were approved as presented on motion of Badker and second of Horner. Vote all aye.

The 5-year facility plan was reviewed with the board to discuss both current and future projects for the district.

The 2023-24 audit findings were approved on motion of Petersen and second of Horner. Vote all aye.

Badker and Horner were appointed to represent the Board for the upcoming teacher negotiations process. Other items of discussion with no action taken included DNH Staff Culture/Climate Survey results and the School Safety Grant update. Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

APPROVED: _____ _____

Christa Lotts, President Kayla Sabbah, Secretary