The Dike-New Hartford Board of Education met April 16, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. for the Budget Adoption Hearing with Lotts, presiding and members Badker, Horner, and Petersen. Also present was administrator Stockdale.

Visitors present included Erika Lamp, Valerie Bovy, Brian Petullo, Tom Textor, Travis Druvenga, Chad Bixby, Waylon Bern, Kelly Lage, and Alycia Hemmen.

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

McCarter joined the meeting at 5:03 p.m.

On motion of Horner and second of McCarter, the Board of Directors of the Dike-New Hartford Community School District will levy property taxes for the fiscal year 2025-26 for the regular program budget adjustment as allowed under section 257.14 Code of Iowa. Roll call: Badker - aye, Horner - aye, Lotts - aye, McCarter - aye, Petersen - aye.

On motion of Petersen and second of Badker, the 2025-26 proposed budget as per publication in the Grundy Register on April 4, 2025 was updated for a total budget of $22,736,892 and was adopted and certified. Total property tax asks are $5,328,284 which is a total tax rate of $14.80327 per $1,000 of assessed valuation and an income surtax of 8%. The original publication was for a total tax rate of $14.81010. Roll call: McCarter - aye, Petersen - aye, Badker - aye, Horner - aye, Lotts - aye.

The budget adoption hearing adjourned at 5:11 p.m.

The Dike-New Hartford Board of Education met on this date at 5:11 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 Erika Lamp, Valerie Bovy, Brian Petullo, Tom Textor, Travis Druvenga, Chad Bixby, Waylon Bern, Kelly Lage, and Alycia Hemmen.

The regular meeting agenda was approved as amended on motion of Badker and second of McCarter. Vote all aye. The agenda was amended to table the first reading of board policies 509.3 and 509.3R1 until the administrative team can meet to discuss how those policies should be written specifically for Dike-New Hartford.

Minutes of the March 26, 2025 regular meeting were approved as written on the motion of Horner and second of Petersen. Vote all aye.

Alycia Hemmen addressed the board. Hemmen has three children who attend Dike-New Hartford Community Schools. Hemmen shared that one of her children has been diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes, and then talked about her child's journey since being diagnosed. This included the impacts to day to day life, and specifically the impacts to her school day and support needed. Information pertaining to the definition of the diagnosis and the parts of the body it impacts were shared, along with other general impacts the diagnosis has had on her child, family and lifestyle.

A Public Hearing was held regarding the Dike-New Hartford Hazard Mitigation Plan. In the absence of any oral or written comments, the hearing was closed. On the motion of McCarter and second of Badker, the plan was approved. Vote all aye.

Focus on Learning - Principal Druvenga presented to the board on the 2025 District Career and Academic Plan. This document is a roadmap for district implementation of career development and student's individual career and academic plan.

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

Candidates for graduation in the DNH Class of 2025 were approved on motion of McCarter and second of Petersen, subject to meeting all graduation requirements. Vote all aye.

On motion of Horner and second of McCarter, 2025-26 school fees were approved. Vote all aye. The following changes were made for the 2025-26 school year: K-5 daily lunch will be $2.85, 6-12 daily lunch will be $3.00, adult/guest lunch will be $5.00, adult/guest breakfast will be $5, preschool milk fee will be

embedded into the registration fee, summer band lessons will be $60.00, non-percussion instrumental rent for 5-12 will be $50.00 per trimester or $150.00 per school year. All other fees remain the same, including activity passes $25/students and $35/adults.

On motion of McCarter to not allow dual sporting at Dike-New Hartford. With no second on the motion, motion fails. On motion of Badker, second of Horner to implement a two-year dual sport pilot program across all sports for Dike-New Hartford starting with the 2025-26 school year. Horner - Aye, Badker - Aye, Lotts - Aye, Petersen - Nay, McCarter - Nay

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

- Sue Pederson - Paraprofessional
- Carrie Ragsdale - Food Service

Vote all aye.

Contracts were approved on motion of Horner and second of Badker:

- Jean Matzen - HS Science Teacher

Vote all aye.

On motion of Horner, second of Petersen, the school nurse contract was moved from part-time to full-time beginning with the 2025-26 school year. Vote all aye.

On motion of Petersen, second of Badker to approve the quotes from ASPRO and Arends Excavating to work on paving the New Hartford campus parking lot. Vote all aye.

The approval to seek bids to expand the concrete and asphalt areas at the Dike campus bus barn was approved on motion of Petersen, second of Horner. Vote all aye.

On motion of McCarter, second of Petersen to approve the quote from Roling Ford to purchase a new maintenance truck for the New Hartford campus for $42,866.00. The district received $11,000 from insurance for the damage incurred on a district owned truck. Vote all aye.

The quote from Access Systems to upgrade the copiers for the school district was approved on motion of Horner, second of McCarter. Vote all aye.

The second reading of board policy 905.1 to allow Superintendent Stockdale's discretion to begin allowing facility rentals on Sundays to start earlier than 1:00 p.m. was approved on motion of Badker and second of Horner. Vote all aye.

The first reading of board policies 102, 102.E1, 102.E2, 102.E3, 102.E4, 102.E5, 102.R1, 104.E2, 104.E3, 206.3, 302.1, 303.2, 401.1, 401.5, 402.2, 501.8, 506.1, 600, 603.4, 605.1R1, 708, 710.1E1, 710.1E2, 710.1R1, 804.2, 804.6, 901, 210.2 (Annual Review) were approved on motion of Petersen and second of Badker. Vote all aye. Per Stockdale's request, the board tabled the first reading of board policies 509.3 and 509.3R1 until the administrative team can meet to discuss how those policies should be written specifically for Dike-New Hartford Community Schools.

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

Financial Reports of the General, Activity and Nutrition funds were approved as presented on motion of Petersen 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.

Other items of discussion with no action taken included a legislative session update, last day of school being May 27 for students and May 28 for teachers, adding a cashless option at concession stands while still accepting cash, and discussing the board representatives for commencement. Being no further business, the board transitioned into the closed session at 7:04 p.m.

Motion by Horner, second by Badker to enter into closed session at 7:14 p.m. pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5(1)(i) 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 the individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session (Superintendent Quarterly Review).

Motion by Badker, second by McCarter to adjourn the closed session. The closed session adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Following the closed session, the board held an exempt session for negotiations. The exempt session adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

APPROVED: _____ _____

Christa Lotts, President Kayla Sabbah, Secretary