The Dike-New Hartford Board of Education met May 21, 2025 at 5:03 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 Tom Textor, Waylon Bern, Brian Petullo, Travis Druvenga, Chad Bixby, Cody Eichmeier, Amy Seitz, and students from the Dike Elementary 2nd grade and their parents.

The regular meeting agenda was approved as amended on motion of Badker and second of McCarter. Vote all aye. The agenda was amended to include a bid from Mike Albers Construction for the bus barn concrete, the 2025-26 shared contracts with Central Rivers AEA, and the 2025-26 Co-Op Sharing Agreement with Cedar Falls Community School District. All three items had been received after the agenda had been posted, therefore items were added for Board action.

Minutes of the April 16, 2025 budget adoption and regular meeting, April 30, 2025 open negotiations meeting, and the May 5, 2025 special meeting were approved as written on the motion of McCarter and second of Horner. Vote all aye.

A Public Hearing was held regarding the amendment of the 2024-2025 Certified Budget. In the absence of any oral or written comments, the hearing was closed.

Recognition of Board Members - May is School Board Recognition Month and Mr. Stockdale thanked the board for all their work and time they spend supporting students, staff, and the community in every decision they make.

Focus on Learning - Mr. Textor and four Dike Elementary 2nd grade students presented the books they had written and published. As one of their biggest projects of the year, the students shared who they researched, what they learned, and a famous quote from each individual.

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

Scheduling of the 2025-2026 Board of Education meetings was approved on motion of Badker and second of Petersen to hold meetings on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 5:00 p.m., adjusting the dates for October and March. Those meetings will be held on October 22, 2025 and March 25, 2026. Vote all aye.

On motion of Petersen and second of McCarter, the 2025-2026 Joint Education Service Agreement with Hawkeye Community College was approved. Vote all aye.

On motion of Horner and second of Badker, the girls golf co-op sharing agreement with Aplington-Parkersburg was dissolved. This was a mutual dissolution between both districts. Vote all aye.

The 28E Agreement and Board Resolution for the Storm Protection Fund with EMC was approved on motion of McCarter and second of Horner. Vote all aye.

On motion of Horner and second of McCarter, the EverAlert Bid for Dike Elementary was approved. Vote all aye.

The following shared contracts with Central Rivers AEA was approved on motion of Horner, second of Badker:

- Work Based Learning Coordinator
- English Language Instructional Services
- Work Experience Coordinator
- Technology Services

Vote all aye.

On motion of Badker and second of Petersen, the 2025-2026 co-op sharing agreement with Cedar Falls Community School District was approved. Vote all aye.

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

- Tina Minner - NH Special Education Associate
- Molly Volding - ECSE Associate (Moving to secretarial role)
- Rachael Cheeseman - JH Cross Country Coach

Vote all aye.

On motion of Badker, second of McCarter the principal contracts were approved for the 2025-2026 school year as presented reflecting a 3.31% increase. Vote all aye.

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

- Taylor Urbanek - HS Assistant Volleyball Coach
- Molly Volding - Dike Elementary Secretary (Beginning 2025-2026)

Vote all aye.

Lane changes were approved on motion of Badker and second of Horner:

- Reagan Zinkula
- Rhandi Marvets
- Courtney McCarter
- Elisa Russ-Poggemiller

Vote all aye. McCarter abstained from voting.

On motion of Badker, second of Horner to approve the quote from Beninga to work on paving the Dike bus barn, contingent upon the work being completed by June 30, 2025. Vote all aye.

On motion of Horner, second of Petersen to approve the quote from ASPRO for the asphalt portion of the Dike bus barn project. Vote all aye.

The first reading of board policies 503.9 and 503.9R1 were approved on motion of Petersen and second of McCarter. Vote all aye.

The second 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 McCarter and second of Badker. Vote all aye.

On motion of Horner, second of Badker, the 2024-2025 budget amendment was approved to increase expenses $40,000.00 for the increased Nutrition Fund costs. Vote all aye.

On motion of Horner, second of Petersen, the insurance contract with Specialty Underwriters was approved for the 2025-2026 school year. vote all aye.

Bills of the General, Activity and Nutrition funds were approved for payment on motion of Badker 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 Badker. 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 an update of the 2025 commencement and gave thanks to all those involved in the process in the weeks leading up to the day. Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

APPROVED: _____ _____

Christa Lotts, President Kayla Sabbah, Secretary