

Hartford Central School District
Board of Education Meeting

AGENDA

Date: December 10, 2024
Time: 6:00pm
Type: Regular Meeting
Location(s): Distance Learning Room #1 | Virtually via Webex
Hartford Central School District
4704 State Route 149
Hartford, New York 12832

Board Members Present: Mr. Phil Jessen, Mrs. Janine Thomas, Mr. Adam Fish, Mr. Ronald Smith, and Mrs. Ashley Happy

1. Meeting Call to Order

Mr. Jessen called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

2. Executive Session: Upon the motion made by Mrs. Thomas and seconded by Mr. Smith, the Board of Education adjourned to Executive Session at 6:01pm to discuss details of proposed, current, or pending litigation and details of medical, financial, credit or employment history or a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation.

Motion Carried: 5 – 0

Upon the motion made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mrs. Thomas, the Board of Education returned to open session at 6:38pm.

Motion Carried: 5 – 0

3. Presentation: FFA members shared highlights from their trip to the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana.

4. Public To Be Heard

4.1 Mike Rogers, Head Bus Driver, asked for an audience with the members of the Board of Education during Executive Session.

5. Consent Agenda

Upon the motion made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Fish, the Board of Education approved:

5.1 Minutes from the Regular Board of Education Meeting, held on November 18, 2024;

5.2 The District's Financial Reports; and

5.3 The District's CSE/CPSE Recommendations.

Motion Carried: 5 – 0

6. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Cook:

- Discussed advocacy efforts with legislative priorities;
- Shared an update on Cornice's on-site visit about zero-emission buses and summarized key points from their initial review of our current routes;
- Provided an update on the Rockefeller Institute of Government's newly released report, 'Review of New York's Foundation Aid Education Funding Formula with Recommendations for Improvement';
- Notified the Board that the winter newsletter is nearly finished and scheduled for mailing in January;
- Announced important upcoming dates; and
- Extended congratulations to Bethellen Mannix and Mike Rogers on their retirements this month.

7. Building Principals Reports

7.1 Elementary Report: Mrs. Bethellen Mannix (report enclosed):

- Student Recognition;
- School & Classroom News; and
- Upcoming Events.

7.2 Secondary Report: Mrs. Shelley Dupuis (report enclosed):

- Student Recognition;
- Teacher/Coach Recognition;
- Academic News;
- Club News; and
- Upcoming Events.

8. Committee Reports

8.1 Board of Education Athletic Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes provided.

9. Old Business

9.1 None.

10. New Business

10.1 Upon the motion made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mrs. Thomas, the Board of Education approved the personnel consent items as presented:

10.1.1 Adjusted the hourly rate for substitute Teacher Aides, Cleaners, Secretaries, and Cafeteria Workers to \$15.50/hour, effective January 1, 2025; and

10.1.2 Accepted Mrs. Dupuis' resignation from the position of Middle/High School Principal, effective January 6, 2025 and Appointed Mrs. Dupuis to a three-year probationary appointment as the Elementary Principal/CSE Chairperson in the Elementary Principal tenure area, effective January 6, 2025 through January 6, 2028.

Motion Carried: 5 – 0

- 10.2 Upon the motion made by Mr. Fish and seconded by Mrs. Happy, the Board of Education approved the proposed:
- 10.2.1 Shared service agreement with the Fort Edward Union Free School District; and
 - 10.2.2 The contract for health and welfare services with the Saratoga Springs City School District
- and authorized the Superintendent to sign on behalf of the District.
Motion Carried: 5 – 0
- 10.3 Upon the motion made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mrs. Happy, the Board of Education established the following dates for the District’s Budget Workshops (dates are tentative and subject to change)
- February 10th (prior to the regular BOE meeting)
 - March 3rd
 - March 10th (prior to the regular BOE meeting).
- Motion Carried: 5 – 0
- 10.4 Upon the motion made by Mr. Fish and seconded by Mr. Smith, the Board of Education:
- 10.4.1 Accepted the Independent Audit Report as presented;
 - 10.4.2 Approved the proposed Financial Statement Corrective Action Plan; and
 - 10.4.3 Approved the proposed Extra-Classroom Corrective Action Plan.
- Motion Carried: 5 – 0
- 10.5 Upon the motion made by Mrs. Happy and seconded by Mr. Fish, the Board of Education approved the proposed budget transfers.
Motion Carried: 5 – 0
- 10.6 Upon the motion made by Mrs. Thomas and seconded by Mr. Fish, the Board of Education approved the proposed MOA with the Hartford Support Staff Association.
Motion Carried: 5 – 0
- 10.7 Upon the motion made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Fish, the Board of Education approved the proposed resolution for cooperative bidding for cafeteria commodities for the 2024-2025 school year.
Motion Carried: 5 – 0
- 10.8 Upon the motion made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mrs. Thomas, the Board of Education adopted the proposed 2025 Legislative Priorities Resolution.
Motion Carried: 5 – 0

11. Executive Session: Upon the motion made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Fish, the Board of Education adjourned to Executive Session at 7:15pm to discuss details of proposed, current, or pending litigation and details of medical, financial, credit or employment history or a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation.
Motion Carried: 5 – 0

Upon the motion made by Mrs. Thomas and seconded by Mr. Smith, the Board of Education returned to open session at 7:43pm.
Motion Carried: 5 – 0

12. Adjournment: Upon the motion made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Fish, the Board of Education adjourned at 7:44pm.
Motion Carried: 5 – 0