

**THE NORTH HAVEN BOARD OF EDUCATION
5 LINSLEY STREET
NORTH HAVEN, CONNECTICUT**

MINUTES

Date: December 8, 2011
7:00 p.m.

Attendance at this ORGANIZATIONAL Meeting: Stephen DiCapua, Alicia Clapp, Carole Franceschet, Anita Anderson, Wesley O'Brien, Bryan Bogen, Stephen Consiglio, Jennifer Caldwell, and Patricia K. Brozek, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Robert D. Cronin, Ph.D., Superintendent of Schools

Bert Mozealous was absent.

Mr. DiCapua introduced the North Haven First Selectman, Michael Freda.

1. Organization of the Board of Officers by the First Selectman

Mr. DiCapua stated before he made his nomination he wanted to thank Mr. Freda and the other Board Members for all of their support during the transition that North Haven has been in.

Nominations were opened for Board officers

a. Chairman

MOTION: Stephen DiCapua nominated Anita Anderson Approved
SECOND: Alicia Clapp
AYE: 8
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

b. Vice-Chairman

MOTION: Stephen DiCapua nominated Wesley O'Brien Approved
SECOND: Alicia Clapp
AYE: 8
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

c. Secretary

MOTION: Alicia Clapp nominated Carole Franceschet Approved
SECOND: Stephen DiCapua
AYE: 8
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

Mr. Freda thanked the Board of Education, Dr. Cronin, Pat Brozek, and Diane Raymo for all of their work, stating that the Town and the Department of Education have a good working relationship and he looks forward to continuing working with everyone.

Anita Anderson took her seat as Chairman and thanked the Board of Education for their votes.

2. Approval of Minutes of November 17, 2011

Moved: to approve the Minutes of November 17, 2011 Approved

MOVED: Carole Franceschet
SECOND: Bryan Bogen
AYE: 7
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 1

Jennifer Caldwell abstained, as she was not at the last Board of Education meeting.

3. Budgets:

a. 2011-2012 Budget

Moved: to accept budget reports and place them on file Approved

MOVED: Stephen DiCapua
SECOND: Alicia Clapp
AYE: 8
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

4. Report of Standing Committees

a. Finance and Operations

Mr. DiCapua reported that Finance and Operations met this evening and reported that the current year's budget is in good shape. He stated that we are waiting for reimbursement from the State for the Special Education Excess Cost reimbursement. Mr. DiCapua reported that the committee discussed the Field Maintenance Plan, which Grant Peckham provided. Mr. DiCapua stated that this is a good plan to have and we can, in the future, look back on it and measure against it. Mr. DiCapua thanks Mr. Peckham for all of the work he put into making this plan. Mr. DiCapua informed the Board of Education of the dates for the Finance and Operations Budget Workshops. They are January 26, 2012 and February 2, 2012 (if needed), both at 6:00 p.m.

Moved: to add an agenda item, to approve Budget Workshop dates Approved

MOVED: Wesley O'Brien
SECOND: Alicia Clapp
AYE: 8
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

Moved: to approve scheduled Budget Workshops on January 26, 2012
and February 2, 2012 (if needed) at 6:00 p.m. Approved

MOVED: Wesley O'Brien
SECOND: Alicia Clapp
AYE: 8
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

Old Business:

1. Fields – update on Field Maintenance Agreement
2. Transportation

b. Personnel

1. Approval of extended family medical leave for Melanie D'Amico,
North Haven Middle School science teacher (returning
August 2012)

Moved: To approve an extended family medical leave for Melanie
D'Amico, North Haven Middle School science teacher
(Returning August 2012) Approved

MOVED: Alicia Clapp
SECOND: Carole Franceschet
AYE: 8
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

c. Curriculum, Instruction and Planning

Mrs. Franceschet reported that Curriculum, Instruction and Planning met on December 2, 2011. High School and Middle School presented their school improvement plans. Curriculum Update: Language Arts Consultants and Reading Consultants met with Lois Lanning, a consultant, to determine the units of study for grades K-5. Mrs. Franceschet stated that the first draft of the math curriculum K-5 will be ready by June. Professional Development: Elementary will work on math, Middle School and High School will work on BEST instructional practices. Mrs. Franceschet stated that the District Data Team met in November and the topic of that meeting was scientific research based intervention, and the Tier I, II, and III interventions, which is used in all of our schools. Mrs. Franceschet stated that the schools/teachers continue to work on the recommendations by the State and Focus Monitoring. Mrs. Franceschet stated that the next meeting will be January 9, 2012 at 9:30 a.m.

5. ACES

Mrs. Clapp reported that today was one of her favorite days at ACES. She stated the children submitted artwork, and one is chosen. Mrs. Clapp reported that they make Christmas cards with all of the artwork the children created. The children are all recognized by the entire Board at ACES. Mrs. Clapp reported the Gateway property was discussed with regards to the building being renovated for ACES. She stated that they are also in discussion with Hamden Hall regarding buying the property on Skiff Street. Mrs. Clapp stated that there was an acceptance of the audit regarding their \$73 million dollar budget, as well as approving the school climate Plan, and the bullying policy. Mrs. Clapp reported that there will be a workshop on December 16, 2011 to review the State Common Core in language arts and mathematics.

6. North Haven PTA Council

Mrs. Franceschet reported that PTA Council met on November 28, 2011 and reported the following:

- Article Shared, "Community Conversation".
- Superintendent reported that he and administrators were working on their first draft of the budget for next year, which will be presented to the Board of Education mid-January.
- NHEA met on the afternoon of November 28th and a number of committees were formed. One of the committees, "public relations committee" received a \$5,000 grant to be used for budget awareness.
- School representatives reported on a number of activities and events going on at each school. Tuesday was the Senior to Senior Breakfast, with quite a turnout.

The next PTA Council meeting will be Monday, January 23, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at North Haven High School Library.

Old Business:

1. "Adopt A School"

7. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Cronin reported the following:

- Mr. Fiondella is holding a Holiday Toy Drive beginning Monday, December 12, 2011. Collections will be dropped off at Yale Children's Hospital, St. Raphaels Hospital and the local Ronald McDonald House. Collections will be taken through December 20, 2011.
- Middle School will be hosting Rachel's Challenge next week on December 14, 2011.
- Board Policies are being updated and suggested that the Board bring any changes/edits to Dr. Cronin's attention.
- Distributed some handouts for Board of Education Workshop on December 13, 2011 for the Board of Education to review.

8. Public Comments:

- Michael Perrone, North Haven High School student and President of the Computer Club commented on his concerns regarding the Computer Science

Program at North Haven High School. The computer science class is no longer being offered at the high school because the teacher retired last year and there was no replacement. He stated his concerns with the class not running and the importance of having such as class, asking the Board and Dr. Cronin to get the class running again for the many students that would benefit from such a class.

9. Executive Session: NOT NEEDED

10. Adjournment

Moved: to adjourn at 7:40 p.m.

Approved

MOVED: Stephen DiCapua

SECOND: Bryan Bogen

AYE: 8

NAY: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Anita Anderson

Anita Anderson
Chairman