



North Haven Public Schools

North Haven, Connecticut 06473

North Haven Public School
Board of Education Meeting

Minutes

Regular Meeting/Special Meeting/Organizational Meeting

Thursday, December 14, 2017 6:30 p.m.

Attendance: Anita Anderson, Wesley O'Brien, Randi Petersen, Bryan Bogen, Jennifer Cecarelli, Goldie Adele, Dorothy Logan, Amanda Gabriele, Joseph Solimene, Tina Tanguay, Director of Finance, Operations and Human Resources, Robert D. Cronin, Ph.D., Superintendent of Schools

Mr. Adele was tardy to this meeting

I. Consent Agenda

1. Minutes November 9, 2017
2. Resignation of Kevin Secor, Long Term Substitute at Clintonville Elementary School
3. Resignation of Laurie Middleton, School Counselor, NHHS
4. Family leave for Jaqlyn Giordano, NHMS Social Studies Teacher
5. Family leave for Melissa Chiarelli, NHHS, School Counselor
6. Family leave for Carissa Somody, NHHS Tech./Career Resource Paraprofessional

Motion: To approve the items on the Consent Agenda

Approved

MOVED: Randi Petersen
SECOND: Bryan Bogen
AYE: 8
NAY: 0
ABSTAINED: 0

II. Board of Education Student Representatives Reports

Information Item

Rachel Reported:

- Senior to Senior Breakfast was well attended at NHHS
- Pep Rally and Homecoming took place and was a lot of fun
- North Haven Honor Society is running a Toy Drive the month of December
- Best Buddies Ball is Friday
- Winter sports starting
- Next week is Spirit Week

Tim Reported:

- Midterm started
- PSAT Scores are out
- Jr. Class is having a badminton/volleyball tournament to raise money for the class
- Pie fund raiser just ended

Mrs. Anderson reminded the Student Representatives and Principals to please send notifications of fundraisers to the Board of Education, so they can support them in these activities.

III. Report of the Board of Education Chairperson or Designee

Mrs. Anderson thanked Matt Kerzner for being on the Board of Education for his past service on the Board, and welcomed Amanda Gabriele and Joe Solimene to the Board of Education, wishing them much success.

a. Approval of the Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grant (SS/AE) Title IV in the amount of \$10,000

Motion: To approve the Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grant (SS/AE) Title IV in the amount of \$10,000.00

Approved

Mrs. McKenna explained that this is a new part of the Consolidated Grant. The district is going to be use this for technology enrichment for the Middle School for robotics.

Mrs. McKenna also thanked NHEF for a grant for robotics and coding work. Carol Ardito submitted a grant for \$10,000 for this and it was granted by the Foundation

MOVED: Randi Petersen
 SECOND: Bryan Bogen
 AYE: 8
 NAY: 0
 ABSTAINED: 0

IV. Unfinished Business

Mrs. Logan commented regarding the security at schools and having the students wear IDs and lanyards. Dr. Cronin stated that he is working with the Administration at the High School, regarding getting IDs and lanyards for the students to wear for identification, as well as security at all six schools in District.

Mrs. Gabriele commented regarding the field cost schedule. Mrs. Andersen replied that the Board will work with Mr. Blumenthal on getting a cost schedule together. Dr. Cronin also stated that this can also be discussed during budget season.

V. New Business

VI. Reports of Standing Committees:

1. ACES

Information Item

Mrs. Logan reported she attended the ACES meeting, which was a holiday meeting and students also attended this meeting and were recognized for their artwork which was on display. Mrs. Logan reported there was a groundbreaking ceremony at Ledder Hill School.

2. Curriculum, Instruction, and Planning

Information Item

Dr. O'Brien stated reported:

- Health/PE Department Update – Jane Sanford (K-12 PE/Health Coordinator) will join us for this discussion

Guest: K-12 Health/Physical Education Coordinator Jane Sanford

K-12 Health/Physical Education Coordinator Jane Sanford joined us and provided an update on Health curriculum. Among the items we discussed:

- Logistics of bringing PE teachers into the classroom
- Curricular breakdown by grade
- Time constraints with regard to covering all the topics mandated by the state in the middle school, with Grade 8 posing a particular challenge
- Overall difficulty in meeting state guidelines within the time frames currently allotted

Long discussion regarding how to address student problems, particularly with regard to substance abuse.

A committee member requested a future a conversation to explore general mental health issues and needs to determine how these might be addressed effectively.

- New Field Trip Requests:
 - District Grade 5 Students – Nature's Classroom
May 14-18, 2018

The committee reviewed and recommends for approval the 5th grade trip to Nature's Classroom May 14-18.

Mrs. McKenna will report back to the Board in January when elementary principals get their numbers as to what option parents have chosen.

- a. Natures Classroom (Districtwide) Colebrook, CT
May 14-18, 2018

Motion: to approve the trip to Nature's Classroom (Districtwide), Colebrook, CT
May 14-18, 2018

Approved

MOVED: Bryan Bogen
SECOND: Wesley O'Brien
AYE: 8
NAY: 0
ABSTAINED: 0

Mrs. Gabriele stated that the financial concerns are very real. She reported that this was a big topic of conversation at the Clintonville PTA meeting and was wondering what they can do to do some fundraising to help those that need help affording this. Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. McKenna suggested that Mrs. Gabrielle contact the Green Acres or Ridge Road PTAs and see if they have any suggestions, as well as the principals

3. Finance and Operations

Information Item

Mr. Bogen stated:

- Financial report ending November 30th shows some deficits in transportation and other purchases. He reported that this is typical as the District is waiting for reimbursements from Excess costs.
- Mr. Bogen stating Administrators are watching the budget closely and have a good handle on it

- Budget Workshops will begin in January. There will be a Budget Workshop on January 4, 18, and 25 at 6 p.m.
- Administrators are working with principals to submit and review their budget requests.
- Saturday, February 3, 2018 the Board of Education will present their budget to the Board of Finance

4. Middle School Building Committee

Information Item

There is going to be an Open House for the public to attend and tour the new North Haven Middle School on Monday, January 29, 2018.

5. North Haven Education Foundation

Information Item

Mr. Solimene reported:

- The Foundation is actively soliciting grants
- The Foundation wants to have a meeting with Principals to explain the Foundation's purpose to educate them on the Grant process.
- The Foundation wants to invite a past grant recipients to come present their experience from beginning to end and share their experience and how they used the money given.

6. Policy

Information Item

7. PTA Council

Information Item

Amanda volunteered to be the Board Representative on PTA Council.

VII. Staff Communications

A. Superintendent's Report

Information Item

Dr. Cronin reported:

- Update on the NHMS Assistant Principal position
- Thanked the screening committee for all of their help in the search for Assistant Principal
- Informed Board of Education about a \$100,000 donation to go to the scholarship fund at North Haven High School
- Reminder that there is a shortened day December 22nd. Classes resume January 2nd
- New legislation regarding administrator's contracts, which states that any Board of Education shall file forthwith a signed copy of any contract for administrative personnel with the Town Clerk's Office and the Town Clerk must post on the Town's website. We will be sending those contracts over to the Town Clerk's Office for posting.

B. Assistant Superintendent's Report

Information Item

C. Director of Finance and Operations

1. Director of Finance and Operation's Report

Information Item

Mrs. Tanguay reported:

- Keeping a close eye on the budget
- Working on the 2018-2019 budget information. She met with Administrator's regarding their individual budgets.

2. Approval of the 2017-2018 Monthly Financial Report, including recommended transfers

Motion: to approve the 2017-2018 Monthly Financial Report, including Recommended transfers

Approved

MOVED: Bryan Bogen
SECOND: Randi Petersen
AYE: 9
NAY: 0
ABSTAINED: 0

VIII. Public Comment

- Mary White commented regarding lighting at the NHHS, bulbs are out and need to be replaced, as well as broke concrete sections entering the school, the turf fields and turf maintenance manuals.
- Sherman Katz – commented regarding school bus monitors (e.g. training, pay, children)
- Nick – Green Acres dropoff area – flooding
- Rose Soloeme – bus monitor – wage increase
- Jennie Caldwell – regarding the Finance and Operations meeting being in a large room so more of the public can attend those meetings as well. Also commented regarding board of education packets being available to the public Mrs. Caldwell asked that the NHEF help fund some of the expensive field trips.
- Matt Kerzner – thanked the Board of Education for their support in his term and he appreciates all the work Dr. Cronin does for the district as well as the entire Board of Education
- Kathryn Rosenberg - bus monitor commented regarding pay and benefits
- Debra Burns – bus monitor commented regarding training and dealing with parents
- John Anthony - bus monitor regarding issues he has had with parents.

IX. Future Agenda Items

Discussion Item

X. Executive Session – for matters of personnel

Motion: to move into Executive Session for matters of personnel at 7:36 pm

Approved

MOVED: Wesley O'Brien
SECOND: Bryan Bogen
AYE: 9
NAY: 0
ABSTAINED: 0

XI. Adjournment

Motion: to adjourn at 7:50 p.m.

Approved

MOVED: Wesley O'Brien
SECOND: Bryan Bogen
AYE: 9
NAY: 0
ABSTAINED: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Anita Anderson
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Chairperson