

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

**MINUTES**

Date: October 8, 2009

**7:15 p.m.**

1. Public Hearing – ADA Grievance

Mr. Kipperman pleaded his case with regards to the transportation of his son Daniel Kipperman to the YMCA After School Program at Green Acres School. After much discussion, the Board tabled the hearing so that the Superintendent could try to work out a solution with the child care provider and Mr. Kipperman which would not involved a high school student riding a middle school bus. Recording of the hearing is on filed at the Board of Education.

**7:45 p.m.**

Attendance at this REGULAR Meeting: John Lambert, Alicia Clapp, Steve DiCapua, Suzanne Donofrio, Gerald Feinberg, Carole Franceschet, James Hogan, Patricia K. Brozek, Assistant Superintendent, and Sara-Jane R. Querfeld, Superintendent of Schools

Absent Members: Sandra Cummings, Debbie Volain

Meeting called to order by Chairman John Lambert at 7:45 p.m

1. Presentation from the Connecticut School Counselor Association recognizing Anthony Giamattei, North Haven Middle School

Ms. Pamela Anderson from the Connecticut School Counselor Association presented an award to Anthony Giamattei the Professional Recognition Award, recognizing the program “Parent University” he developed at North Haven Middle School.

2. Approval of Minutes of September 10, 2009

Moved: to approve the Minutes of September 10, 2009

Approved

MOVED: Alicia Clapp  
SECOND: John Lambert  
AYE: 7  
NAY: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0

- 3. Budgets:
  - a. 2008-2009 Budget
  - b. State and Federal Funds
  - c. Extra-Curricular Activities

Moved: to accept budget reports and place them on file

Approved

MOVED: Carole Franceschet  
SECOND: Suzanne Donofrio  
AYE: 9  
NAY: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0

4. Report of Standing Committees

a. Finance and Operation

Mr. DiCapua stated that this year's budget is going well. He reported that it is on schedule. Mr. DiCapua reported that the committee is monitoring the Special Education budget closely as they did last year. He stated that the boilers were discussed and is in the process of fixing them at this time. He reported that Building Committee is looking into the warranty of the boilers.

b. Personnel

Dr. Hogan stated there is no report at this time.

c. Curriculum, Instruction and Planning-

1. Approval of FPS overnight field trip to the University of Wisconsin

Moved: to approve the FPS overnight field trip to the University of Wisconsin

Approved

MOVED: John Lambert  
SECOND: Alicia Clapp  
AYE: 7  
NAY: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0

2. Approval of Ridge Road and Green Acres field trip to Natures Classroom in May, 2010

Moved: to approve the Ridge Road and Green Acres field trip to Natures Classroom In May of 2010

Approved

MOVED: John Lambert  
SECOND: Carole Franceschet  
AYE: 7  
NAY: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0

3. Approval of Montowese field trip to Sturbridge Village  
October 29, 2009

Moved: to approve the Montowese field trip to Sturbridge Village on  
October 29, 2009

Approved

MOVED: Alicia Clapp  
SECOND: Carole Franceschet  
AYE: 7  
NAY: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0

4. Approval of North Haven High School field trip to Ellis Island  
October 23, 2009

Moved: to approve the North Haven High School field trip to Ellis Island,  
October 23, 2009

Approved

MOVED: Alicia Clapp  
SECOND: Carole Franceschet  
AYE: 7  
NAY: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0

5. Approval of Weighted Grading Program

Moved: to approve the Weighted Grading Program

Approved

MOVED: Alicia Clapp  
SECOND: Carole Franceschet  
AYE: 7  
NAY: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0

6. Approval of new course proposal (Advanced Clay Methods)

Tabled

Mrs. Donofrio has tabled this time requiring further investigation.

7. Approval of Bullying Policy 2009-10

Moved: to approve the Bullying Policy 2009-10

Approved

MOVED: John Lambert  
SECOND: Carole Franceschet  
AYE: 7  
NAY: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0

Mrs. Donofrio reported that the charge Nurse, Mrs. Saurbrunn gave an update on the H1N1 vaccination. They reported that the vaccination will be available to us, but just how much and who will be getting it is unknown at this time.

## 5. ACES

Mrs. Clapp reported that they went over the Audit at ACES. Mrs. Clapp also stated that Mr. Patrick Flynn spoke with regards to Professional Development at ACES. She stated that there are enormous opportunities at ACES for Professional Development, e.g. bringing in consultants to the school systems.

## 6. North Haven PTA Council

There is no report at this time.

## 7. School Building Committee

There is no report at this time.

## 8. Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Querfeld reported the following:

- In school suspension mandate has been put off until July 1, 2010
- TEAM Program is replacing the BEST Program, shifting the burden to the town. Mrs. Querfeld stated that the district will be working with ACES to provide mentors training needed.
- Nelson Ambulance is donating two safety/emergency kits to the North Haven Middle School. Mrs. Querfeld thanks them for their donation.
- Dot Logan's class hosted a Hot Dog and Bean lunch on October 2, 2009 to benefit Breast Cancer
- North Haven High School Athletic Teams is also sponsoring a Breast Cancer Awareness week at all home games beginning this week. Everyone in attendance is encouraged to wear pink.. This is to benefit the Terry Broder Breast Cancer Foundation.
- Best Buddies is sponsoring a Walk/Run on October 17, 2009 at the North Haven Middle School at 9 a.m.
- Internet Safety Workshop on October 28, 2009

Mr. Lambert reported that Mr. Charles Bogen, a former Board of Education member passed away recently, and expressed sympathy to the Bogen family.

## 9. Public Comments

- Dot Logan, thanked Ms. Querfeld for her kind remarks.
- Mr. O'Brien commented on the debate the previous night and Ms. McCarty's relationship with the Superintendent, the prior years budget as well as classroom sizes.
- Mr. Charles Wickline questioned why sign at the High School was replaced. Mr. DiCapua responded that the sign was improperly put up the first time. Mr. Wickline also questioned who was funding the Soccer Team to go to Italy and Mrs. Querfeld responded that no town money is being used for the trip. Money was raised through fundraising. Mr. Wickline also requested a copy of the Town Budget. He also asked the total capacity of the new High School. Ms. Brozek responded total capacity was 1300.
- Mr. Gary Amato commented about the blinking light on Bailey Road.. He stated the crosswalk looks crooked and looks terrible. Mr. Amato commented that the Board of Education should use the Library as a meeting place.
- Lana Porter-Smith commented on the Wellness Policy. Mrs. Querfeld encouraged Ms. Porter-Smith to attend the Wellness Committee meetings at the elementary schools.
- Ms. Robin Masher also commented on the Wellness Committee and would like to be part of that committee. Mrs. Querfeld encouraged her to call for further information.

10. Executive Session: Teacher's Contract Negotiations

Moved: to enter Executive Session regarding the matter of Teacher's Contract Negotiations at 8:50 p.m.

Approved

MOVED: Carole Franceschet  
SECOND: James Hogan  
AYE: 7  
NAY: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0

The Board returned from executive Session at 9:25 p.m. with no report.

11. Adjournment

Moved: to adjourn at 9:25.m.

Approved

MOVED: Alicia Clapp  
SECOND: James Hogan  
AYE: 7  
NAY: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0

Respectfully submitted,

John Lambert  
Chairman