

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

**MINUTES**

Date: January 14, 2010

Attendance at this REGULAR Meeting:

Attendance at this REGULAR Meeting, Steve DiCapua, Bert Mozealous, Alicia Clapp, Carole Franceschet, James Hogan, Anita Anderson, Wesley O'Brien, Ed Gomeau, Director of Business and Operations, Patricia K. Brozek, Assistant Superintendent, and Sara-Jane R. Querfeld, Superintendent of Schools Sandra Cummings and Suzanne Donofrio were absent.

1. Approval of Minutes of December 10, 2009

Moved: approval of the minutes of December 10, 2009

Approved

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

2. Budgets:

- a. 2009-2010 Budget
- b. State and Federal Funds
- c. Extra-Curricular Activities

Moved: to accept budget reports and place them on file

Approved

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

3. Report of Standing Committees

- a. Finance and Operations

Mr. DiCapua reported Finance and Operations met this evening and pleased to say that the current year's budget is fine. He stated that there was an item last month with regards to a shortfall in special education funds from the State of CT. Those funds will be funded to a lesser degree (about 77%). Mr. DiCapua reported that the money will be made up with stimulus money received.

Mr. DiCapua also reported that the boilers at the High School were repaired. He stated that said repairs were paid by the Building Committee. He also stated that an engineering firm has been hired to review the boilers and tell us why this happened and the status of the boilers at this time. He reported that we should hear back from that company before the next meeting.

Mr. DiCapua stated that the last item discussed was next year's budget. He stated that our budget Workshops will be January 27, 2010 and February 3, 2010. He stated they will be held at the Admin Building.

b. Personnel

1. Approval of retirement of Anthony Mancini, Principal of Montowese Elementary School

Moved: approval of the retirement of Anthony Mancini, Principal of Montowese Elementary School

Approved

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

2. Approval of retirement of Thomas Herrscher, Assistant Principal of North Haven High School

Moved: approval of retirement of Thomas Herrscher, Assistant Principal of North Haven High School

Approved

MOVED: Carole Franceschet  
SECOND: Bert Mozealous  
AYE: 7  
NAY: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0

Ms. Brozek stated that she has worked with these two gentlemen for over 30 years. They have dedicated their careers to doing what is very best for the kids in the North Haven Public Schools. Ms. Brozek congratulated both Tony and Tom and wished them a healthy, happy retirement.

c. Curriculum, Instruction and Planning

Mrs. Querfeld reported that C & I met and reviewed the interim curriculum reports on the evaluation cycle, as well as budget priorities for the 2010-2011, and also discussed the proposed calendar for the new school year. The calendar will be finalized and presented at the February Board of Education Meeting.

4. ACES

Mrs. Clapp reported that they saw the new plans and took a virtual tour of the Little Theater on Lincoln Way in New Haven. She stated they will break ground in March and will take approximately one full year to complete. Mrs. Clapp reported it is a \$5 million renovation.

Mrs. Clapp reported that ACES has received an early childhood grant that will allow them to work with the Town of Middletown to establish a Head Start Program.

Mrs. Clapp reported also that cost of running CAMMS which is an alternate school in North Branford have become so great, that the State has decided to close CAMMS as of the end of this school year. She stated that there are other plans for that building, which will be discussed further.

5. North Haven PTA Council – Mr. O’Brien stated that they have not met, therefore there is no report. He reported that the next meeting will be January 25, 2010.

6. School Building Committee – There was no Building Committee Meeting to report on.

7. Superintendent’s Report

Mrs. Querfeld reported the following:

- She, Mr. Dallai and Mr. Piazza joined Alicia Clapp at ECA for the tour and presentation. She stated that she was very impressed with the students
- Thanked Mark Lasage, from North Haven Rotary for donating defibrators to each of the schools
- Distributed a fact sheet with regards to air quality.
- Jen Dionisio, a long term sub for Mrs. Tommaro was awarded an \$800.00 grant from Target
- Jeanne Savoia received a Mohegan Tribe Challenge Grant for \$1,000.00. She will receive a class visit by representatives of the Mohegan Tribe and have a field trip to the Mohegan Reservation in Uncasville to learn more about the Tribe and its history.
- Kathy Imholt received a grant through the Yale/ACES Teaching American History class. She was awarded \$500.00 towards the performance of “Road to Revolution: One Connecticut Family’s struggle during the American Revolution”. This comes from federal grant money to ACES/Yale to support teaching American History.
- Letter received from Police Chief DiCarlo commending the high school students who participated in our Sobriety Checkpoint December 11, 2009. Students were: Tess McKeon, Brittany Toscano, Camryn Larkings, Kaylie Siciliano, Melissa Nesto, Alexandria Nebor, and Andrea DiCusati.
- Letter from Yale New Haven Hospital thanking North Haven High School for their donations over the holiday season. They thanked Mr. Dallai and Mr. Fiondella for their great success in conducting this toy drive over the past two years.
- First Alert sent out to parents/families regarding two incidents in North Haven over the last week. The first incident was when a suspicious car followed a Ridge Road bus into a residential street and tried to beckon the child over to the car. The other incident a stranger approached the majorettes as they practiced in the Middle School gym. The police are currently investigating this incident. Encouraged parents to talk to their children about “stranger danger”. She stated that they are looking into upgrading the security system at the Middle School to provide more surveillance cameras at the entrances.

8. Public Comments

- Gary Amato – stated his concerns for the on-going traffic issue on Bailey Road and his dissatisfaction with the signs, or lack of signs
- Veronica Kavalis – questioned the status of the new playground equipment at Clintonville Elementary School. Mrs. Querfeld responded that the Clintonville PTA is raising the funds for the new equipment.
- Veronica Kavalis – Mrs. Kavalis wanted to know about the three new courses being offered at the NHHS. Mrs. Querfeld responded that they are new courses that will be offered as electives.
- The Hannon family made multiple comments with regards to air quality at the high school.
- Al Warren – Mr. Warren had a pamphlet from New Haven regarding Magnet Schools and was questioning the cost of sending North Haven students to a Magnet School

9. Executive Session: (if needed)

10. Adjournment

Moved: to adjourn at 8:15 p.m.

Approved

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Cummings  
Chairman