

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

Date: April 8, 2010

Attendance at this **SPECIAL** Meeting:

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**7:00 p.m.**

Executive Session: Regarding pending litigation – High School boilers

Moved: to go into executive session regarding pending litigation – High School boilers    Approved

MOVED:            Alicia Clapp  
SECOND:          James Hogan  
AYE:                9  
NAY:                0  
ABSTAIN:         0

7:50 p.m. The Board of Education returned from executive session.

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Recognition of Art Students

Mrs. Querfeld recognized the following Scholastic Award Art students:

North Haven Middle School: Julia Bujalski, Angela Chen, Kristen Brown, Adam Elhammamy.  
North Haven High School: Tricia Currie, Nicholas Melillo, Jess Kiehl, and Caitlin Bracale

1. School Board Attorney Tom Mooney – Regarding Board of Education meeting Procedures

Mr. Mooney spoke regarding Board of Education meeting procedures

2. Approval of Minutes of March 11, 2010

Moved: to approve the Minutes of March 11, 2010

Approved

MOVED:            James Hogan  
SECOND:          Wesley O'Brien  
AYE:                9  
NAY:                0  
ABSTAIN:         0

3. 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: Carole Franceschet  
SECOND: James Hogan  
AYE: 9  
NAY: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0

#### 4. Report of Standing Committees

##### a. Finance and Operations

Mr. DiCapua reported that Finance and Operations met this evening. They reviewed the current budget which is on schedule and in good shape. He stated that they reported on next year's budget also. Mr. DiCapua reported that the referendum is scheduled for May 18, 2010.

##### b. Personnel

1. Approval of the retirement of Stephen J. Wronski, 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Montowese Elementary School

Moved: to accept the retirement of Stephen J. Wronski, 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Montowese Elementary School

Approved

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

Mrs. Querfeld stated that Mr. Wronski is a wonderful teacher who was also involved in the Flag Day Celebration, and the Veterans Essay Contest. Mrs. Franceschet stated that Mr. Wronski was a great mentor to her. She stated that Mr. Wronski was a great person who is well respected by teachers, parents and students, and will be missed.

##### b. Curriculum, Instruction and Planning

Mrs. Donofrio reported that Curriculum, Instruction and Planning met this month and heard reports from Rebecca Carr, Jill Metz and Karen Baptie with regards to State Frameworks. The next Curriculum, Instruction, and Planning meeting is scheduled for May 23, 2010 in the Board of Education Conference Room at 10:00 a.m.

## 5. ACES

Mrs. Clapp reported that there was a discussion regarding the Foundation Auction that ACES had. She reported that there was \$17,000 raised from that Auction. She reported that they are re-applying for the Race to the Top Grant, Phase II. Mrs. Clapp stated Rep. Brenden Sharkey spoke, who is chairman of the Blue Ribbon Commission.

## 6. North Haven PTA Council

Dr. O'Brien reported that some of the discussion was regarding food in the classroom creating a healthy, safe environment. He stated that the CAPT exams are complete. Dr. O'Brien reported that the prom will take place on May 14, 2010 at the Chevrolet Theater. He reported that the Music Man was a great success. Dr. O'Brien reported that the Drug Abuse Council met on March 15, 2010.

## 7. School Building Committee

The School Building Committee did not meet this month.

## 8. Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Querfeld reported the following:

- Issue that was brought up at last month's BOE meeting regarding North Haven Middle School as been taken care of by the principal, Mr. Piazza
- History Day at the Middle School and the High School
- Wizard of Oz was wonderful
- SCASA Scholarship Luncheon
- St. Baldricks Day at the Middle School was a great success. They raised over \$45,000. Congratulations to Anthony Giamietti and Sue Wilson for a great job.
- Pi Day at the High School
- New England Math League Score Report. North Haven was ranked #2 and #3 in two different categories

## 9. Public Comments

- Gary Amato commented on Mr. Mooney's presentation stating he would have liked to ask him a few questions. He stated he was disappointed with the way the BOE is not answering questions like they did in the past
- Terry Hannon commented on the air quality issue as well as on the new public comment policy.
- Al Warren comment on the out of district students being able to finish their senior year. Mr. Warren also had questions on the temporary repairs of the boilers at the High School.

10. Executive Session: (if needed)

11. Adjournment

Moved: to adjourn at 8:55 p.m.

Approved

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Cummings  
Chairman

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