

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

Date: June 10, 2010

Attendance at this regular Meeting:

Attendance at this regular meeting, Sandra Cummings, Steve DiCapua, Alicia Clapp, Bert Mozealous, 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

7:30 p.m.

1. Recognition of North Haven District Math Coach, Paul Castiglione

Mrs. Querfeld recognized Mr. Paul Castiglione as the North Haven District Math Coach, stating all of Mr. Castiglione's accomplishments at the elementary level in Math and his help in raising the CMT scores. Mrs. Querfeld suggested that the Board bring Mr. Castiglione in at another board meeting (he was unavailable this month) to get updated on his accomplishments this year.

2. Approval of Minutes of April 8, 2010

Moved: to approve the Minutes of April 8, 2010

Approved

MOVED: James Hogan
SECOND: Carole Franceschet
AYE: 8
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: 8
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

4. Report of Standing Committees

a. Finance and Operations

Mr. DiCapua reported that Finance and Operations met and discussed the 2009-2010 budget which had some minor changes and is complete. Mr. DiCapua stated that it turned out well for the 2009-2010 budget, especially the special education portion of it with the great efforts of the special education staff. Mr. DiCapua stated that they discussed next year's budget and the affect of the \$850,000 decrease. Mr. DiCapua reported that the committee voted on purchasing gas now at \$1.67 per gallon and locked into that, which puts some certainty to next year's budget.

Mrs. Querfeld discussed some of the affects with regards to next year's budget. She stated that \$200,000 will come from a combination of the money in CAMMS line item and the remaining will come from the salary accounts with the majority being covered through attrition. She stated there were nine retirements this year and those positions will not be replaced.

1. Approval of Healthy Food Certificate

Moved: to approve the Healthy Food Certificate

Approved

MOVED: Bert Mozealous
SECOND: James Hogan
AYE: 8
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

2. Approval of the Michelle Tenedine Sotto Memorial Scholarship

Moved: to approve the Michelle Tenedine Sotto Memorial Scholarship

Approved

MOVED: Wesley O'Brien
SECOND: Anita Anderson
AYE: 8
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

Mrs. Querfeld introduced Mr. Victor Tenedine, who has generously donated \$100,000 to the Scholarship Fund in memory of his daughter Michelle "Shelly" Tenedine Sotto to be awarded to a senior graduate who attended Montowese Elementary School. Two students will be awarded a scholarship of \$2,000.00 each, increasing that to \$4,000.00 a year in the future. Mr. DiCapua stated that is a wonderful gift and thanked Mr. Tenedine for such a generous gift.

b. Personnel

1. Approval of the following resignations:

- a. Jillian Maggiacomo, math teacher, North Haven High School
- b. Cheryl Solecki, K-1 Ridge Road Elementary School
- c. Allison Geaski, Grade 1, Ridge Road Elementary School
- d. Pam Fornal, Kindergarten, Ridge Road Elementary School
- e. Elaine Hunter, Social Worker, North Haven High School
- f. Sara-Jane R. Querfeld, Superintendent of Schools
- g. Jo-Ann Idone, business teacher, North Haven High School
- h. Robert Horn, Clintonville Elementary School

Moved: to approve the above mentioned resignations

Approved

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

Mrs. Clapp stated that these are a group of people of have contributed many years to North Haven and will be greatly missed.

2. Approval of an additional year of family leave for 2010-2011 academic year of Hayden Holt, World Language, North Haven High School

Moved: to approve an additional year of family leave for 2010-2011 academic year of Hayden Holt, World Language, North Haven High School

Approved

MOVED: Stephen DiCapua
SECOND: Carole Franceschet
AYE: 8
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

3. Approval of appointment of Mary Federico as Principal of Montowese Elementary School

Moved: to appoint Mary Federico as Principal of Montowese Elementary School

Approved

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

- b. Curriculum, Instruction and Planning

Mrs. Querfeld reported that Curriculum, Instruction and Planning met this past Monday and reviewed the budget situation.

5. ACES

Mrs. Clapp reported that at today ACES meeting they evaluated Dr. Edmondson. Mrs. Clapp reported that Dr. Edmondson's contract was renewed at that time.

6. North Haven PTA Council

Dr. O'Brien stated that the Council met on May 24, 2010 and discussed the search for the new Montowese Principal, the proposed budget and the impact that the additional monies would have. Dr. O'Brien reported that they discussed the lack of public knowledge with regards to the teacher givebacks. Dr. O'Brien reported on school fundraisers, such as wine tasting, the Road Race. He stated that the High School had their prom which was followed by a substance abuse assembly.

7. Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Querfeld reported:

- New Haven Register's coverage of Mr. Dagliere's volcano project
- Clintonville School hot air balloon project, "Up with Reading"
- HS Music Department trip to Toronto was very successful. Congratulations to Mr. Tedeschi and Ms. Holt.

- Annette Saurbrunn informed us that Mark LaSage from Nelson Ambulance has secured the funding to supply defibrillators at Clintonville, Ridge Road and Green Acres schools. Paul Mitchell, North Haven Rotary Club, Italian Youth Organization and Nelson Ambulance were the contributors for these supplies.
- NEASC Report commending North Haven High School in the two year project report of North Haven High School
- Yearly Racial Statistic Report from the State of Connecticut
- Mrs. Querfeld thanked the Board of Education and the Townspeople for a wonderful 14 years. Mrs. Querfeld stated that she loved every minute of being at the North Haven Public Schools

8. Public Comments

- Nancy Mozealous, RN stated that she was invited to the High School to speak to the health classes. She stated she was impressed by the class. Ms. Mozealous thanked the high school for allowing her to participate.
- Jim Napalitano spoke regarding baseballs getting into his yard. Mr. Napalitano thanked everyone for putting the netting in his yard, however stated that it is not sufficient enough. Balls are still getting into his yard, hitting his house, as well as hitting himself while out in his yard.
- Jenny Caldwell stated she would like to know how to contact the Board and get answers to questions that needed answering. She suggested that perhaps there is a better way of communication between the Board of Education and parents.
- Terry Hannon commented her disappointment in Mrs. Querfeld and Ms. Brozek's going to the. Mrs. Querfeld corrected her. Mrs. Hannon informed us that Anthony is graduating from Branford High School.
- Michelle Spader commented about her concerns with regards to what cuts may happen if the budget is not passed. She encouraged all to go out and vote.
- Chris Peterson commented about Mrs. Donofrio not being on the Board of Education.

9. Executive Session: for matters of personnel regarding Superintendent

Approved

Moved: to go into Executive Session for matters regarding Superintendent at 8:30 p.m.

Approved

MOVED: Wesley O'Brien
 SECOND: Carole Franceschet
 AYE: 8
 NAY: 0
 ABSTAIN: 0

Moved: to return from Executive Session into public session at 8:55 p.m.

MOVED: Wesley O'Brien
 SECOND: Carole Franceschet
 AYE: 8
 NAY: 0
 ABSTAIN: 0

Motion: to appoint the Personnel Committee to conduct a search for Superintendent of Schools and to recommend one or more candidates to the Board of Education

Approved

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

Motion: to appoint the services from CES to conduct the search and be the conduit for the search for Superintendent

MOVED: Stephen DiCapua
SECOND: Carole Franceschet
AYE: 8
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

10. Adjournment

Moved: to adjourn at 9:00 p.m.

Approved

MOVED: Anita Anderson
SECOND: James Hogan
AYE: 9
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Cummings
Chairman

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