

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

**MINUTES**

Date: January 13, 2011

Attendance at this REGULAR Meeting: Sandra Cummings, Steve DiCapua, Bert Mozealous, Alicia Clapp, Carole Franceschet, James Hogan, Anita Anderson, Wesley O'Brien, Bryan Bogen, and Patricia K. Brozek, Interim Superintendent of Schools

1. Approval of Minutes of December 9, 2010

Motion: to approve the Minutes of December 9, 2010

Approved

MOVED: James Hogan  
SECOND: Carole Franceschet  
AYE: 9  
NAY: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0

2. Budgets:

- a. 2010-2011 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: 9  
NAY: 0  
ABSTAIN:

3. Report of Standing Committees

a. Finance and Operation

Mr. DiCapua reported that there are no issues with the current year's budget. He stated that the committee has been keeping up with the Special Education budget, as they have in the past. Mr. DiCapua stated that they discussed next years budget and have scheduled two special budget

meetings, January 26, 2011 and either February 1, or February 3, 2011. Mr. DiCapua explained how important these budget meetings are as they go over each line item one by one. He also stated that it is open to the public. Mr. DiCapua reported that the finance and operations committee reviewed the medical insurance for next year and the rate may be somewhere between 0-2%. He stated that the bus contract will go out to bid in three weeks. Mr. DiCapua reported that they also discussed a teacher's early retirement plan, which will be discussed further in executive session.

b. Personnel

1. The North Haven Board of Education ratifies the Retirement Incentive program for teachers. Tabled

This item was tabled to be discussed in Executive Session.

2. Approval of an extended leave for Christa Saraceni, School Psychologist, Montowese Elementary School

Moved: to approve the extended leave for Christa Saraceni, School Psychologist at Montowese Elementary School Approved

c. Curriculum, Instruction and Planning

Mrs. Franceschet reported that Curriculum, Instruction and Planning met on January 3, 2011. She stated that they reviewed a 2011-2012 school calendar. Mrs. Franceschet stated that Marianne Rossi gave a presentation of Focus Monitoring, and Barbara Peck informed us that the Connecticut Department of Education adopted new national academic standards known as the Common Course State Standards in English, Language Arts and Mathematics. Mrs. Franceschet also reported an update on the Elementary Curriculum Development was given. She reported that the next Curriculum, Instruction and Planning meeting will be Monday, February 7, 2011 in the Board Room at 9:30 a.m.

4. ACES – No ACES Meeting this month
5. North Haven PTA Council – next PTA Meeting is January 24, 2011
6. Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent reported:

- Reminder to the Board that at the next meeting in February, the yearbook photographer will be here to take photos for the yearbook and they should arrive 20 minutes early for that meeting.
- Received a letter from the Connecticut Food Bank thanking the district for the total contribution of 658 pounds of food.
- High School senior, Meg Lincoln participated in a young arts program. This is a week long program and considered to be a tremendous honor. It represents the top 2% of young artist in the whole country.
- The High School Diversity Committee, led by Elsa Ruoff, created a special quality student video promoting appreciation of diversity. The video was presented to the entire school during December advisory and was a huge hit. The Advisory Committee was led by Laurie McGoveny.
- Clintonville Elementary School has the Connecticut Ballet presenting "Lets Get Fit", which ties into our Wellness message. Clintonville also had their Winter Concert on January 5, 2011 and their monthly Town Meeting which focused on being a caring community.

- Green Acres Elementary School had the Quinnipiac University Hockey Team come to read with the students on January 11, 2011 and Boomer (the mascot) also came along. Grade 3/4 ID class had a “Living Museum” where the students dressed up in costume and shared their projects on Colonial America with parents and their classes. Green Acres PTA is going to have “One School, One Read”, picking one book for everyone to read. The PTA will pay for 1 book per family. They will have activities and a schedule of readings for families and a culminating night of activities for families.
- Mrs. Peters-Durrigan would like to share this magazine called “Alphabet Soup”, unfortunately we only have one copy of, and Ms. Brozek will pass around for everyone to see. There is a Ridge Road Student, Janhavi Narain, age 9, who had her poem called “Sprial Poem” published in this magazine.
- Reminder to the public that our Agenda’s are posted every month at the Town Hall and also on our website. Our minutes are posted there as well. There is a new State Statute that no longer requires minutes to be posted, however we will continue to post our minutes on our website.

7. Public Comments:

- Anthony Giordano, Angel Place, North Haven, CT . Mr. Giordano is a teacher at the High School and stated that he wanted to implore the Board to do whatever they can to do what is the best for the students with regards to the 2011-2012 school budget.
- Jenny Caldwell stated that she would also support Anthony Giordano’s request.

8. Executive Session: contract negotiations NHEA

Moved : to move into Executive session for the purposes of contract negotiations NHEA Approved

MOVED: Alicia Clapp  
 SECOND: Bert Mozealous  
 AYE: 9  
 NAY: 0  
 ABSTAIN: 0

Moved: To come out of Executive Session and back in Public Session Approved

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

Motion: To approve the North Haven Board of Education to Ratify the Retirement Incentive Program for Teachers Approved

MOVED: Alicia Clapp  
 SECOND: Anita Anderson  
 AYE: 8  
 NAY: 0  
 ABSTAIN: 1

Mr. DiCapua abstained.

9. Adjournment

Moved: to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. Approved

MOVED: Alicia Clapp

SECOND: James Hogan  
AYE: 9  
NAY: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Cummings  
Chairman

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