

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

MINUTES

Date: March 10, 2011

Attendance at this REGULAR Meeting:

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7:30 p.m.

1. Approval of Minutes of February 10, 2011

Motion: to approve the Minutes of February 10, 2011

Approved

MOVED: James Hogan
SECOND: Carole Franceschet
AYE: 8
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 1

Mr. DiCapua abstained because he was not at the February 10, 2011 meeting.

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

3. Report of Standing Committees

- a. Finance and Operations

Mr. DiCapua reported that Finance and Operations met earlier tonight and discussed this year's budget. He stated that we are on schedule with most of the items with the exception of the reserve account due to the snow removal cost. Mr. DiCapua stated we are over budget in that account by \$195,000, which is significant. He reported that the Board will request \$75,000 from the Town, as reimbursement against the monies that we had given back last year. Mr. DiCapua stated that leaves a balance of \$120,000 more out of this year's budget. He stated they have earmarked some accounts where we may have some surplus in the

budget to handle it (e.g. heating, bus, worker's compensation), which we should be able to cover the additional costs. Mr. DiCapua reported that the Special Education department has received reimbursement, which is 75% of our overall reimbursement for the Excess Cost Grant from the State.

Mr. DiCapua reported that a 60 foot net is being installed on the varsity baseball field to protect any foul balls. He stated that Jim Albert was hired (landscaping and field maintenance expert) to supervise True Green to get the field in shape to play on.

Mr. DiCapua stated regarding next years budget, the Healthcare is out to bid and we are waiting to get the results of those bids and hopefully know some time next week where we stand with the issue. He stated April 5, 2011 is the Town Meeting on the budget, both Town and BOE.

b. Personnel

1. Approval of the retirement of the following teachers:

- a. Marilyn Kramar, NHHS Mathematics
- b. Robert Carrano, NHMS Physical Education
- c. Susan Quintiliani, Montowese Elementary School Gr. 4
- d. Denzil Stamper, NHMS, Special Education
- e. Elsa Ruoff, NHHS, Library/Media Specialist
- f. Susan Ferraro, Ridge Road Elementary School, Gr. 1
- g. Marie Lunney, Montowese Elementary School Gr. 3
- h. Elaine Riley, Montowese Elementary School Library/Media
- i. Christine Horton, NHMS, Montowese Elementary School Gr. 5
- j. Karen Papieka, NHHS Science
- k. Susan Iverson, NHHS Science
- l. Philomena Marak, NHMS, World Language
- m. Carmella Paradis, Clintonville Elementary School, Gr. 2

Moved: to accept the retirement of the above mentioned teachers

Approved

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

Ms. Brozek spoke of some of the retirees and their years at North Haven Public Schools.

2. Approval of Non-Renewal of Non-Tenure Positions

Moved: to approve the non-renewal of non-tenure positions

Approved

MOVED: Alicia Clapp
SECOND: Carole Franceschet
AYE: 9
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

3. Approval of resignation of Jackie Tamaro, Clintonville Elementary School, Gr. 1 teacher

Moved: to approve the resignation of Jackie Tamaro, Clintonville Elementary School, Gr. 1 teacher

Approved

MOVED: Anita Anderson

SECOND: Bert Mozealous
AYE: 9
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

4. Approval of resignation of Hayden Holt, NHHS Spanish teacher

Moved: to approve the resignation of Haydon Holt, NHHS Spanish teacher Approved

MOVED: Carole Franceschet
SECOND: Anita Anderson
AYE: 9
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

5. Approval of resignation of Rebecca Schwartz, NHHS, Science

Motion: to approve the resignation of Rebecca Schwartz, NHHS, Science Approved

MOVED: Wesley O'Brien
SECOND: Carole Franceschet
AYE: 9
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

6. Approval of the retirement of Marie Frietag, Office Computer Specialist at North Haven High School

Motion: to approve the retirement of Marie Frietag, Office Computer Specialist, North Haven High School Approved

MOVED: Anita Anderson
SECOND: Carole Franceschet
AYE: 9
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

7. Approval of Spring Coaches (attached)

Moved: To approve the appointment of Spring Coaches Approved

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

c. Curriculum, Instruction and Planning

1. Approval of the NHHS Cheerleading Team to compete
On March 18, 19, 2011 in Providence Rhode Island
Contingent on qualification (see attached)

Moved: To approve the NHHS Cheerleading Team to compete on March 18, 19, 2011 In Providence Rhode Island, contingent on qualification Approved

MOVED: Wesley O'Brien
SECOND: Anita Anderson
AYE: 9
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

Ms. Brozek reported that, if they qualify, there will be 21 athletes, 3 coaches and 27 parents going along for the competition.

Mrs. Franceschet reported that Curriculum, Instruction and Planning met on March 7, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. Mrs. Franceschet stated they discussed a Middle School Summer School Proposal, as well as the approval of the North Haven High School AP US Government course from one semester course to be a year long course. She stated they also discussed the Cheerleading Competition in Rhode Island, and the elementary school report card rubrics. Mrs. Franceschet reported that Dr. Cronin will begin on April 4, 2011. She stated that Dr. Cronin visited the District last week. Mrs. Franceschet reported the next Curriculum, Instruction and Planning meeting will be April 4, 2011 at 9:30 a.m.

4. ACES

Mrs. Clapp reported she attended the ACES meeting, which was their first "paperless" meeting. She stated that everyone in attendance was given a laptop computer to work on. Mrs. Clapp reported that Dr. Edmondson went over the individual budgets. Dr. Edmondson also shared the government's initiative for department restructuring. Mrs. Clapp reported they also discussed the school calendar year, trying to come up with a uniform calendar in the future. She stated they also discussed snow days and how that has worked out in various districts.

5. North Haven PTA Council- then ext PTA Council meeting will be March 28, 2011

6. Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent reported:

- Ridge Road Elementary School – New AM Drop off Procedures in place
- Residency Issues – We will be re-registering students in Grades 3, 6, and 9 in May. If the BOE is informed of any person/persons reported to be not living in North Haven, but going to school here, there is a procedure in place where we contact the parent/guardian by telephone questioning the residency issue, we would send a letter mailed to parent/guardian requiring the student to be re-registered. They would then have to come to Central Office with a valid driver's license, copy of two utility bills, copy of mortgage statement/lease/rental agreement, and a tax bill. Ms. Brozek reported that the BOE uses the School Resource Officer and/or the Transportation Director to do a site visit, if necessary.
- North Haven High School – the Connecticut Future Problem Solving Program announced the results of this year's scenario writing competition. Three North Haven Middle School and one North Haven High School Future Problem Solving students were finalists. They were Haya Awwad, Claire Fresher, Maia Annunziato, and Grace Gillolly.
- North Haven 6-12 Comprehensive School Counseling Program will be presented with an award for "Outstanding School Counseling Program" by a representative from the CT School Counselor's Association this Monday at the High School.
- Guys and Dolls – Congratulations to the cast and crew. They were terrific!

7. Public Comments

- Ann DeMatteo, New Haven Register reporter wanted some clarification regarding the Middle School Summer Program

- Krista Kaplin, Governors Drive, commented that she wished the BOE would reconsider the purchasing procedures that are in place, in order to shop around more for cheaper textbooks, eg. Using Amazon.com, etc.
- Brian Testa, Maple Avenue wanted clarification regarding the Health Insurance bidding/cost.
- Al Warren, Charles Court, commented regarding federal aide for the storms. He wanted to know if North Haven will get any money for that. Mr. Gomeau stated that the towns applied for federal aide, however haven't heard if North Haven will get any reimbursement. Mr. Gomeau stated it is possible to get up to 75% reimbursement. Mr. Warren also commented on the cost of Magnet Schools and if there was any cost to families regarding tuition and transportation. Mr. Warren also asked if the PTA had to pay for the cost of renting the facilities for the meeting on March 16, 2011.

8. Executive Session: (if needed)

9. Adjournment

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

Approved

MOVED: Anita Anderson
SECOND: Carole Franceschet
AYE: 9
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Cummings

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Chairman