

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

**MINUTES**

Date: June 21, 2011

6:00 p.m.

Attendance at this SPECIAL Meeting:

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Stephen DiCapua and Dr. James Hogan were not in attendance.

1. Proposed Staffing 2011-2012

Dr. Cronin began his power point presentation (see attached) and followed with questions from the Board of Education.

Mr. O'Brien asked Dr. Cronin if he has a timeline for this plan. Dr. Cronin stated that some of the things in his plan could possibly be in place for next year by re-deploying our staff. Dr. Cronin stated that where we don't have staff, he would have to look into how we could do this. He stated those areas where we don't have staff are in the area of counseling services for the Alternative School, the reading position at the high school and the kindergarten position at Montowese. Dr. Cronin stated these are all priorities, and he intends to find a way, however, this can be challenging when a position was originally funded with federal money.

Mrs. Clapp addressed Dr. Cronin stating that it was her understanding the kindergarten position plus the fourth grade teacher at Ridge Road were already in the budget. Ms. Brozek replied that the funding for the Montowese position came from the stimulous funds and was a one year position. Mrs. Clapp stated that she feels that it was a shame that when the report came in back in 2008 we did not act on it back then.

Mr. Mozealous asked Dr. Cronin if he had a timeline for getting the 57 out-placed students back in North Haven. Dr. Cronin replied not at this time.

Mrs. Cummings wanted to know if Dr. Cronin has reviewed the teacher's caseloads and the hours they have spent, and Dr. Cronin replied that he has reviewed some of them and will continue to do so. Mrs. Cummings also asked Dr. Cronin if he had a firm plan in place the meet the deadlines required in the State report. Dr. Cronin stated that is something that will be done when the new Director begins in July. Dr. Cronin confirmed that the improvement plan was submitted already by Mrs. Rossi. That portion was due on June 1, 2011. Other deadlines are December, 2011.

Mrs. Clapp wanted to know about the Math Coaches that Dr. Cronin mentioned. She stated that we currently have one Math Coach on staff. Dr. Cronin explains that part of his goal is to have a math curriculum, some of which already has been worked on, in terms of Pacing Guides, and concepts. Dr. Cronin stated that teachers will have much more direction beginning in the fall. Dr. Cronin continued stating there is one Math Coach who spends one day in each elementary school. Over time Dr. Cronin explained that he would like to have two Math Coaches at the elementary level and one at the Middle School.

Mrs. Anderson asked Dr. Cronin if there was proper training with regards to IEPs for the new State Mandates. She asked what kind of training if any and if they have not been given the proper training, why? Dr. Cronin stated that he does not believe the teachers have gotten the amount or quality of professional development that they deserve. He reported that he does not know why they were not given the proper training, as he feels they were entitled to it.

The following residents commented opposing Dr. Cronin's proposal:

1. Howard Eckles, 86 St. John Street
2. Len Fasano, 7 Sycamore Lane
3. Dot Logan, 2065 Hartford Turnpike
4. Bernice Montagna, 10 Rance Court
5. Tom Marak, Teacher, Union President
6. Sean Laydon, 16 Sonne Drive
7. Jenny Caldwell, Kimberly Circle
8. Patricia Pappas, 6 Norway Road
9. Jennifer Crisanti, 93 Skrub Oak Road
10. Mrs. Sediki, 1298 Hartford Turnpike
11. Eileen Ziegler, 600 Washington Avenue
12. Maureen Munzner, 28 Norway Road
13. Brian Testa, Maple Avenue
14. Cheryl Vigliotto, 97 Bailey Road
15. Anthony Giordano, 7 Angel Place
16. Alex Johnson, 50 Fallon Drive
17. Dave Yaccarino, 1804 Hartford Turnpike
18. Tammy Fandozzi, 3313 Avalon Haven Drive
19. Mary Minnotti, 3370 Dixwell Avenue
20. Leo Petrie, 127 Standish Avenue
21. Gaetano Casella, 17 Liberty Terrace
22. Linda Christoforo, 23 Morning Mist Drive
23. Joel Rudicoff, 31 Lancelot Drive
24. Elizabeth Martick, 131 Standish Avenue
25. Marc Minnotti, 3370 Dixwell Avenue
26. Jerry Wisneski, 63 Spring Road
27. Michael Minnotti, 3370 Dixwell Avenue
28. Kurt Sendlein, 6 Winchester Drive
29. Mike Freda, 90 Highland Park Road
30. Robin Masheb, 31 Lancelot Drive
31. Brian Testa, Maple Avenue
32. Alan Sturtz, 136 Hartley Street
33. Mary Quinn Devine, 196 Rock Road
34. John D'Amato, Uniserve Representative for the North Haven Education Association

Motion: To delay this process until such time as a linear and vertical  
Committees could be formed to develop a concrete  
improvement plan for the district Approved

MOVED: Alicia Clapp  
SECOND: Anita Anderson  
AYE: 7  
NAY: 0  
ABSTAIN 0

9. Adjournment 8:38p.m. Approved

MOVED: Bert Mozealous  
SECOND: Alicia Clapp  
AYE: 7  
NAY: 0  
ABSTAIN 0

Respectfully submitted,

*Sandra Cummings*

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Vice-Chairman