

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

MINUTES

Date: October 13, 2011

Attendance at this REGULAR Meeting: Stephen DiCapua, Alicia Clapp, Bert Mozealous, Carole Franceschet, James Hogan, Anita Anderson, Wesley O'Brien, Stephen Consiglio, and Patricia K. Brozek, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Robert D. Cronin, Ph.D., Superintendent of Schools

Bryan Bogen was not in attendance

1. Approval of Minutes of September 8, 2011

Motion: to approve the Minutes of September 8, 2011

Approved

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

2. Recognition of District Teacher of the Year

Mrs. Federico introduced Mrs. Agnes Cornwall, Art Teacher at Montowese Elementary School, and North Haven's 2011 Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Mary Federico spoke of Mrs. Cornwall and all of her accomplishments.

3. Report of Standing Committees

- a. Finance and Operations

Old Business:

1. Fields

Mr. DiCapua reported there was an update on the field situation. The sod has been put down, however because of the weather, we have decided to stay off of the field for the remainder of the season. Mr. DiCapua reported that Mr. Peckham is putting into place an annual field maintenance plan. Mr. DiCapua will update every month with regards to the progress of the annual field maintenance plan.

2. Transportation

Mr. DiCapua reported that the district will not have the students use seatbelts on the buses at this time. Mr. DiCapua stated that the Board is doing some research on the

safety of using seatbelts on the school buses as opposed to not using the seatbelts. He stated there is much controversy with regards to seatbelts.

b. Personnel

Dr. Hogan stated that the Administrators are in contract negotiations at this time.

Old Business:

c. Curriculum, Instruction and Planning

1. Approval of NHHS Washington D.C. field trip November 11, 2011- November 13, 2011 (see attached)

Motion: to approve NHHS Washington D.C. field trip November 11, 2011- November 13, 2011

Approved

MOVED: Stephen DiCapua
SECOND: James Hogan
AYE: 8
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

2. Approval of Montowese Elementary School field trip to Sturbridge Village on October 25, 2011 (see attached)

Motion: to approve Montowese Elementary School field trip to Sturbridge Village on October 25, 2011

Approved

MOVED: Stephen DiCapua
SECOND: Bert Mozealous
AYE: 8
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

3. Approval of Field Trip Form (see attached)

Motion: to approve the new Field Trip Form

Approved

MOVED: Wesley O'Brien
SECOND: Stephen DiCapua
AYE: 8
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

Mrs. Franceschet asked for:

Motion: to amend the agenda to add an additional action item Approved

MOVED: Stephen DiCapua
SECOND: Bert Mozealous
AYE: 8
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

4. Approval of Green Acres/Ridge Road Elementary Schools field trip to Nature's Classroom during the Spring of 2012

Motion: to approve Green Acres/Ridge Road Elementary Schools field trip to Nature's Classroom during the Spring of 2012 Approved

MOVED: Alicia Clapp
SECOND: Stephen DiCapua
AYE: 8
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

Mrs. Franceschet reported that Curriculum, Instruction and Planning met on October 3, 2011. The following was presented:

- Paul Castiglione, K-5 Math Coach presented the overview "a year at a glance" and the pacing guide.
- Curriculum update – K-5 Language Arts curriculum has begun
- Middle School curriculum continues to be monitored for student success
- Professional Development – Elementary focusing on Math – MS/HS focusing on instruction, and Special Education focusing on Focused Monitoring.
- School Improvement Plans were submitted, and beginning next month, the principals will present them to the Curriculum, Instruction and Planning Committee.

Mrs. Franceschet reported that the next Curriculum, Instruction and Planning meeting will be November 7, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. at Central Office.

Old Business:

4. ACES

Mrs. Clapp reported that today she saw the first draft of the auditor's report at ACES. She stated that there was also a report from Alice Torres who is the Early Childhood Specialist at ACES on the Early Head Start Program at ACES, which has its head quarters in Middletown, for working with pregnant moms, infants, and toddlers. Mrs. Clapp reported this is funded by a Federal Grant. Mrs. Clapp reported that they will have their convocation on November 8, 2011 at the Thomas Edison School in Meriden.

5. North Haven PTA Council

Mrs. Franceschet reported that PTA Council met on September 26, 2011. The following items were reported:

- New members were introduced
- Bylaws revamped, and will be shared at the next meeting
- Successful open houses
- Fundraisers are underway

Mrs. Franceschet reported that the next meeting will be held on Monday, November 28, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the North Haven High School Library

Old Business:

1. "Adopt a School" Update

Mrs. Anderson reported that she assigned each Board Member a school to attend functions. It is as follows:

Anita Anderson - Clintonville
Carole Franceschet - Montowese
Bryan Bogen - Green Acres
Alicia Clapp - Ridge Road and Alternative HS
Dr. Hogan - Middle school
Steve DiCapua - Middle School
Steve Consiglio- High School
Wesley O'Brien - High School
Bert Mozealous - High School

Mrs. Anderson stated that each of the Board Members are invited to go to ANY of the school functions, not just the one they are assigned to. She suggested calling the Principal of each school and see what is on their calendar.

6. Superintendent's Report

- CMT/CAPT (see power point presentation)
- Initiatives in District:
 - Updating K-5 Language Arts Curriculum
 - Pacing Guides in Math and the math curriculum
 - Middle School curriculum has been implemented in all four core academic areas
 - Added a reading teacher at the High School
 - Doing formative assessments throughout the year at all levels starting in kindergarten
- Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) - all of the elementary schools and the high school all achieved AYP. The Middle School did not achieve AYP by standard calculations, but did achieve "safe harbor", which means there was an increase in the number of students needing proficiency over last year. This increase was significant enough to put the Middle School in "safe harbor".
- Title I, II and III Grants were submitted to the State
- November 18-19, 2011 – CBE/CAPPS Annual Convention
- NEASC – Mr. Piazza is waiting for the final NEASC Report, which we should get in a few weeks.

7. Public Comments

8. Executive Session: (if needed)

9. Adjournment

Moved: to adjourn at 7:45 p.m.

Approved

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

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen DiCapua

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Vice Chairman