

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

MINUTES

Date: January 12, 2012
7:00 p.m.

Attendance at this REGULAR Meeting: Stephen DiCapua, Alicia Clapp, Carole Franceschet, Anita Anderson, Bert Mozealous, Bryan Bogen, Jennifer Caldwell, and Patricia K. Brozek, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Robert D. Cronin, Ph.D., Superintendent of Schools

Wesley O'Brien and Stephen Consiglio were absent.

1. Approval of Minutes of December 8, 2011

Moved: to approve the Minutes of December 8, 2011 Approved

MOVED: Alicia Clapp
SECOND: Stephen DiCapua
AYE: 7
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

2. Budgets:
a. 2011-2012 Budget

Moved: to accept budget reports and place them on file Approved

MOVED: Stephen DiCapua
SECOND: Bert Mozealous
AYE: 7
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

3. Report of Standing Committees

a. Finance and Operations

Mr. Bogan reported that Finance and Operations met this evening. He reported they reviewed the transportation policy and discussed revising that policy and making some adjustments. He stated that another discussion was regarding capital projects, focusing

on the Middle School, referencing the NEASC report. Mr. Bogan reported that the current budget is in good shape, waiting for the excess cost reimbursement, which we should receive some time in February. He reported that there are Budget Workshops scheduled for January 26, 2012 at 6 p.m., here in the Board Room, and another (if needed) on February 2, 2012 at 6 p.m., again here in the Board Room.

b. Personnel

Mr. DiCapua commented about a pending grievance.

c. Curriculum, Instruction and Planning

Mrs. Franceschet reported that Curriculum, Instruction and Planning met on January 9, 2012. Mrs. Franceschet stated the meeting began with a presentation by Dana Coriveau, who advised the group of work currently underway in the department of Special Services. Mrs. Franceschet informed the Board that the district has federal job monies that have to be spent by September 2012. The money is designated for new jobs only. She reported that Dr. Cronin shared his budget communication plan to begin this month and run through May.

Curriculum Update: Mrs. Franceschet reported that Language Arts has 2 days planned in January, one for primary grades and one for intermediate grades to work on units. She reported that in Math, Paul Castiglione, our K-5 Math Coach has facilitated one curriculum writing session this month and others are being planned.

Professional Development: Mrs. Franceschet reported that Administrators have had one two-hour session in BEST Instructional Practices. Technology workshops have been planned for the year. March professional development for the Middle and High Schools on the new Language Arts and Math standards. She reported that elementary will continue their focus on Math with a full day of professional development session planned for March. She stated that Program Coordinators will work on building on their capacity as instructional leaders in the schools.

Mrs. Franceschet reported that there are a number of student assessments scheduled for students K-8.

District Improvement Plan Update: Mrs. Franceschet reported that K-5 Language Arts curriculum continues. Middle School curriculum currently being implemented. She stated that the District Data Team has completed three documents they have been working on. Mrs. Franceschet stated that with regards to Special Education, the district has addressed all non-compliance matters.

Curriculum, Instruction and Planning will meet again on February 6, 2012 at 9:30 a.m., here a Central Office.

4. ACES

Mrs. Clapp reported she attended the ACES meeting today. She stated Chris Smith spoke about all things that were on the legislation that pertained to education. Mrs. Clapp reported there was a letter shared from the Governor regarding the priorities that he is looking at, for example, early childhood, technical colleges (which will be kept under the State's jurisdiction), as well as RESP Alliance, and common calendars across

the State. Mrs. Clapp also reported they are just finishing up on the 5 year Strategic Plan and will start on January 29th writing the new plan for the next 5 years. She reported that tomorrow (January 13, 2012) they will be having a staff development day and will start working on culture in the schools.

5. North Haven PTA Council – PTA Council did not meet this month

Old News:

1. Adopt-A-School

Mrs. Anderson reported that Wes O'Brien had the opportunity to attend the concerts at the High School. The students did a wonderful job.

Mrs. Anderson stated that she will be re-assigning schools to the new Board members.

Mrs. Clapp reported that she was able to attend Ridge Road's concert, and that was outstanding.

Mrs. Franceschet reported she attended Montowese's concert, and that too was wonderful.

6. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Cronin reported:

- Gas leak at the High School – last Wednesday kitchen staff reported the smell of gas at the HS (after the school day ended) coming from under the steaming unit. Dr. Cronin reported that 911 was called and came out immediately and the valve was shut off. There was a leak that was repaired on Thursday morning. Dr. Cronin reported that another alarm was pulled on Thursday (while school was in session) due to a gas smell in another part of the building. The fire department responded immediately and no leak was found at that time. All was cleared for the students to re-enter the building. Dr. Cronin stated that the fire alarm went off again during a basketball game, however, that had nothing to do with the gas leak. Apparently someone leaned up against the fire alarm, setting it off.
- Regarding the Jobs money that Mrs. Franceschet spoke about earlier, Dr. Cronin is recommending we go back to the plan from the last workshop as those would be new positions, and things that are needed in the district. Positions like the Math Coaches, can be done quite nicely because we have people in place that have been trained. We would get permanent subs in the classrooms where we took teachers out of. Dr. Cronin stated that if things worked out, wonderful, if it didn't those teachers would just go back to their positions. Dr. Cronin stated that his hope is that we would be able to maintain those positions in the budget next year. Dr. Cronin reported other areas that we may be able to hire would be the Intervention Teachers at the Middle School. All of these changes would give us the opportunity to "pilot" these positions to see if we are getting what we need, before we make them a permanent part of our staff. He stated that the other position we talked about is changing the position of Administrative Intern to Assistant Principal at the High School. This also something we could consider with this money.

7. Public Comments

- Al Warren, Charles Court– wanted to know the condition of the North Haven Middle School as he would like to have all of the information regarding all of the projects that may be going on in the Town.

8. Executive Session:

Moved: to move into executive session (7:30p.m.)

Approved

MOVED: Bert Mozealous
SECOND: Carole Franceschet
AYE: 7
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

Returned to public session (7:45p.m.)

Moved: to approve the proposed Administrator's Contract 2012-2015 with terms 3 year contract with wage freeze in the first year, salary increases of 2.5% in the second year, and 2% in the third year in addition to some healthcare plan changes. There will also be an increase in the medical insurance reimbursement of 0% premium sharing the first year, 1% the second and third year.

Approved

MOVED: Bert Mozealous
SECOND: Carole Franceschet
AYE: 7
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

9. Adjournment

Moved: to adjourn at 8:50 p.m.

Approved

MOVED: Stephen DiCapua
SECOND: Carole Franceschet
AYE: 7
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Anita Anderson

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Chairman