

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

MINUTES

Date: February 9, 2012
7:00 p.m.

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

1. Approval of Minutes of January 12, 2012

Moved: to approve the Minutes of January 12, 2011

Approved

MOVED: Alicia Clapp
SECOND: Bryan Bogen
AYE: 9
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

2. Budgets:

a. 2011-2012 Budget

Moved: to change the order of the agenda (adding Finance and Operations last)

Approved

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

3. Report of Standing Committees

a. Personnel

Mr. DiCapua stated that this is a contract for the support staff (secretaries, clerks, aides, etc).

Mr. DiCapua reported that they have been in negotiations for many months now. It provides wage increases of 2% for 2011-2012, 1.75% for 2012-2013, and 1.5% for 2013-2014. He also stated that the new contract cleans up some language with regards to paid time off that was negotiated, health insurance (move in plan design) with premium cost at 7% for 2011-2012, 9% for 2012-2013, and 10% for 2013-2014, as well as some changes in the prescription benefits.

1. Approval of the Support Staff AFSCME-AFL-CIO Contract
for 2011-2014

Moved: to approve the Support Staff AFSCME-AFL-CIO Contract
For 2011-2014

Approved

MOVED: Bert Mozealous
SECOND: Carole Franceschet
AYE: 9
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

2. Approval of Christopher McLaughlin as Assistant Principal of North Haven High School

Moved: to approve Christopher McLaughlin as Assistant Principal of North Haven High School

Approved

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

3. Approval of Elementary Math Coaches

The two math coaches will work with two elementary schools each. They are Laurie Bankowski (Kindergarten teacher at Ridge Road), and Gretchen Cahill (Fourth Grade Teacher at Montowese).

Moved: to approve the Elementary Math Coaches

Approved

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

Mr. DiCapua lastly reported the resignation of Grant Peckham, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds. Mr. DiCapua stated that although we are sad Mr. Peckham will be leaving us, wish the best in his new endeavors. Pat Brozek thanked Grant for all of his help in the North Haven District.

b. Curriculum, Instruction and Planning

1. Approval of North Haven High School field trip to the Festival of Music Adjurations, April 26-29, 2012 in Philadelphia, PA (Ken Tedeschi)

Moved: to approve North Haven High School field trip to the Festival of Music Adjurations, April 26-29, 2012 in Philadelphia, PA (Ken Tedeschi)

Approved

MOVED: Alicia Clapp
SECOND: Stephen DiCapua
AYE: 9
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

2. Approval of North Haven High School field trip to the FPS International Conference, June 6-10, 2012, To Indianapolis University in Bloomingdale, Indiana (Tom Marak/Paul Castiglione)

Moved: to approve North Haven High School field trip to the FPS International Conference, June 6-10, 2012, To Indianapolis University in Bloomingdale, Indiana (Tom Marak/Paul Castiglione)

Approved

MOVED: Alicia Clapp
SECOND: Stephen DiCapua
AYE: 9
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

3. Approval of North Haven High School field trip to Washington, D.C. November 30, 2012 – December 2, 2012 (Tom Marak)

Moved: to approve North Haven High School field trip to Washington, D.C. November 30, 2012 – December 2, 2012 (Tom Marak)

Approved

MOVED: Stephen DiCapua
SECOND: Alicia Clapp
AYE: 9
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

4. Approval of the 2012-2013 School Calendar

Motion: to table the approval of the 2012-2013 School Calendar

Tabled

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

Questions regarding snow days being taken from April, and coming back from winter break and the next day being a professional development day. Possible changes to be made.

Mrs. Franceschet reported that Curriculum, Instructions and Planning met on February 6, 2012 and discussed the following:

- Presentation by Paul Castiglione and Laurie Bankowski regarding selecting a new math program
- Professional Development Updates
- Student performance data
- School Improvement Plans
- Curriculum updates in Language Arts K-5
- Curriculum updates in Math
- NHHS Grade 9 English, as well as Biology in June

Mrs. Franceschet stated that Curriculum, Instruction and Planning will meet again on March 6, 2012 at 9:30 a.m.

c. Finance and Operations

Mr. Bogan reported that the Finance and Operations committee met this evening. Mr. Bogan stated the following was discussed:

- Support staff contract
- Transportation policy – going to be reviewing policy, bringing it to current standards.
- 2011-2012 Budget – looking very good, especially due to the very mild winter we've had.
- 2012-2013 Budget

Dr. Cronin gave an overview of the proposed budget, stating that as funds become available (through retirements, etc.) some of the jobs lost through re-allocations could be brought back. He spoke regarding "carry over" money, which will not be available next year. Dr. Cronin stated that many of our tutors and paraprofessionals were being paid out of the "carry over" money.

Anita Anderson stated that she would like to propose that we bring back one psychologist into the budget for next year, increasing our budget to a 3% increase. Mrs. Clapp agreed, as did the entire Board of Education. Mrs. Anderson addressed the audience, stating that the Board of Education did receive all of their letters comments, and emails. They were all read and taken under advisement. Mrs. Anderson stated as a Board's, number one priority has always been the achievement of the students, and when decisions are made, the Board does not make those decisions lightly. The Board looks at the complete picture, and relies on the experts in the school system and outside the school system to provide them with all of the information that the Board needs to make the appropriate decisions.

1. Approval of the 2012-2013 Budget with the above proposed which amounts to \$45,720,684, which is a 3% increase

Moved: to approve the 2012-2013 Budget and place them on file

Approved

MOVED: Alicia Clapp
SECOND: Stephen DiCapua
AYE: 9
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

2. Stipends – Tabled until next month

4. ACES

Mrs. Clapp reported she attended a lengthy meeting going over each of the budgets. Mrs. Clapp also reported that there was a report on the staff development day regarding “school climate”. Mrs. Clapp stated that on January 31st ACES started updating the 5 year Strategic Plan. She reported that they are installing a Community Health Center at the Thomas Edison School in Meriden.

5. North Haven PTA Council

Mrs. Caldwell reported that the PTA Council met on January 30, 2012 and discussed the following:

- Events and fundraisers going on district-wide
- NHHS play “Hairspray”, the first weekend in March
- NHHS Bi-annual Teacher and Student Talent Show in April
- North Haven Teacher Association is sponsoring a meeting to work with the State regarding changing the teacher evaluations and tenure
- NHMS- 8th Grade Breakfast – PTA is working with the NHHS to see if the culinary students can prepare the breakfast for the 8thGrade function

Mrs. Caldwell reported that the next PTA Council Meeting will be March 26, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the NHHS Library.

Old News:

1. Adopt-A-School

- Mr. Mozealous reported that he has been to the High School Basketball and hockey games, both home and away.
- Mrs. Clapp stated that there were 20 NHHS students that took part in performing in the Regional Concert at Mahoney High School.

6. Enrollment

7. Superintendent’s Report

Dr. Cronin reported the following:

- The CMT and CAPT testing materials have arrived and teachers are getting ready to administer those tests.

8. Public Comments

The following residents commented with concerns regarding the discussed budget proposal:

- Dot Logan
- Tom Marak
- Ken Lacilla
- Maureen Munzner
- Sean Laydon
- Kirt Sendlein
- Sherri Gibson
- Ann Benowitz
- Adam Sirot
- Maria Esposito
- Patty Kirby

9. Executive Session: (if needed)

10. Adjournment

Moved: to adjourn at 8:43 p.m.

Approved

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

Respectfully submitted,

Anita Anderson

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Chairman