

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

**AGENDA**

Date: May 10, 2012

7:00 p.m.

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

Anita Anderson was absent from this meeting.

1. Approval of Minutes of April 12, 2012

Moved: to approve the Minutes of April 12, 2012

Approved

MOVED: Bert Mozealous  
SECOND: Carole Franceschet  
AYE: 8  
NAY: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0

2. Chairman's Report – there was no Chairman's Report

3. Financial Reports:

- a. 2011-2012 Financial Report

Nancy O'Dea-Wyrick reported that the financial report is right on track and pretty much the same as last month. She stated the following changes: slight change in benefits, having shown a deficit in the past, but now very close to breaking even in that area. She stated that Professional Services is up because of legal fees, due to Special Education issues, however Excess Cost money has helped balance that out. Mrs. O'Dea-Wyrick stated that Property Services is now showing a surplus of \$35,000. She reported that we will have a little carry-over money in the grants this year, and have more utilization of those grants.

Moved: to accept budget reports and place them on file

Approved

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

#### 4. Report of Standing Committees

##### a. Finance and Operations

Bryan Bogen reported that the committee met with M & J Bus Company, who had a great power point presentation to share with the Finance and Operations Committee. M & J has proposed combining the High School and Middle School bus routes. Doing this would save us significant money. Mr. Bogen stated that if we did this starting time would be 7:33 a.m. both ending at 2:00 p.m. with no effect on elementary schools. Mr. Bogen reported that the committee also discussed the cafeteria plan with regards to prices. He stated that there will be a 15 cent increase and a 3% a la cart increase in the cafeteria.

##### 1. Approval of school lunch prices

Moved: to accept school lunch prices

Approved

MOVED: Bert Mozealous  
SECOND: Alicia Clapp  
AYE: 8  
NAY: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0

##### 2. Review of Transportation Policy

##### b. Personnel

##### 1. Discussion and possible action concerning the elimination of teaching Positions

Moved: to approve the elimination of the following teaching positions:

- 5 Special Education Teachers
- 1 Guidance Counselor
- 2 Social Workers

Approved

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

##### 2. Approval of the retirement of Eileen Griffin, Special Education teacher, North Haven Middle School

Moved: to approve the retirement of Eileen Griffin, Special Education teacher  
North Haven Middle School

Approved

MOVED: Alicia Clapp  
SECOND: Wesley O'Brien  
AYE: 8  
NAY: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0

Mrs. Clapp thanked Eileen Griffin for her years of service in North Haven and she said will be missed.

3. Resignation of Mary-Jo Brigante-Murphy, Mathematics teacher  
North Haven High School

Moved: to approve the resignation of Mary-Jo Brigante-Murphy, Mathematics  
Teacher, North Haven High School

Approved

MOVED: Alicia Clapp  
SECOND: Bert Mozealous  
AYE: 8  
NAY: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0

4. Resignation of Lawrence M. Fabianski, Jr., Science teacher,  
North Haven High School

Moved: to approve the resignation of Lawrence M. Fabianski, Jr., Science teacher,  
North Haven High School

Approved

MOVED: Alicia Clapp  
SECOND: Bert Mozealous  
AYE: 8  
NAY: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0

5. Resignation of Emily Baxter, Science teacher, North Haven High  
School

Moved: to approve the resignation of Emily Baxter, Science teacher, North  
Haven High School

Approved

MOVED: Alicia Clapp  
SECOND: Bert Mozealous  
AYE: 8  
NAY: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0

6. Approval of the appointment of Kristine Carling, Director of Finance  
and Operations

Moved: to approve the appointment of Kristine Carling, Director of Finance and  
Operations

Approved

MOVED: Wesley O'Brien  
SECOND: Carole Franceschet  
AYE: 8  
NAY: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0

Mr. DiCapua requested the following:

Motion: to add an action item to the agenda at this time

Approved

MOVED: Carole Franceschet  
SECOND: Wesley O'Brien  
AYE: 8  
NAY: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0

ADDITIONAL MOTION:

Moved: to approve the leave of absence of Natasia Domina, Grade 4-5 Teacher  
at Green Acres Elementary School

Approved

MOVED: Wesley O'Brien  
SECOND: Bert Mozealous  
AYE: 8  
NAY: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0

c. Curriculum, Instruction and Planning

Mrs. Franceschet requested the following:

Motion: to add an action item to the agenda at this time

Approved

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

Motion: to approve the 2012-2015 Technology Plan

Approved

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

Mrs. Franceschet reported that Curriculum, Instruction and Planning met Monday, May 7, 2012 and discussed the following:

- Presentation from Jill Donnelly, Directory of Food Services. Ms. Donnelly applied for a grant that will give us resources to purchase additional playground supplies. Mrs. Donnelly met the "bronze" award level through Michelle Obama's initiative "Let's Move" campaign each school involved will receive \$500.00 for supplies (jump ropes, outdoor equipment, etc.)
- Five Year Technology Plan, which has been completed and presented and approved by ACES and has been forwarded to the State of Connecticut, Department of Education for final approval
- Process for the end of year reviews
- Math coaching up and running at elementary schools
- Professional Development update: Administrators completed another BEST Practice session, Elementary teachers are working on Words Their Way, and the High School worked on Differentiated Instruction.
- New job descriptions for Program Coordinators

Next Curriculum, Instruction and Planning meeting will be on Monday, June 4, 2012 at 9:30 a.m. here at Central Office.

5. ACES

Mrs. Clapp reported that ACES approved their technology Plan today as well. She stated they received a breakdown of the Educational Bill that was passed. Mrs. Clapp reported they discussed building climate. Mrs. Clapp stated that they have finally broken ground in the Little Theater in New Haven for ECA, and there was an appointment of an auditor.

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

Old News:

1. Adopt-A-School

Jenny Caldwell attended the Drama Club production of "Blood Wedding" and stated it was very well done and it was very impressive.

7. Enrollment

8. Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent reported the following:

- Art Beat at the High school- very impressive artwork from all students K-12
- North Haven High School – Friday, May 19, 2012 "An Eyewitness to History" put on by Mr. Fiordella and he wanted to extend an invitation to all Board of Education members to stop by the High School from 8a.m.-2 p.m.
- All Class Reunion, put on by the North Haven Education Foundation June, 2 2012 from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. at North Haven High School.

9. Public Comments

- Ann DeMatteo had several questions and Dr. Cronin suggested that Ms. DeMatteo see him after the meeting and he would be happy to answer any questions she might have.

10. Executive Session: not needed

11. Adjournment

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

Approved

MOVED: Bert Mozealous  
SECOND: Carole Francescet  
AYE: 8  
NAY: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0

Respectfully submitted,

*Wesley O'Brien*

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Vice Chairman