

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

MINUTES

Date: June 14, 2012

7:00 p.m.

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

1. Approval of Minutes of May 10, 2012

Moved: to approve the Minutes of May 10, 2012

Approved

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

2. Chairman's Report

Mrs. Anderson began her report by acknowledging that this is the first Board of Education Meeting without Assistant Superintendent, Patricia Brozek, stating that this is a very emotional night, but Pat would want us to move forward. Mrs. Anderson stated that she will not be at graduation this year and she wishes to congratulate all of the seniors at North Haven High School. Mrs. Anderson also reported that Bert Mozealous has resigned from the North Haven Board of Education, stating that he and his wife have moved to Wallingford. Mrs. Anderson reported that we will have a new appointee by the July Board of Education meeting.

3. Financial Reports:

a. 2011-2012 Financial Report

Moved: to accept budget reports and place them on file

Approved

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

4. Report of Standing Committees

a. Finance and Operations

Mr. DiCapua stated that Finance and Operations met this evening and he is happy to report that this year's budget is in good shape. There were some end of year unders and overs and the district will be making an additional contribution to the pension fund of about \$170,000 for this year. He stated that there was some savings in the medical accounts, as well as the oil and energy accounts, which will offset that. Mr. DiCapua stated that the budget will be in good shape at the end of the year.

1. Approval of the 2012-2013 Healthy Foods Certificate (attached)

Moved: to approve the 2012-2013 Healthy Foods Certificate

Approved

MOVED: Wesley O'Brien
SECOND: Bryan Bogen
AYE: 8
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

2. Approval of M & J's two tiered bus system and the new Transportation policy

Moved: to approve the M & J's two tiered bus system

Approved

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

Moved: to approve the new Transportation Policy

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

3. Approval of the Florence Fitzgibbon Memorial Scholarship Fund (attached)

Moved: to approve the Florence Fitzgibbon Memorial Scholarship Fund

Approved

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

4. Discussion of Internet Safety Policies to ensure our compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) (attached)

b. Personnel

1. Approval of the appointment of David Jacob, Science Teacher, North Haven High School

Moved: to approve the appointment of David Jacob, Science Teacher, North Haven High School

Approved

MOVED: Anita Anderson
SECOND: Carole Franceschet
AYE: 8
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

2. Approval of the appointment of Daniel Hughes, Mathematics Teacher, North Haven High School

Moved: to approve the appointment of Daniel Hughes, Mathematics Teacher, North Haven High School

Approved

MOVED: Anita Anderson
SECOND: Carole Franceschet
AYE: 8
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

3. Approval of the retirement of Beatrice Deloge, Main Office Secretary at North Haven High School

Moved: to approve the retirement of Beatrice Deloge, Main Office Secretary at North Haven High School

Approved

MOVED: Wesley O'Brien
SECOND: Bryan Bogen
AYE: 8
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

Mrs. Clapp stated that Mrs. Deloge will be greatly missed.

4. Authorization for Superintendent to hire in July and August

Moved: to authorize the Superintendent to hire in July and August

Approved

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

c. Curriculum, Instruction and Planning

1. Approval of the 2012-2013 Board of Education Meeting Dates

Motion: to approve the 2012-2013 Board of Education Meeting Dates

Approved

MOVED: Alicia Clapp
SECOND: Bryan Bogen
AYE: 8
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

The Board of Education has approved the dates proposed, however the locations will change every month. Locations will be decided and posted at a later date.

Mrs. Franceschet stated that Curriculum, Planning and Instruction met on Monday, June 4, 2012 and reported the following:

- A summer curriculum writing project will be held at ACES in July. North Haven is a part of the consortium that will participate.
- Professional Development: K-5 - math which included the new math program, Administrators participated in the last of 8 sessions on BEST Instructional Practices. In August there will be a session on the new standards for all teachers.
- The Superintendent has finished looking at the District Improvement Plan for the 2011-2012 school year. It was an opportunity to look at what has been completed and what will continue to be worked on. Reflection questions will guide where we will go from this point. A 5-year plan will be worked on next year.
- Rebecca Carr, Director of Guidance gave Curriculum, Instruction and Planning a report on college acceptances for this years' seniors (70% are attending a 4 year college, 14% are attending a 2 year college, and 16% are going into the military or unknown).
- Members of the Curriculum, Instruction, and Planning committee had the opportunity to pursue the proposed guidelines for candidates applying for administrative openings.
- The next Curriculum, Instruction and Planning meeting is tentatively set for September, 2012

5. ACES

Mrs. Clapp stated that ACES met this afternoon. She reported that they approved Dr. Edmondson's evaluation, extended his contract for one year, and he was given a raise. Mrs. Clapp reported that non-union administrator's salaries were also voted on. She stated that the new 5-year Strategic Plan was approved.

6. North Haven PTA Council

Mrs. Caldwell reported that PTSA Council met on May 21, 2012, which was the last meeting of the year. The following items were discussed:

- North Haven High School Senior Prom
- North Haven High School Senior Picnic
- North Haven Middle School will have their end of the year picnic
- April Beichner, who is the PTSA president, attended her last meeting as president. New President will be Denise Creasy, and Nancy Pisani will remain as Secretary/Treasurer

Mrs. Caldwell stated the next PTSA Council meeting has not been scheduled yet, but will be in the fall.

Old News:

1. Adopt-A-School

- Mrs. Clapp attended the concert at Ridge Road Elementary School, which she stated was wonderful
- Mr. O'Brien attended the Spring Concert at North Haven High School, and enjoyed it very much.
- Anita Anderson acknowledged that the District celebrated 40 years of the ID Program

7. Enrollment

8. Superintendent's Report

- Enrollment with regards to the 4-5 ID classes at Ridge Road, currently 26 students each prior to summer enrollment. Dr. Cronin is following that closely with Mrs. Peters-Durrigan and will follow up with some solutions moving forward.
- Reception for the ID Program celebrating its 40th Anniversary
- May 16, 2012 the Superintendent's Network met at North Haven High School looking at ways in which we provide Special Education to students throughout the district. Dr. Cronin stated they looked at four different models which students are taught here in North Haven, (e.g. co-teaching, self contained programs, resource room, and consultation between special education and regular education teachers). Dr. Cronin stated that they develop a shared understanding of what the lessons looked

like, and what we could do to strengthen our program. Dr. Cronin reported that the group saw some very good instruction and appreciates how gracious the teachers and staff were at the High School.

- Dr. Cronin introduced and welcomed Kristine Carling, the district's new Business Manager, who joined North Haven four weeks ago.

9. Public Comments

- Susan McDonald commented on some issues that have been going on at Clintonville School
- Jean Parkin, Special Education Teacher at Green Acres wanted to know why teachers have not been officially notified of their jobs being eliminated. Dr. Cronin responded that the reason is because there was an error made which required a re-examination of files and the totaling of the points, which is part of the RIFFing system. Dr. Cronin stated that this was done this week with CEA and the Board. He stated, however, that CEA has come to us with another matter that they have brought to our attention and as soon as that is resolved teachers will be notified. He stated that will probably be early next week.
- Al Warren commented on Grant money being used and asked what it is used for. Mr. Warren also wanted to know if field trips are equal from school to school. Dr. Cronin responded by saying they are not, but that this is one of his goals this year. As curriculum is written Dr. Cronin would like to tie the field trips into the curriculum which will make them consistent across the district. Mr. Warren commented on the increase in the lunches at the schools and the fact that many children are coming to school without lunch money and that concerns him, because they are given free lunch. Mr. Warren wanted to know if the district was looking into a Middle School Building and Dr. Cronin reported that he is working together with the Town. Dr. Cronin stated that Education Specs were done and a design team has been brought in to cost that out given the various options regarding the Middle School, whether building a new school, or renovating the old school.
- Ann DeMatteo, reporter, New Haven registers asked if North Haven will be seeking a new Assistant Superintendent, and Dr. Cronin responded that at this point he is looking at what the district needs and where can those needs be best met. Ms. DeMatteo also commented on a student that is being allowed to graduate, who some feel requirements have not been met. Dr. Cronin stated that those issues cannot be discussed publically.

10. Executive Session: for matters of legal and personnel issues, as well as contract negotiations

Moved: to move into executive session for matters of legal and personnel issues, as well
As contract negotiations

Approved

MOVED: Wesley O'Brien
SECOND: Bryan Bogen
AYE: 8
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

8:20 p.m. – Back in Public Session

11. Adjournment

Moved: to adjourn at 8:20 p.m.

Approved

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

Respectfully submitted,

Anita Anderson

Anita Anderson,
Chairman