



4. Report of Standing Committees

- a. Finance and Operations – there was no Finance and Operations Meeting
- b. Personnel
- c. Curriculum, Instruction and Planning

Mrs. Franceschet reported the following:

- Department Presentation from Ms. Jalanne Metz, our Social Studies Coordinator for Grades K-12. Mrs. Metz updated us on the Social Studies in our district. She spoke to us about the three major areas, curriculum, instruction, and professional development that are being addressed to incorporate the Common Core Standards in our Social Studies program. With the coordinators in K-5 Language Arts, K-12 Science, and Library Media, she has worked to develop units that address the K-5 Common Core Informational Text Literacy Standards. We viewed samples of a Common Core pretest, a Performance Task given to Grade 8, and a high school U.S. History assignment that asked students to synthesize main ideas and give textual evidence. Surely, much work and notable progress is happening in North Haven schools.
- Field trip to New York: The Curriculum, Instruction and Planning Committee discussed the Italian 5 students' field trip to New York City to visit the East Side Tenement Museum and Ellis Island on April 11, 2013
- Diversity Magazine Club was approved for grades 9-12
- District Field Trip Committee is being formed. It will begin with the development of criteria to guide the committee
- Director of Curriculum, Instruction and planning report: Mrs. McKenna has been involved in the work being done on the new Teacher Evaluation program through ACES. The ultimate goal is to move all involved to the next level. She also discussed the transition from CMT and CAPT to the new Field Test. The assessment is computer-based, and student progress will be reported in a more timely fashion.
- The next Curriculum, Instruction and Planning Committee will meet again on Monday, February 4, 2013 at 9:30 a.m. at 5 Linsley Street.

- 1. Approval of field trip to NYC and the East Side Tenement Museum and Ellis Island in April 2013 -Marylee DiGennaro, North Haven High School Italian 5 teacher

Moved: to approve the field trip to NYC and the East Side Tenement Museum and Ellis Island in April 2013 – Marylee DiGennaro, North Haven High School Italian 5 teacher

Approved

MOVED: Bryan Bogan  
SECOND: Matt Kerzner  
AYE: 7  
NAY: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0

d. Policy Committee

Mrs. Caldwell updated the Board on some unresolved matters regarding the policies.

- Student members
- Deleted electronic participation piece
- Committees – Full Board decided to vote on any new standing committees
- Administrative Regulations - separate or included in policies? The Board decided to keep these separate so it is clear what is a policy and what is an Administrative Regulation
- Board packets – setting when the board packet should go out or leave as is stating "sufficient time".  
The Board decided to leave it as is.
- "Consent Agenda" – action items approved with one vote. Board agreed to add "Consent Agenda" onto Agendas. These items are the items that appear on the Agenda every month and have little discussion. If discussion is needed, items can be pulled off the "Consent Agenda" and discussed.

5. ACES – there is no report on ACES
6. North Haven PTA Council – there is no report on PTSA council, as there was no meeting

Old News:

1. Adopt-A-School
7. Enrollment
8. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Cronin reported on the following:

- Update of school security
- Discussion on school security. There has been a lot of work taking place with the intention of strengthening safety and security in all schools across the district. On Monday, January 7, 2013 the State Board of Education in collaboration with other groups sponsored a day long Safety Symposium. Dr. Cronin attended that along with six other administrators from the district. The presenters addressed measures for all schools that have proven to improve safety and security. There was discussion on immediate things that districts can be doing, in addition to some of the more long term things that can be done. On Tuesday, January 8, 2013, Anita Anderson set up a meeting with the First Selectman, Police Chief, Deputy Police Chief, Senator Fasano, Representative Yaccarino and Dr. Cronin. At that meeting a variety of things were discussed, such as what was needed in North Haven to improve the security in the buildings. Dr. Cronin stated there was some conversation about if there was state and federal money available to do this work, etc. Dr. Cronin reported that on Wednesday, January 9, 2013 the area Superintendents (Bristol, Cheshire, Hamden, Meriden, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington, and Wallingford) met with our Police Chiefs. That meeting focused on looking at school safety from a regional lens, sharing what we can do immediately, in the short term and long term. We will have a follow up with the area Superintendents in March. Dr. Cronin reported also that there were walk throughs at each of our schools, with the Business Manager, Principals, Supervisor of Grounds and Maintenance, as well as members of the Police Department. The Police Department will prepare a report of these said walkthroughs with recommendations of what we should be doing as a district to make our schools safer.
- 9. Public Comments
  - Michelle Spader – school safety. Mrs. Spader feels that there should be an officer/security person at each school to monitor safety at each school.
  - Dyann Vissicchio – school safety, communication and our Alert Now system concerns
  - Krista Brooks – Budget concerns, getting supplies to teachers and perhaps returning some more paraprofessionals in kindergarten classrooms.
- 10. Executive Session: to discuss contract negotiations and pending legal matters.

Moved: to move into executive session to discuss contract negotiations and pending legal matters. 8:10 p.m.

Approved

MOVED: Jennifer Caldwell  
 SECOND: Bryan Bogen  
 AYE: 7  
 NAY: 0  
 ABSTAIN: 0

Moved: to return to public session 9:20 p.m.  
Approved

MOVED: Wesley O'Brien  
SECOND: Bryan Bogen  
AYE: 7  
NAY: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0

12. Adjournment

Moved: to adjourn at 9:20 p.m.

Approved

MOVED: Wesley O'Brien  
SECOND: Bryan Bogen  
AYE: 7  
NAY: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0

Respectfully submitted,

*Anita Anderson*

Anita Anderson,  
Chairman