

**THE NORTH HAVEN BOARD OF EDUCATION
5 LINSLEY STREET
NORTH HAVEN, CT 06473**

MINUTES

January 15, 2015

Attendance: Wesley O'Brien, Randi Petersen, Jennifer Cecarelli, Goldie Adele, Bryan Bogen, Jennifer Caldwell, Matthew Kerzner, Kristine Carling, Director of Finance, Operations and Human Resources, Dana Corriveau, Director of Student Services, Melinda McKenna, Assistant Superintendent, and Robert D. Cronin, Ph.D., Superintendent of Schools.

Absent: Anita Anderson and Alicia Clapp

1. Budget Workshop

Dr. Cronin began this evening's workshop. He stated he broke it down into four parts:

- a. A brief overview on where the district has been and where it is going:

Dr. Cronin spoke regarding the 2015-2016 Budget Preparations. Some of those items are:

- What the district's overarching goal as a school system
- What work has been completed toward achieving this goal? What student structures are in place
- Where do there continue to be voids in our programs for students
- How do we prioritize addressing these voids
- In what order should these voids be addressed
- What programs and staffing have we lost in the district over the past years
- What programs and staffing have we added over the past five years
- What structures are in place to support teachers and administrators

Additional Personnel needed:

- Getting a math coach in each school
- Getting technology teachers in elementary schools
- Social Worker(s) at the elementary schools

b. Dana Corriveau, SPED

Mrs. Corriveau gave an overall Special Education Summary, including building summaries, as well as a staffing summary, identifying the numbers students receiving special education services in and out of district, comparing the past three years. Mrs. Corriveau spoke of the Intensive Learning Services, (autism, intellectual disabilities) and Therapeutic Learning Services (behavioral, social emotional disabilities) which have been implemented in the District. There was further discussion surrounding staff needs for the upcoming school year and all agreed, that if possible adding social workers at the elementary level would be most beneficial.

c. Kristine Carling and Phil Diana, Capital Improvements

Mrs. Carling presented the Capital Plan overall as well as by school. Mrs. Carling spoke of the District needs for the 2015-2016 school year (e.g. technology, wireless needs at the elementary schools). Mrs. Carling spoke of the technology staffing in the district and stated that we could use more staffing in this department at both Central Office and the elementary schools.

Mrs. Carling also stated that security is also an area that needs to be updated (e.g. cameras at the schools). Another area Mrs. Carling reported on is Cafeteria needs.

Mrs. Carling stated that sidewalks at the elementary schools ALL need to be replaced/repairs. Those items were included in the 2015-2016 budgets.

Roofing is also something that has been included in the Capital Plan. The elementary schools are in need of new roofs. Mrs. Carling suggested perhaps staggering the roofing needs at each school over a period of five years.

d. Kristine Carling, budget

Mrs. Carling presented the District Summary Proposed Budget for the 2015-2016 school year. Included in this Proposed Budget are wish list items.

Some increases included, substitute teachers, prescription drug, transportation, as well as supplies and materials.

January 22, 2015 - Todd Petronio will be at this Budget Meeting to present the budget for Athletics.

January 29, 2016 – Putting it all together to present to the Town

Matthew Kerzner. – favored increasing technology teachers, as well as increasing social workers

Randi Petersen – favored increasing social workers

2. Adjournment

Moved: to adjourn at p.m.

Approved

MOVED: Wesley O'Brien

SECOND: Bryan Bogen

AYE: 7

NAY: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Wesley O'Brien

Wesley O'Brien, Vice Chairman