

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

MINUTES

January 22, 2015

Attendance: Anita Anderson, 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: Alicia Clapp

1. Budget Workshop

Dr. Cronin opened meeting stating the three things he hoped to accomplish tonight

- Athletics

Mr. Petronio, Athletic Director made a presentation of his budget requests for the 2015-2016 school year.

Mr. Petronio is requesting two new sports at the Middle School Level. They are Cross Country and Outdoor Track. Mr. Petronio stated that the cost of these sports is minimal, with the most expensive portion being the stipend to the coaches.

Mrs. Petronio also spoke of also adding Girls Ice Hockey, Girls/Boys Lacrosse, and Freshman Softball, all at the High School level.

Total Athletic increase is approximately 14% (\$63,000)

Dr. Cronin reviewed the following:

- What is a reasonable percentage to request

Over the years increases were:

2011-2012 increase was 1%
2012-2013 increase was 3.0%
2013-2014 increase was 2.7%
2014-2015 increase was 2.3%

Currently we are requesting 3.3% which is required contractual obligation (\$8.3 million). This increase is leaving things as is.

The Board reviewed the class sizes at the Middle School.

Dr. Cronin stated there are two ways to build a budget:

- Build a budget by the things we need; or
- Building a budget by what is realistic

Dr. Cronin reviewed student enrollment at the elementary level, as well as the Middle School, which in some grade levels are declining.

Dr. Cronin asks: What do you think is going to work with the Town? How can we make this work?

Dr. Cronin suggests to the Board that Administrator's go back and work with a 3.5% increase and show the Board at what that looks like. The Board asked that Dr. Cronin and the administrator's go back and bring to the board their BOTTOM LINE number at the next meeting, on January 29, 2015.

- Questions

2. Adjournment - 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anita Anderson

Anita Andersen, Chairman