

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

Date: February 12, 2015
6:30 p.m.

YEARBOOK PHOTOS WILL BE TAKEN AT 6:15 P.M.

THIS MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE AT CENTRAL OFFICE, 5 LINSLEY STREET, NORTH HAVEN, CT 06473

Attendance at this REGULAR Meeting: Anita Anderson, Wesley O'Brien, Randi Petersen, Goldie Adele, Bryan Bogen, Jennifer Caldwell, Jennifer Cecarelli, Alicia Clapp, Matthew Kerzner, Kristine Carling, Director of Finance, Operations, and Human Resources, Melinda McKenna, Assistant Superintendent, and Robert D. Cronin, Ph.D., Superintendent of Schools

1. Presentation made by Carol Ardito – Career and Technical Education Coordinator

Mrs. Ardito gave an overview of the Career and Technical Education Department and answered any questions the Board of Education members may have.

2. Consent Agenda

- a. Minutes of January 8, 2015
- b. Resignation of Bernadette Riggs, Paraprofessional at Ridge Road Elementary School
- c. Retirement of Nancy R. Skedgel, School Social Worker
- d. Maternity leave for Melissa Tucci, School Counselor, North Haven High School

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Moved: to add a motion to the agenda

Approved

MOVED: Matthew Kerzner
SECOND: Goldie Adele
AYE: 9
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

Items Removed from Consent Agenda:

3. Student Reports

Larissa reported:

- Focusing on scheduling for next year
- Junior planning meetings with the Guidance Department

Jake reported:

- Sound of Music is March 5-7
- Concert – North Haven Congregational Church a week from this Saturday at 7 p.m., featuring the jazz ensembles and choirs
- Auditions for the CMEA All State Festival were last Saturday and the Festival will be in April
- FPS – teams found out if they made state conference this week. The Conference will be held in late March at North Haven High School.

4. Chairman's Report

Mrs. Anderson reported that the budget was presented to the Town Saturday morning. Board of Finance meeting will be on February 18, 2015 and public comments are welcome regarding our 2015-2016 budget.

There have been four snow days thus far bringing our last day of school to June 17, 2015.

a. Correspondence

5. Report of Standing Committees

a. Finance and Operations

1. Director of Finance and Operation's Report

Mr. Bogen reported that Finance and Operations met this evening and discussed:

- The budget shows deficit, however the district received grants that will offset deficit. General Repairs and Maintenance accounts are being watched carefully due to repairs, and now snow removal. There has been about \$8,000 savings in oil costs.
- District administrators met with ACES regarding Open Choice Program for 2015-2016 to ensure the program runs smoothly.
- The District and the Town are doing an energy efficiency project. Once the Town has made their decision, there will be a presentation brought before the Board of Education.
- Mrs. Carling stated that the Auditors are confirmed to come in March.
- There was discussion around the 2015-2016 budget proposal to the Board of Finance.
- Kristine Carling and Melinda McKenna have prepared a Technology Grant to the State of Connecticut. She reported the grant funds will be used at the secondary school level or updated technology.
- Mrs. Carling distributed an application for the sick bank, and the committee approved said application.

2. Approval of the 2014-2015 Monthly Financial Report

Moved: to approve the 2014-2015 Monthly Financial Report

Approved

MOVED: Bryan Bogen
SECOND: Matthew Kerzner
AYE: 9
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

3 Provide authorization to apply for State of Connecticut District Technology upgrades to support transition to the New Standards

Moved: to approve authorization to apply for State of Connecticut District Technology Upgrades to support transition to the New Standards

Approved

MOVED: Bryan Bogen
SECOND: Jennifer Cecarelli
AYE: 9
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

b. Curriculum, Instruction and Planning

Curriculum, Instruction and Planning did not meet this month due to the inclement weather.

Mrs. McKenna reported that there will be SBAC (Smarter Balance) CMT and CAPT testing the beginning of March. Elementary will be testing on March 4th (snow date of March 5th), the Middle School will be testing on March 12th, and the High School will do it over three days, because the CAPT is in two sections and the supplemental testing will be on the third day. The High School will be testing the week of March 16th. The SBAC (Smarter Balance) Testing opens March 17th for grades 3-8. The window for Grade 11 opens up April 27th. Each building will create their own schedules for that testing.

Mrs. McKenna stated that there is a CAPT Exemption Plan in place for seniors by High School administrators, which will exempt seniors from their final exams.

Mrs. McKenna stated that she and Mrs. Corriveau have been writing a grant called Assessment Reduction Grant. She stated that the intent of the grant was to ask districts how they are assessing students and are they

over-assessing students. The most she and Mrs. Corriveau could request was \$10,000, which they requested and were granted the \$10,000.

Mrs. McKenna reported that Friday, February 13th is a full day of Professional Development. Middle and High School teachers will be working with their district coordinators. There are some outside presenters coming in various departments. The elementary teachers will be working with the Columbia Teachers Writing Project. K-2 teachers will be working at Montowese, and 3-5 teachers will be working at Green Acres.

c. Building Committee

Mr. Adele reported that the committee has to approve the plan prior to the Board of Education approving it.

A Special Board of Education Meeting is scheduled for the architects to make a presentation has been re-scheduled for Thursday, February 19, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

d. Policy Committee – no meeting

e. Athletic Committee – no meeting. The next scheduled meeting will be March 3rd at 5:30p.m.

6. ACES

Mrs. Clapp reported ACES met and discussed staff development as well as testing. ACES is doing the iready test with many of the students. There is a new program called Ingenuity for students (self-monitoring computer program). Mrs. Clapp stated that ACES is hiring a Facilities Director and a Director of Budget.

7. North Haven PTA Council – no meeting due to weather. The next meeting is March 16th 7 p.m.

8. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Cronin reported:

- NHEF – Spelling Bee – Board of Education Team needs to register their team and get a sponsor
- Ridge Road Principal Search – Wed. January 14th Mrs. McKenna met with faculty and staff at Ridge Road regarding the process for finding a new principal. Volunteers were asked to submit their name to be on the interviewing committee. Anita Anderson will represent the Board of Education.

9. Public Comments

- Dot Logan – commented regarding the operating budget and getting roofs repaired sooner than later.
- Jackie St. Peter – encouraged bringing back the career center. Also requested a change of venue for next month's meeting as there is expected to be a large crowd to support keeping the "Indian" mascot.

10. Executive Session: for matters of personnel/legal matters NOT NEEDED

11. Adjournment

Moved: to adjourn at 8:00p.m. Approved

MOVED: Goldie Adele
SECOND: Randi Petersen
AYE: 9
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Anita Anderson

Anita Andersen, Chairman