

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

MINUTES

Attendance: Anita Anderson, Wesley O'Brien, Randi Petersen, Bryan Bogen, Jennifer Cecarelli, Jennifer Caldwell, Matthew Kerzner, Goldie Adele, Dorothy Logan, Ed Arum, Interim Director of Business, Operations, and Human Resources, Tina Tanguay, Director of Business, Operations, and Human Resources, Dana Corriveau, Director of Student Services, Melinda McKenna, Assistant Superintendent, Robert D. Cronin, Ph.D., Superintendent of Schools

January 21, 2016
5:00 p.m.

1. Budget Workshop

Dr. Cronin opened the Workshop introducing the Middle School Administrators and allowing them to present their needs/requests at the Middle School in 2016-2017

- Mr. Piazza presented the following:
 - Offer more electives
 - Offer a daily writing class
 - Add a computer course in each grade
 - Increase their ability to provide interventions for struggling students in all grades
 - Go from an A-B-C schedule to an A-B schedule, which would align the MS more with the HS, use staff more efficiently, and allow students to use their time more efficiently as well. Students will also be allowed to experience desired electives. In addition there will be a more even distribution of students to avoid a band class of 46 and multiple PE classes of 36.
 - Exploratory World Language Experience – this will allow students to experience each of their language options before selecting the language they will likely take for the next 2-3 years and potentially in HS, as well as providing room in the schedule for all 6th graders to take a computers/executive functioning class
- Ed Arum spoke regarding the certified staff in the district (the number of certified staff in each school)
- Ed Arum went through the proposed budget line for line and answered any questions the Board had.

Options:

- a. The items as presented totaled a **5.2% increase** from the prior year. This increase is keeping staff as is without adding additional staffing with some increases on line item requests;
- b. If only did contractual obligations, there would be a **4.28% increase**. The increases being: prescription drugs, regular transportation and special education tuition. Leaving the line items as they were this year;
- c. Contractual obligations, adding staff, and leaving line items as requested, there would be a **5.67% increase**. Another option would be cutting line items such as supplies, leases, professional development, transportation, maintenance, etc.; or
- d. Honoring **all** requests, and leaving line items as indicated **6.5% increase**

- Todd Petronio presented the Athletic Budget focusing on things that he wanted added to the program. He is requesting a freshman softball team as well as a girl's ice hockey team.
- Dana Corriveau, Director of Special Education was available for questions the Board has regarding the Special Education Program. Biggest priority would be training of staff and continuing education.
- Dr. Cronin spoke to his priorities for the 2016-2017 school year. They are:

**Staffing Proposals
2016-2017**

2 Elementary Technology Teachers
 2 Middle School Social Studies Teachers
 1 Middle School Technology Teacher
 1 Middle School Family and Consumer Science Teacher
 1 High School Math Teacher
 1 ELL Teachers
 2 Middle School Intervention Teachers
 3 High School Intervention Teachers
 1 High School Career and Tech. Ed. Teacher
 1 High School Counselor
 Middle School/High School Athletics

Dr. Cronin will speak to these priorities at next week's budget workshop. It will be Thursday, January 28, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.

Focus will be looking at staff and deciding what will the Board be going forward with.

2. Executive Session: for matters of personnel

Moved: to enter into Executive Session for matters of personnel 7:25 p.m. Approved

MOVED: Randi Petersen
 SECOND: Matthew Kerzner
 AYE: 9
 NAY: 0
 ABSTAIN: 0

Returned to public session at 7:40 pm.

Moved: to approve the appointment of Phil Diana as the Director of Facilities for the North Haven Public Schools Approved

MOVED: Jennifer Cecarelli
 SECOND: Matthew Kerzner
 AYE: 9
 NAY: 0
 ABSTAIN: 0

Moved: to approve Dr. Cronin with the responsibility of negotiating the terms of Employment Approved

MOVED: Randi Petersen
 SECOND: Wesley O'Brien
 AYE: 9
 NAY: 0
 ABSTAIN: 0

➤ Adjournment

Moved: to adjourn at 7:45 p.m.

Approved

MOVED:	Jennifer Cecarelli
SECOND:	Matthew Kerzner
AYE:	9
NAY:	0
ABSTAIN:	0

Respectfully submitted,

Anita Anderson

Anita Anderson,
Chairman