

# North Haven Public Schools

## North Haven, Connecticut 06473

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North Haven Public Schools  
Board of Education Meeting

### Minutes

Regular Meeting/Special Meeting/Organizational Meeting

Thursday, September 8, 2016 6:30 p.m.  
5 Linsley Street, North Haven, CT 06473

ATTENDANCE: Anita Anderson, Wesley O'Brien, Randi Petersen, Bryan Bogen, Matthew Kerzner, Jennifer Cecarelli, Jennifer Caldwell, Goldie Adele, Dorothy Logan, Tina Tanguay, Director of Finance, Operations and Human Resources, Melinda McKenna, Assistant Superintendent, and Robert D. Cronin, Superintendent of Schools.

I. Consent Agenda

1.. Approval of the following resignations:

- a. Jennifer Ackerman, P.E. Teacher at NHHS
- b. Christa Saraceni, School Psychologist at Montowese

2. Minutes August 16, 2016, 2016

Moved: to approve the items on the Consent Agenda

Approved

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

II. Board of Education Student Representatives Reports

Information Item

No student representatives this month

III. Report of the Board of Education Chairperson or Designee

Information Item

Mrs. Anderson reported that the opening of school went well. The new NHMS opened smoothly and she thanked the administrators for all of their hard work in making the opening successful.

IV. Unfinished Business

V. New Business

VI. Reports of Standing Committees

1. ACES

Information Item

Mrs. Logan reported:

- ACES is turning 50 years old. The committee met and worked on what they would want for ACES for the next 50 years.
- SCEA Contract was approved (drivers, support staff)
- STEMS had a 9 day workshop with students working with 3D printers making chairs out of cardboard

2. Athletics

Information Item

Mrs. Petersen reported that the Athletic Committee did not meet this month. She stated that Mr. Blumenthal, our new Athletic Director, has not been released from his job in Fairfield to date, but is working in both Fairfield and North Haven until he is released.

3. Curriculum, Instruction, and Planning

Information Item

Curriculum, Instruction and Planning is scheduled to meet again in October. The September meeting is going to be postponed due to lack of a quorum.

There was discussion regarding Natures Classroom and the inclusion of the other elementary schools in the district. There will be further discussion in the schools and will be brought back to the Board at a later date.

- a. Approval of Green Acres and Ridge Road trip to Nature's Classroom  
May 15, 2017-May 19, 2017 for Grades 4 and 5

Moved: to approve the Green Acres and Ridge Road trip to Nature's Classroom  
May 15, 2017-May 19, 2017 for Grades 4 and 5

Approved

MOVED: Wesley O'Brien  
SECOND: Matthew Kerzner  
AYE: 8  
NAY: 1  
ABSTAIN: 0

Jennifer Caldwell voted against for financial reasons.

4. Finance and Operations

Information Item

Finance and Operations met this evening however there is nothing to report at this time. A new Accountant has been hired and doing wonderful. Her name is Cheryl Lenard. Mrs. Anderson suggested inviting her to the next Board meeting so everyone can meet her.

5. Middle School Building Committee

Information Item

Mr. Adele reported:

- Parking issues being resolved as well as IT and laptop issues
- Still working on the demo and renovation phase of the project
- The committee was working on possible times for the public to tour the new building

6. North Haven Education Foundation

Information Item

Mr. Kerzner reported:

- Next meeting next Wednesday, September 14, 2016.

7. Policy – Committee did not meet this month

- a. Second Read and Approval of the 7000 Series

Moved: to approve the 7000 Series (New Construction)

Approved

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

8. PTA Council

Information Item

PTA Council – Mrs. Cecarelli reported the next meeting September 26, 2016 at NHHS Library

VII. Staff Communications

A. Superintendent's Report

Information Item

1. Overview of Three-Year Plan

Information Item

- Dr. Cronin reviewed the districts three-year plan and his expectations in the schools and answered any questions the Board Members had. Dr. Cronin stated that North Haven made great progress on the SBAC testing across the State. Dr. Cronin remains concerned with Special Education and ELL subgroups and would like to see them do better in the future.
- 46 Open Choice students this year

- Update on the number of students that left North Haven to go to private schools. To date 25 out of 278 left North Haven, 2 of them left town, 14 are going to private parochial schools, 4 going to magnet schools, and 5 going to private independent day/boarding schools.

B. Assistant Superintendent's Report

Information Item

Mrs. McKenna reported on the SBAC Data and shared the data with the Board comparing scores from one grade to the next. Mrs. McKenna shared that North Haven made some gains at all levels. At the elementary level there was steady growth across the district. Individual student's reports have not been received to date. Once they are received they will be mailed home to parents. She reported that that should be sometime next month.

C. Director of Finance and Operations

1. Director of Finance and Operation's Report

Information Item

Mrs. Tanguay reported:

- That the opening of school went rather smoothly. The busses have been on schedule and there have been no major bus issues.
- The cafeteria has been working very hard to get the lunches over to the NHMS without any problems. The director at Chartwells stated that the numbers have been good with regards to students buying lunch. Teachers were all great getting students in and out of the cafeteria in an organized timely fashion,

2. Approval of the 2016-2017 Monthly Financial Report, including recommended transfers

Moved: to approve the 2016-2017 Monthly Finance Report, including Recommended transfers

Approved

MOVED: Goldie Adele  
 SECOND: Bryan Bogen  
 AYE: 9  
 NAY: 0  
 ABSTAIN: 0

VIII. Public Comment

- Oliver Segal-Gould, Junior at NHHS commented regarding the Mascot in North Haven
- Cheri Gibson commented regarding the opening of the NHMS and had some questions regarding the World Language Program

IX. Future Agenda Items

Discussion Item

X. Executive Session –for matters of personnel

XI. Adjournment

Moved: to adjourn at 8:05 p.m.

Approved

MOVED: Randi Petersen  
 SECOND: Dorothy Logan  
 AYE: 9  
 NAY: 0  
 ABSTAIN: 0

Respectfully submitted,

*Anita Anderson*

Anita Anderson  
 Chairperson