



North Haven Public Schools North Haven, Connecticut 06473

North Haven Public School
Special Board of Education Meeting

Meeting/MINUTES

Tuesday, September 1, 2020, 6:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: Anita Anderson, Joseph Solemine, Randi Petersen, Wesley O'Brien, Jennifer Cecarelli, Goldie Adele, Dorothy Logan, Amanda Gabriele, Eleni Diakogeorgiou, Jenn Kozniewski, Director of IT, Jen Stewart, Director of Student Services, Howard Wardlow, Director of Finance, Operations, and Human Resources, Melinda McKenna, Assistant Superintendent, and Patrick Stirk, Superintendent of Schools.

A. Superintendent's Report -

1. UPDATE - Re-Opening of Schools 2020-2021

Information Item

Mr. Stirk presented a powerpoint highlighting the following:

- NHPS 2020-2021 Guiding Principles
- State Guidance and Requirements
- Face Mask Updates
- Essential Visitor Protocol
- District Guidance around Book Distribution
- Average Class Sizes
- Average Class Sizes (Hybrid Model)
- Hybrid Schedule Examples
- Intervention Plan (Hybrid Model)
- Opt Out Program Update: approximately 359 students have "opted out"
- Special Education Update: Mrs. Stewart gave examples of the Special Education Learning Models
- Athletics Update
 - conditioning sessions have started
 - games are scheduled to begin October 1
 - Practices will be one-hour in duration and increase over time
 - Locker rooms will be closed
 - practices will not begin immediately after school
 - MS Athletics will be held in an intramural setting
- Additional Funding Report
- Technology and Material Distribution Update
 - Chromebook distribution/at home material distribution for K-12 will be at NHHS loading dock, 9:30-1 Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
- Moving forward:
 - Continuing to plan for full time/in person return on October 13, 2020
 - District determining how best to address lunches, bussing and social distancing
 - Additional information at the next BOE Meeting

Mr. Stirk addressed questions from the Board and answered them accordingly.

2. Second Read of the following Shipman & Goodwin Policies regarding COVID-19 (designed to expire June 30, 2021):

- Policy regarding Visitors and Observations in Schools
- Policy regarding Green Cleaning Program

- Policy regarding Volunteers, Student Interns, and Other Non-employees
- Policy regarding Student Attendance, Truancy and Chronic Absenteeism

Information Item

The Board had a brief discussion regarding the Policies requiring a second read and questions were answered.

3. First Read of the following Shipman and Goodwin Policies regarding COVID-19 (designed to expire June 201 2021

- Policy Concerning Temporary Policies and Regulations Related to the COVID-19 Pandemic
- Policy Concerning Health and Safety Protocols Related to the COVID-19 Pandemic
- Families First Coronavirus Response Act Leave
- Transportation
- Health Assessments/Screenings and Oral Health Assessments
- Face Mask Coverings

The Board had a brief discussion regarding the Policies requiring a first read and questions were answered.

B. Public Comments

- Kristie Gill - IEPs, Special Education, cleaning process
- Michele Spader - asynchronous learning and cleaning of the desks
- Lynda - bus riders, how new COVID cases will be handled/quarantined
- Lori Esposito - purchasing lunches, and HS/MS first week
- Dana - concerns about when students are back in school full time on October 13th regarding drop off and pick up, masks, and social distancing
- Michelle - teachers changing classrooms vs. students changing rooms, snf lunch questions
- Theresa - aerosol cleaners, can parents provide wipes for their children if they so choose
- Jess - kindergarten learning live, advice with at home learning for young students
- Elycia - videos
- Christine - can teachers mark off "used" desks?
- Allison - what supplies do students need?
- Lindsay - will there be "mask breaks"?
- Verge - what will Wednesdays look like for students?
- Daena - will there be more guidance from QVHD when someone tests positive? HVAC concerns with fresh air exchange and air filter systems
- Veronica Lawrence - concerned about HS students going into classrooms and using desks other students used
- Tracy Fox - concerned about students that have social/emotional issues at entering school as well as dismissal

C. Adjournment

6. Adjournment

Motion: to adjourn at 7:27 p.m.

Approved

MOVED: Amanda Gabriele
 SECOND: Joseph Solimene
 AYE: 9
 NAY: 0
 ABSTAINED: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Anita Anderson
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 Chairperson