



North Haven Public Schools

North Haven, Connecticut 06473

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

MINUTES

January 17, 2019

Attendance: Anita Anderson, Wesley O'Brien, Randi Petersen, Goldie Adele, Bryan Bogen, Dorothy Logan, Joseph Solimene, Amanda Gabrielle, Jennifer Cecarelli, Melinda McKenna, Assistant Superintendent, Dana Corriveau, Director of Student Services, Jennifer Kozniewski, Director of Technology, Robert D. Cronin, Interim Superintendent of Schools, Patrick Stirk, Russell Dallai, Principal, NHHS, and Philip Piazza, Principal, NHMS

Dr. Cronin opened this meeting with a brief review of his priorities for this budget, as stated at last week's meeting, which included meeting all contractual obligations, preserve certified and non-certified positions, maintain the focus on improving the achievement of all students and continue to strengthen student and staff access to technology.

- NHHS, NHMS, Athletics, Student Services and, Educational and Informational Technology

NHHS/NHMS

Both Dr. Dallai and Mr. Piazza stated that they have a maintenance budget with no large ticket items. They are continuing programs, and maintaining current instruction that is in place with no new staff.

The Board addressed their questions to Dr. Dallai and Mr. Piazza and questions were answered accordingly.

ATHLETICS

Dr. Cronin stated that Mr. Blumenthal could not attend this evening because of the scheduling change and met with Mr. Blumenthal this afternoon to review his budget request. Dr. Cronin reported that his requests were minimal at this time. Athletics is requesting an Assistant Coach for Track and Field (stipend), which will be taken up in the next Curriculum, Instruction and Planning Meeting, as well as some new equipment that he requested last year that got cut.

STUDENT SERVICES

Mrs. Corriveau stated that Student Services budget remains status quo due to the earlier years of implementing programs, which are now not costing us as much money (in school programs vs. outside placements). She reported that some of the budget changes in her budget is due to student movement from one school to another. Mrs. Corriveau also stated that there is an increase in transportation due to the job-coaching program, which transports students to various job sites that public transportation does not go. Mrs. Corriveau reported that there are no dramatic changes in her programs.

The Board of Education members had some questions for Mrs. Corriveau and she answered them in detail.

TECHNOLOGY

Mrs. Kozniewski stated that there has been some movements in the budget line items. This is because many of the accounts were not coded for technology. Mrs. Kozniewski explained the changes in staffing in the technology department and explained the line items for staffing as well.

Mrs. Kozniewski also explained that there are increases in the budget regarding software and leases, including an Audio Visual Lease. She also stated that there is a request to replace the Eno-Boards at the High School, which have become antiquated and need to be updated, and explained the benefits to the new Boards she is proposing.

Dr. Cronin stated that here in North Haven, Grades 3-12 will all have chrome books this year, and the lower levels all have computer carts in classrooms.

The Board of Education members had questions for Mrs. Kozniewski and she answered them accordingly.

Dr. Cronin asked Mr. Connolly to update the Board regarding revenues. Mr. Connolly reminded the Board that they asked him what revenue sources the Board of Education have. Mr. Connolly gave the Board a handout stating exactly what revenue the BOE has, for example: Title I, II, III, IV, Perkins Grants, which are all Entitlement Grants, and are restricted to specific use. There are also State funding which the Town gets to offset taxes, such as ECS Funding and Adult Education Funding. In addition to those, there are accounts such as PTSA, Special Revenue, and fees for use of our facilities, as well as the Health Self Insurance Fund, which are other sources of revenue.

The Board had many questions for Mr. Connolly regarding these Revenues, and Mr. Connolly explained them in detail.

1. Approval of the 2019-2020 Budget and Capital Budget

Moton: to approve the 2019-2020 Budget and Capital Budget as proposed with a 2.9% increase

Approved

MOVED: Anita Anderson
SECOND: Wesley O'Brien
AYE: 9
NAY: 0
ABSTAINED: 0

2. Adjournment

Motion: to adjourn at 7:40 p.m.

Approved

MOVED: Amanda Gabrielle
SECOND: Bryan Bogen
AYE: 9
NAY: 0
ABSTAINED: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Anita Anderson

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Chairperson