



North Haven Public Schools

North Haven, Connecticut 06473

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

MINUTES

January 10, 2019

Attendance: Anita Anderson, Wesley O'Brien, Randi Petersen, Bryan Bogen, Goldie Adele, Jennifer Cecarelli, Amanda Gabrielle, Joseph Solimene, Dorothy Logan, Patrick Stirk, Principal, Ridge Road Elementary School, Lauretta Dowling, Principal, Clintonville Elementary School, Kathryn Russo, Principal, Montowese Elementary School, Frank Connolly, Interim Business Manager, Melinda McKenna, Assistant Superintendent, and Robert D. Cronin, Ph.D., Superintendent of Schools.

1. Budget Workshop – Budget Priorities – Elementary and Facilities

Dr. Cronin opened this evening's meeting with the objective that the Board of Education gets a clear understanding of the budget presented before them and is confident with the budget going forward to the meeting with the Town in February.

Dr. Cronin presented a power point "draft" of his proposed budget at this time listing his proposal, requests, priorities for the 2019-2020 school year. Dr. Cronin stated that the 2018-2019 approved budget was \$53,052,836 and his proposed "draft" budget for 2019-2020 is \$54,609,636, which is an increase of \$1,556,800, or 2.9%. Dr. Cronin further stated that with this proposed budget request the district would meet 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. Some of the increases are in medical insurance, total wages, and transportation. There are no requests for additional staffing/programs. Dr. Cronin stated that in the proposal there are two requests: Clear Touch TVs for the High School to replace 13 year old Smart Boards and Eno Boards, and Clear Touch TVs for common Areas in Elementary Schools (Libraries, Gymnasiums, and Conference Rooms).

Frank Connolly took some time to explain to the Board the new format used for the budget and how the district is using the Munis Software to put the budget all together. Mr. Connolly further explained line for line how to identify schools, subject areas and requests on the Munis worksheets. Mr. Connolly also explained the State and Federal Grants the district receives and how the monies are received and disbursed and at what times of the year that happens, as well as what those monies are used for.

The Board asked questions of both Dr. Cronin and Mr. Connolly and they answered them in detail with better understanding of all the requests.

2. Adjournment

Motion: to adjourn at 7:30 p.m.

MOVED:	Welsey O'Brien
SECOND:	Randi Petersen
AYE:	9
NAY:	0
ABSTAINED:	0

Respectfully submitted,

Anita Anderson
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Chairperson