



North Haven Public Schools

North Haven, Connecticut 06473

North Haven Public School
Board of Education Meeting

Minutes

Regular Meeting/Special Meeting/Organizational Meeting
Thursday, May 9, 2019, 6:30 p.m.

Attendance: Anita Anderson, Wesley O'Brien, Randi Petersen, Bryan Bogen, Goldie Adele, Dorothy Logan, Amanda Gabrielle, Jennifer Cecarelli, Joseph Solimene, Pamela Mangini, Director of Business, Operations and Human Resources, Melinda McKenna, Assistant Superintendent, Patrick Stirk, Superintendent of Schools.

Mrs. Anderson began the meeting with a Moment of Silence in memory of Erin Perfetto, a student in North Haven who passed away early this week.

- I. Consent Agenda
 - A. April 14, 2019 Minutes
 - B. Retirements of:
 1. Lorna Mangles- Grade 3 Teacher at Clintonville Elementary School
 2. Mary Manende, Grade 3 Teacher at Green Acres Elementary School
 3. Janice Regan, Grade 3 Teacher at Green Acres Elementary School
 4. Clara Laster, Grade 8 Teacher at North Haven Middle School
 - C. Resignation of:
 1. Kimberly Cantrell, TLS Teacher at Montowese Elementary School
 2. Raymond Degnan, English Teacher and Head Coach – Girls Basketball at North Haven High School
 3. Todd Petronio, Science Teacher at North Haven Middle School

The board wished all the retirees best wishes in their retirement and thanked them for their service in North Haven

Motion: to approve the Consent Agenda

Approved

MOVED: Joseph Solimene
SECOND: Jennifer Cecarelli
AYE: 9
NAY: 0
ABSTAINED: 0

- II. Board of Education Student Representatives Reports

Information Item

Zoe reported:

- Music Department Band Trip was a success
- AP Exams have begun
- Honor Society Inductions underway
- Car Wash Fundraiser coming up a McDonalds
- Junior and Senior Awards are coming up

Tim reported:

- Prom is Friday, May 17, 2019
- Senior Class Picnic is May 31, 2019 at Holiday Hill
- Graduation is Thursday, June 13, 2019
- Project Graduation is set for Thursday, June 13, 2019 after graduation

III. Report of the Board of Education Chairperson or Designee

Mrs. Anderson reported:

- The June Board of Education Meeting being changed to Wednesday, June 12, 2019 due to Graduation
- Art Beat was held on May 2, 2019 and was very well attended. Congratulations to the talented students in our district
- Congratulations to all who participated in this year's Spelling Bee, especially the BOE Team.

IV. Unfinished Business

V. New Business

VI. Reports of Standing Committees:

1. ACES

Information Item

Mrs. Logan reported:

- The Special Education Transportation Initiative has been a success
- East Haven Public Schools has joined the Health Collaborative
- Update on the Outreach Program for students

2. Curriculum, Instruction, and Planning

Information Item

Mrs. McKenna reported:

- Tracey Gambardella presented the Teacher Phonics Program
- Dr. Dallai and Mrs. Preneta proposed new High School Graduation Requirements
- Curriculum and Instruction visited the site of Project Graduation at the High School and were Very impressed with the program in place
- There will be no meeting scheduled in June

3. Finance and Operations

Information Item

Mr. Bogen reported:

- The spending freeze has been lifted at this time
- Budget is on track for this time of year
- Insurance account is trending nicely

4. Middle School Building Committee – No Meeting

Information Item

5. North Haven Education Foundation

Information Item

Mr. Solimene reported:

- The Annual Spelling Bee was very successful and well attended
- NHEF committee is reviewing grants at this time.

6. Policy

Information Item

- This evenings meeting was the first planning meeting
- Committee started with the 5000 Series (Students)
- Next meeting will be June 12, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

7. PTA Council

Information Item

Mrs. Gabrielle reported:

- The Boys and Girls Club of Wallingford will be coming to the May 28th meeting
- Planning next year's fundraiser
- Stepping Up Ceremonies being planned at the Elementary schools
- Ridge Road Playground Dedication took place and was very well done
- NHMS had a vaping presentation that was very well received
- Schools celebrated Pi Day
- World Language Department had a Pot Luck Dinner that was a huge success
- May 22nd will be New Student Orientation at NHMS
- May 24th a Holocaust Survivor will be visiting with the 8th Grade students
- Presentation by Erik Jackson has been talked about all over the district and was received very well loved the presentation

Staff Communications

A. Superintendent's Report

Information Item

Mr. Stirk reported:

- The last three days of school will be half days (June 12, 13, and 14)
- The June Board of Education Meeting is being changed to June 12th due to graduation
- Interviewing process has begun for the Assistant Principal at NHHS

1. Approval of the 2019-2020 Board of Education Meeting Dates

Motion: to approve the 2019-2020 Board of Education Meeting Dates as proposed

Approved

MOVED: Dorothy Logan
SECOND: Amanda Gabrielle
AYE: 9
NAY: 0
ABSTAINED: 0

B. Assistant Superintendent's Report

Information Item

Mr. McKenna reported:

- Monitoring the Kindergarten/ID Program Enrollment numbers
- Update on the Teachers College Workshop
- North Haven was selected to host the workshop next year

C. Director of Finance and Operations

Mrs. Mangini reported:

- Budget is being monitored closely
- Monitoring the purchase orders being processed
- The new Accounting Supervisor has begun working in the Business Office
- The Admission Fee has been reduced on the Health Care Collaborative
- Review of the Transfer of Funds Process

1. Director of Finance and Operation's Report
2. Fiscal Year 2018-2019
3. Transfer of Funds Process

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VII. Public Comments

- Monica Hatton commented regarding the Special Education Program and her Setting up a group for parents of special needs students called "Special Needs Advisory Group" (SNAG)

VIII. Future Agenda Items

Discussion Item

IX. Executive Session – for matters of personnel

Motion: to move into Executive Session for matters of personnel at 7:05 p.m.

Approved

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

X. Adjournment

Motion: to adjourn at 7:55 p.m.

Approved

MOVED: Bryan Bogen
SECOND: Jennifer Cecarelli
AYE: 9
NAY: 0
ABSTAINED: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Anita Anderson
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Chairperson