



North Haven Public Schools
North Haven, Connecticut 06473

North Haven Public School
Board of Education Meeting
Meeting/Minutes

Thursday, August 8, 2019, 6:30 p.m.

Attendance: Wesley O'Brien, Bryan Bogen, Amanda Gabrielle, Goldie Adele, Joseph Solemine, Dorothy Logan, Jennifer Cecarelli, Pamela Mangini, Director of Finance, Operations and Human Resources, Jen Stewart, Interim Director of Special Education, Melinda McKenna, Assistant Superintendent, and Patrick Stirk, Superintendent of Schools.

I. Consent Agenda

- A. June 12,, 2019 Minutes
- B. Retirements of:
 - Patricia White, NHHS Science Program Coordinator
- C. Resignation of:
 - Diana Tseperkas, NHHS Science Teacher
- D. Leave of Absence:
 - Britne Shabbott, NHHS Science Teacher

Motion: To approve all items on the Consent Agenda

Approved

MOVED: Jennifer Cecarelli
SECOND: Dorothy Logan
AYE: 7
NAY: 0
ABSTAINED: 0

II. Board of Education Student Representatives Reports

Information Item

Zoe Reported:

- Seniors working on summer work
- getting college applications in
- Seniors getting ready for their final year at NHHS
- Chalk Walk @ NHHS

III. Report of the Board of Education Chairperson or Designee

IV. Unfinished Business

- Mrs. Cecarelli asked for an update on the statistics regarding equity @ NHHS specifically in English Courses
- Update on the fans for the elementary schools on hot days and if there is a long term, capital improvement plan for those schools. Mr. Stirk stated that last year the district got estimates for air conditioning at the schools and that those estimates came in very high.
- Mrs. Logan suggested talking to Chartwells and perhaps doing only cold lunches on those hot days and not using ovens.

V. New Business

VI. Reports of Standing Committees:

1. ACES Information Item
 - Mrs. Logan reported that the next ACES meeting will be September 12, 2019
2. Curriculum, Instruction, and Planning Information Item
 - Mrs. McKenna reported that the next Curriculum, Instruction and Planning Meeting will be scheduled for September . There was Discussion with the Committee as to when meetings will be held to accommodate all involved.
3. Finance and Operations Information Item

Mr. Bogen reported:

- Finance and Operations met this evening.
 - Mr. Bogen commended Mrs. Mangini for coming in mid-budget and getting us to a good spot so far.
 - Watching some accounts of concern and watching them closely
4. Middle School Building Committee Information Item

Mr. Adele reported:

- NHMSBC meets this coming Monday at NHMS so that the committee can make an assessment of the progress of the NHMS gym floors
5. North Haven Education Foundation Information Item
 - Mr. Solimene reported that the next meeting is next Wednesday, August 21, 2019

6. Policy

Information Item

Dr. O'Brien reported:

- Continuous reviewing of Shipman and Goodwin policies
- preparing policies for "First Read" to be brought to the Board
- a. Policy 4112.5 Security Check/Fingerprinting - **First Read** Information Item
- b. Policy 4112.52/4212.54 - Criminal History Record Information (CHRI) - **First Read** Information Item

7. PTA Council

Information Item

- Mrs. Gabrielle reported that the PTA Council's next meeting will be next month, after the next Board Meeting

Staff Communications

A. Superintendent's Report

Information Item

- Mr. Stirk reported that earlier today there was a Meet and Greet for the new District Administrators. There was a nice turnout and we were happy to welcome Mrs. Stewart and Mr. Lawrence to North Haven.
- Boys and Girls Club is up and running and has full enrollment.
- Due to the Primary elections we had to update our district calendar reflecting
 - No school on September 10, 2019 and April 28, 2020
 - Changing February 14, 2020 PD day to April 28, 2020 for teachers
 - Last day of school - June 15, 2020

1. NHHS - NEASC update

Information Item

- NEASC report has been completed and NHHS has been granted continued accreditation through the New England Association of Schools and Colleges.
- Overall the High Schools received very nice accolades
- Full report will be posted on our District website

2. Donation - Banton Construction Company

Information Item

B. Assistant Superintendent's Report

Information Item

Mrs. McKenna reported:

- Monitoring the kindergarten enrollment numbers daily
- Tracy Gambardella and Jodie Wilcox worked all summer on the elementary assessment calendar, making some tweaks to reduce some student testing
- Teacher's College Institute was hosted here in North Haven doing work at the NHMS with teachers all over the country
- Laurie Bankowski is settling in at NHMS and is working on some changes with adding an additional set of Parent Conferences, having them both in the fall and spring.
- In the process of going through SAT and SBAC scores and will share the information in the fall
- Student reports are due out in September/October sometime. Once we receive them and disperse them to schools, they will be mailed home to parents.

C. Director of Student Services Report

Information Item

Mrs. Stewart reported on:

- 2019-2020 Student Services Plan
 - will encompass pre-k through 21
 - student instruction and moving students along using general ed assessments
 - getting IEPs aligned with grade level standards which are aligned with our curriculum
 - continue training staff on IEPs
 - opening up the communication and collaboration with staff and families in District
 - main goal is for students to make progress and meet goals

The Board welcomed Mrs. Stewart and had a few questions which she answered to their satisfaction.

D. Director of Finance and Operations

1. Director of Finance and Operations Report

Information Item

- evaluating and reviewing all financial processes
- working to negotiate best prices for supplies, etc
- insurance claims running favorably at this time

2. Fiscal Year 2018-2019

Information Item

- closed out 2018-2019
- provided town with year end information
- beginning EFS State Report

3. Fiscal Year 2019-2020

Information Item

- reviewing all accounts carefully

VII. Public Comments

- Monika Hatton - commented regarding a Special Education Advisory Committee she would like to open up to North Haven parents.
- Everett Bishop, reporter with the Record Journal commented regarding policies that are being updated as well as clarification regarding the statistics spoken about earlier around student equity at NHHS.

VIII. Future Agenda Items

Discussion Item

IX. Executive Session - for matters of personnel

Motion: to go into executive session at 7:18 p.m. for matters of personnel, inviting Mr. Stirk into executive session

Approved

MOVED: Joseph Solimene
SECOND: Amanda Gabrielle
AYE: 7
NAY: 0
ABSTAINED: 0

X. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn at 7:50 p.m.

Approved

MOVED: Amanda Gabrielle
SECOND: Jennifer Cecarelli
AYE: 7
NAY: 0
ABSTAINED: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Wesley O'Brien
Vice Chairperson