



# North Haven Public Schools

North Haven, Connecticut 06473

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North Haven Public School  
Board of Education Meeting  
**Meeting/Minutes**

Thursday, October 10, 2019, 6:30 p.m.

Attendance: Anita Anderson, Wesley O'Brien, Randi Petersen, Brian Bogen, Jennifer Cecarelli, Dorothy Logan, Amanda Gabriele, Joseph Solimene, Jen Stewart, Interim Director of Student Services, Pamela Mangini, Director of Business, Operations and Human Resources, Melinda McKenna, Assistant Superintendent, Patrick Stirk, Superintendent of Schools.

Goldie Adele was absent

- I. Gary Johns - North Haven Middle School Building Committee Update Information Item

Mr. Johns gave the Board of Education an update regarding the Middle School Building project and the status of the gym floors. He stated that the floors are complete, however there are still some things that need to be addressed. The basketball hoops still need to be replaced in the gym, as well as a leak in the windows in the gym. Mr. Johns stated that the committee is trying to tie up all the loose ends and wrap this project up.

The Board asked Mr. Johns some questions and he answered accordingly.

- II. Consent Agenda
- A. September 12, 2019 Minutes
  - B. Retirement of:
    - 1. Bernice Montagna - NHMS Social Studies Teacher effective June 2020

Motion: To approve all items on the Consent Agenda Approved

MOVED: Amanda Gabriele  
SECOND: Dorothy Logan  
AYE: 8  
NAY: 0  
ABSTAINED: 0

- III. Board of Education Student Representatives Reports Information Item

Zoe reported:

- Junior class is having cookies, pies and Yankee Candle fundraisers
- Senior to Senior Breakfast December 3, 2019
- Flower fundraiser coming up
- Concession stand or next Friday for a senior fundraiser
- November 25, 2019 is the Nik Bowl
- Planning Pep Rally
- Choir Performance coming up, One Voice, October 19th in the NHHS Library
- Fall Production "Almost Maine" October 24,25, and 26
- Musical this year will be the Phantom of the Opera this year

IV. Report of the Board of Education Chairperson or Designee

- Mrs. Anderson commented about the beautiful artwork up at Central Office. Stating the students in this district are so talented,
- Mrs. Anderson informed the Board they got the official letter from the Connecticut Department of Education confirming Mr. Stirk's appointment of Superintendent and congratulating him.

A. Policy #9325 - Board of Education By-Laws

Information Item

Mrs. Anderson reviewed the Board of Education By-Laws with regard to meeting conduct. Informing the public that all of the Board of Education Policies such as these are posted on our District Website, as they are updated according to the State laws.

V. Unfinished Business

- Mrs. Cecarelli commented about the equity information she requested and Mr. Stirk and Mrs. McKenna responded

VI. New Business

VII. Reports of Standing Committees:

1. ACES

Information Item

Mrs. Logan reported:

- ACES design team is planning the next 5 years.
- Shared brochure to share with ELL teachers

2. Curriculum, Instruction, and Planning

Information Item

Dr. O'Brien reported:

- Committee reviewed eight (8) field trips (listed below) and all are recommended to be approved.

A. Approval of the Nature's Classroom field trip. Colebrook, CT  
May 11-14, 2020

Moved: to approve the Nature's Classroom field trip on May 11-14, 2020

Approved

MOVED: Wesley O'Brien  
SECOND: Randi Petersen  
AYE: 8  
NAY: 0  
ABSTAINED: 0

B. Approval of NHHS Music Dept. field trip to Boston, MA,  
April 23-26, 2020

Moved: to approve NHHS Music Dept. field trip to Boston, MA, April 23-26, 2020

Approved

MOVED: Wesley O'Brien  
SECOND: Jennifer Cecarelli  
AYE: 8  
NAY: 0  
ABSTAINED: 0

C. Approval of FPS International Conference, UMASS Amherst  
June 3-7, 2020 (Grades 4-12)

Moved: to approve the FPS International Conference, UMASS Amherst, June 3-7, 2020

Approved

MOVED: Amanda Gabriele  
SECOND: Jennifer Cecarelli  
AYE: 8  
NAY: 0

ABSTAINED: 0

- D. Approval of NHHS Fashion & Design I & II field trip to NYC Garment District, April, 2020

Moved: to approve NHHS Fashion & Design I & II field trip to NYC Garment District April, 2020

Approved

MOVED: Amanda Gabriele  
SECOND: Wesley O'Brien  
AYE: 8  
NAY: 0  
ABSTAINED: 0

- E. Approval of NHHS Culinary trips (one or the other):  
➤ Walt Disney World, April 24-27, 2020  
➤ Haven's Cooking School - April 22-24, 2020

Moved: to approve either the Walt Disney World field trip April 24-27, 2020 OR Haven's Cooking School, NYC on April 22-24, 2020

Approved

MOVED: Dorothy Logan  
SECOND: Wesley O'Brien  
AYE: 8  
NAY: 0  
ABSTAINED: 0

- F. Approval of NHHS Interior Design field trip to Newport, RI November/December 2019

Moved: to approve the NHHS Interior Design field trip to Newport, RI November/December 2019

Approved

MOVED: Wesley O'Brien  
SECOND: Amanda Gabriele  
AYE: 8  
NAY: 0  
ABSTAINED: 0

- G. Approval of NHHS Culinary field trip to Newport, RI November/December 2019

Moved: to approve NHHS Culinary field trip to Newport, RI, November/December 2019

Approved

MOVED: Joseph Solimene  
SECOND: Dorothy Logan  
AYE: 8  
NAY: 0  
ABSTAINED: 0

- H. Approval of NHHS Art field trip to Photoplus Expo, Javits Convention Center, NYC October 24, 2019

Moved: to approve NHHS Art field trip to PHotoplus Expo, Javits Convention Center, NYC, October 24, 2019

Approved

MOVED: Dorothy Logan  
SECOND: Amanda Gabriele  
AYE: 8  
NAY: 0  
ABSTAINED: 0

3. Finance and Operations

Information Item

Mr. Bogen Reported:

- Auditors are here in district and will have an update for the next Board of Education Meeting
- Insurance account is on line
- Budget transfers were made according to needs

4. Middle School Building Committee NO REPORT
5. North Haven Education Foundation NO REPORT
6. Policy

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Mr. Stirk reported:

- Reviewed bullying policy
- Next month the committee will bring 5-6 policies to the Board for a first read.

7. PTA Council

Information Item

Mrs. Gabriele reported:

- October 26th is Trunk or Treat
- Forum regarding the Plague of Plastics on October 17th with the screening of the movie "Bag It"
- Discussion regarding the North Haven Middle School Building Project
- Clintonville enrichment classes have started
- Clintonville- October 29, 2019, BINGO
- Ridge Road is hosting a Spooky Drive-In Movie Night, October 25 th or 27th
- Green Acres enrichment is starting soon
- NHEA will be hosting a forum on Retirement Planning
- SNAG (Special Needs Advisory Group) was in attendance. They are looking to form a partnership with the PTAs and hopes to collaborate together
- North Haven Education Foundation is having a Trivia fundraiser at JRoos on October 22, 2019 at 7 p.m.

VIII. Staff Communications

A. Superintendent's Report

Information Item

1. Growth Target Data

Information Item

Mr. Stirk gave an update regarding the Growth Target Data from the SBAC testing for 2019-2019. Mr. Stirk presented and gave a hand out explaining how it was all broken down.

B. Assistant Superintendent's Report

Information Item

Mrs. McKenna reported:

- change in NHHS Toronto field trip discussed last month. The music department has decided to go to Boston instead
- Update on the Nature's Classroom/Common Ground Day trip. 102 students will be going to Nature's Classroom this year and 38 will attend the Common Ground Day trips. The Nature's Classroom trip is being reduced to three nights and four days due to the increase in cost of going this year. Reducing the trip by one night/day.
- Garden Club at NHHS was approved by the committee

C. Director of Student Services Report

Information Item

1. Special Education Update

Information Item

Mrs. Stewart reported:

- Special Education student enrollment update
- Meet and Mingle with the SNAG group is October 15th from 6-7 at NHMS Library - it is open to all.

D. Director of Finance and Operations

1. Director of Finance and Operations Report

Information Item

Mrs. Mangini reported:

- Secretaries Workshop was held last Friday to review purchasing process, payroll issues, and Munis Reports, as well as the upcoming budget building year, building rentals, and more
- Attended RFP Training focusing on the Food Services going out to bid in January
- Thanked the Business Office Staff for all of their hard work and for pitching in while the office is short staffed at this time.

2. Fiscal Year 2019-2020

Information Item

Mrs. Mangini reported:

- Year is off to a good start
- Watching accounts very carefully
- Meets with Special Education Director weekly
- Shared transfers to date primarily transferring funds as needed
- Insurance is running favorably at his time
- ACES collaborative is growing, which will help with the budget moving forward.

3. Approval of Home Depot's donation of a shed to the North Haven Athletic Department

REMOVED AT THIS TIME

Moved: to remove the approval of the Home Depot's donation of a shed

Approved

MOVED: Joseph Solimene  
 SECOND: Amanda Gabriele  
 AYE: 8  
 NAY: 0  
 ABSTAINED: 0

Mr. Stirk stated that Home Depot would like to donate a shed for our fields, however the district is still waiting to get a detailed proposal for this donation. We will bring this forward at next month's Board of Education Meeting.

4. Approval of NHHS Preschool Program employee wage increases

Moved: to approve NHHS Preschool Program employee's a wage increase

Approved

MOVED: Amanda Gabriele  
 SECOND: Dorothy Logan  
 AYE: 8  
 NAY: 0  
 ABSTAINED: 0

IX. Public Comments

- Evan Bishop from the North Haven Citizen had a comment regarding the Pre-School increases as well as questions about the Growth Target Data Presentation

- X. Future Agenda Items
- XI. Executive Session -NOT NEEDED
- XII. Adjournment

Discussion Item

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

Approved

MOVED: Amanda Gabriele  
 SECOND: Dorothy Logan  
 AYE: 8  
 NAY: 0  
 ABSTAINED: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Anita Anderson  
Chairperson

