



North Haven Public Schools

North Haven, Connecticut 06473

North Haven Public School
Board of Education Meeting

Meeting/Minutes

Thursday, November 14, 2019, 6:30 p.m.

Attendance: Anita Anderson, Wesley O'Brien, Randi Petersen, Bryan Bogen, Amanda Gabriele, Goldie Adele, Jennifer Cecarelli, Dorothy Logan, Jennifer Stewart, Zoe Burns, Senior Student Representative, Interim Director of Student Services, Melinda McKenna, Assistant Superintendent, and Patrick Stirk, Superintendent of Schools

- I. Rebecca Carr, NHHS, Program Director of School Counseling - College Prep Presentation Information Item

Rebecca Carr, Director of School Counseling and Anthony Mastriano, School Counselor gave a presentation regarding college preparation and what programs and services are in place and available for students and their families. They explained the application process, loan applications, scholarships, shared information about colleges that visit NHHS. The Board asked Mrs. Carr and Mastriano questions and they answered accordingly.

- II. Consent Agenda
A. October 10, 2019 Minutes

Motion: To approve all items on the Consent Agenda Approved

MOVED: Amanda Gabriele
SECOND: Jennifer Cecarelli
NAY: 0
ABSTAINED: 0

- III. Board of Education Student Representatives Reports Information Item

Zoe Burns reported

- Auditions for the Phantom are underway - the shows are scheduled for February 27, 28, and March 1st
- NHHS Club Fair just took place
- National Honor Society is making Thanksgiving Baskets for families in need
- Toy Drive - December
- December 3, 2019 is the Senior to Senior Breakfast
- December 25 is the Senior Girls Nik Bowl
- Currently there is a poinsettia fundraiser
- Wounded Warrior Concert next Wednesday at NHHS

- IV. Report of the Board of Education Chairperson or Designee

Mrs. Anderson reported:

- NHHS Culinary students will be taking orders for pies and breads for the holidays
- NHEF Trivia Event at JRooos was well attended and a lot of fun.

- V. Unfinished Business
VI. New Business

VII. Reports of Standing Committees:

1. ACES Information Item

Mrs. Logan reported:

- majority of the time was spent on capacity building, knowledge management systems, communication, and project management systems. All of this to help save money
- Paraprofessional training
- tuition rates for next year are out

2. Curriculum, Instruction, and Planning Information Item

Dr. O'Brien reported:

- new text book proposal: Grade 8 American Journey-The Early Years. This was recommended for adoption by the committee
- NHHS Unit Plan Template
- New tool to facilitate classroom walkthroughs
- social and emotional learning, strategizing on budgeting focusing on the K-2 population, and concerns around screen time/parental issues and plans to hire more mental health professionals were discussed
- the next Curriculum, Instruction and Planning meeting is scheduled for December 12, 2019

3. Finance and Operation - NO REPORT Information Item
4. Middle School Building Committee Information Item

Mr. Adele reported:

- committee when through invoices that needed signing off on

5. North Haven Education Foundation Information Item

Mrs. Anderson reported:

- the NHEF is planning a Family Trivia Night after the holidays and will share more information as it comes available.

6. Policy Information Item

First Read of the following policies:

- Policy #4118.231(a)/#4218.231 - Alcohol, Tobacco and Drug-Free Workplace
- Policy #5125 - Confidentiality and Access to Education Records
- Policy #5131 - Student Discipline
- Policy #5141 - Administration of Student Medications in the Schools
- Policy #5144 - Physical Restraint and Seclusion of Students and Use of Exclusionary Time Out

The Board was given the above five policies to read as their "first read", and will review them for the next Board of Education Meeting.

7. PTA Council Information Item

Mrs. Gabriele reported:

- PTA Council welcomed Monica Hatton (SNAG)
- National PTA looking to launch "safe and Sounds Schools
- Connecticut PTA is part of the Community bag with the giving tag Through the North Haven Stop and Shop we can purchase a charity bag and they will give you a paper, you can go online and allocate the \$1 to a charity of your choice
- National PTA has put materials on their website pertaining to LGBTQ Community
- Discussion around the track at NHMS
- Discussion regarding the state of the elementary schools (e.g. Ridge Road roof)

VIII. Staff Communications

A. Superintendent's Report

Information Item

Mr. Stirk reported:

- Mr. Stirk along with some of the NHMS Administrators attended the awards program in Hartford for The Commissioner's Math Challenge. In 2018 NHMS was recognized for the highest participation at the middle school level. In 2019 NHMS the entire district was recognized for the overall highest participating district.
- On Election day the district held its first UnConference for all staff. An Unconference is a day where we honored our best resources ... our teachers and staff. The teachers and staff volunteered to design and facilitate their own professional development for their colleagues. There were over 40 different sessions, from making homemade pasta, to a Teachers College make and take for elementary teachers, to designing and decorating a bra to support Art Bra, a charity focused on fighting breast cancer. It was a huge success and there was a lot of positive feedback from the teachers.
- Discussion regarding the track and the repairs needed. Mr. Stirk and Mr. Freda are meeting to examine options and funding sources for the repairs.
- Mr. Stirk and Mr. Dallai met with two students interested in being the Board's Junior Class Representatives and they will both be joining us in December. Their names are Lily Pollard and Gia Iwanec.
- Discussed the districts continuing work at the racial breakdown of students math and english.

B. Assistant Superintendent's Report

Information Item

Mrs. McKenna reported:

- Parent Conferences are this week and last week as well as report cards
- Term 2 ended November 4th
- piloting a common core template and walkthrough tool at NHHS
- first set of science scores are in from the State. At this time we do not know how we compare with the State or other districts. The State anticipates releasing this information in the next month or so.
- Social Emotional Learning is a focus district wide. We are going to allocate some grant funds to this initiative and begin determining programs for each level.

C. Director of Student Services Report

Information Item

1. Special Education Update

Information Item

Mrs. Stewart reported:

- Social Emotional Learning update
- Special Education Survey update
- Preschool Night scheduled for January/February
- Discussed IEP and 504 Training
- March 3 2020 at 6 pm. - Colleges for students with IEPs and 504s

D. Director of Finance and Operations

1. Director of Finance and Operations Report NO REPORT

Information Item

2. Fiscal Year 2019-2020

Information Item

IX. Public Comments

- Everett Bishop with the NH Courier commented on the Racial Diversity information shared.

X. Future Agenda Items

Discussion Item

XI. Executive Session - to discuss matters of personnel

Motion: to go into Executive Session and invite Mr. Stirk to join for matters of personnel

Approved

MOVED: Amanda Gabriele

SECOND: Jennifer Ceccarelli
AYE: 8
NAY: 0

The Board returned to public session at 8:50 p.m.

XII. Adjournment

Moved: to adjourn at 7:50 p.m.

Approved

MOVED: Randi Petersen
SECOND: Jennifer Ceccarelli
AYE: 8
NAY: 0
ABSTAINED: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Anita Anderson

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Chairperson