



North Haven Public Schools

North Haven, Connecticut 06473
Patrick Stirk, Superintendent of Schools

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Board of Education Meeting
NHHS - Library
221 Elm Street
North Haven, CT 06473
Organizational/Special Meeting
MINUTES

In the event any members of the public would prefer to continue viewing this meeting remotely, we will continue our practice of livestreaming this meeting through the NHTV FaceBook page.

Thursday, August 18, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m.

Attendance: Joseph Solimene, Randi Petersen, Goldie Adele, Ronald Bahrck, Eleni Diakogeorgiou, Amanda Gabriele, Marie Devlin, Thais Moore, Martin Rudnick, Jenn Kozniewski, Director of IT, Jen Stewart, Director of Student Services, Howard Wardlow, Director of Finance, Operations, and Human Resources, Melinda McKenna, Assistant Superintendent, and Patrick Stirk, Superintendent of Schools.

I. Organization of the Board of Education Officers Information Item

As acting Chairman, Mr. Solimene opened the August 18., 2022 meeting to order, stating that this evening the Board will be voting for a new Chairperson. Mr. Solimene opened the floor for nominations for a Chairperson.

a. Chairperson

MOVED: Joseph Solimene nominated Ronald Bathrick for Chairman Approved
SECOND: Eleni Diakogeorgiou
AYE: 9
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

Mr. Solimene made a Motion to close nominations for Chairperson Approved

MOVED: Randi Petersen
SECOND: Goldie Adele
AYE: 9
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

Mr. Solimene asked that the Board vote individually for Chairperson, and all voted for Mr. Bahtrick unanimously.

Mr. Bathrick thanked his fellow Board members for their vote.

II. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of the June 9, 2022 Board of Education Minutes
- b. Resignation of Kristen Cavaliere, Special Education Teacher at Montowese
- c. Resignation of Jennifer Zullo, Special Education Teacher at Clintonville
- d. Resignation of Kevin Walsh, Music Teacher at Clintonville
- e. Resignation of Brianna Kleckner, School Counselor at NHMS
- f. Retirement of Karen Baptie, World Language Teacher at North Haven High School

Motion: to approve the items on the Consent Agenda

Approved

MOVED: Amanda Gabriele
SECOND: Randi Petersen
AYE: 9
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

Mrs. Gabriele thanked everyone for their service to the North Haven Community and stated they will all be missed.

- III. Board of Education Student Representatives Reports
- IV. Board of Education Parent Representatives Reports

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Jennifer Giering Reported:

- PTA Council has two new Board members, Patricia Gagliardi as Vice President, Katya Vetrov will take over for Secretary, Alicia Soliment as Treasurer
- PTA Council Board is meeting August 19th for the first time this year

V. Report of the Board of Education Chairperson or Designee

Information Item

Mr. Bathrick once again thanked his fellow Board members for their confidence in him, stating that the Board will continue to act in the best interest of the students the best they can. Mr. Bathrick stated that the Board is not a paid position, it is voluntary and he appreciates everyone's time and effort on the Board.

- a. Welcome new Board Members: Thais Moore and Martin Rudnick

Mr. Bathrick welcomed Thais Moore and Martin Rudnick and asked them to each tell everyone a little bit about themselves.

- b. Approval of the North Haven Board of Education 2022-2023 Meeting Dates

Motion: to approve the North Haven Board of Education 2022-2023 Meeting Dates

MOVED: Amanda Gabriele
SECOND: Martin Rudnick
AYE: 9
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

- c. Approval of an Athletic Ad Hoc Committee

Motion: the approval of adding an Athletic Ad Hoc Committee for specific purposes of reviewing the Athletic Handbook and any topics related to it

Approved

MOVED: Joseph Solimene
SECOND: Amanda Gabriele
AYE: 9
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

d. Approval of a District Calendar Ad Hoc Committee

Motion: the approval of adding a District Calendar Ad Hoc Committee for the purposes of reviewing the North Haven Public School Calendar

Approved

MOVED: Martin Rudnick
SECOND: Eleni Diakogeorgiou
AYE: 9
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

VI. Reports of Standing Committees:

1. ACES
2. Curriculum, Instruction, and Planning
3. North Haven Education Foundation

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Mr. Stirk reported:

- NHEF purchased new picnic tables for the elementary and middle school
- Fundraiser to sponsor each of the picnic tables, where one could sponsor a table and the Foundation will attach plaques in their honor.

4. Policy
 - a. Second Read of the Policy for Equitable Identification of Gifted & Talented Students
5. Finance

Information Item

VII. Staff Communications

1. Superintendent's Report
 - a. Security Update

Information Item

Mr. Stirk reported:

- Security Update
 - Districtwide Improvements
 - Technology Update
 - Emergency Situations
 - Emergency Drill Feedback Survey

The Board asked questions, and Mr. Stirk answered accordingly

2. Assistant Superintendent's Report

Information Item

Mrs. McKenna Reported:

- The District is in the process of holding our Administrator's Retreat. Today the focus was on security and finished with a Q & A with our legal council. On Monday the focus will be on team building activities, sharing our problems of practice and other topics to begin the school year, including the schools strategic plan of action, Vision of a Graduate, curriculum work, our new science STEM as well as Library/Media offerings
- New Teacher Orientation is August 25 and 26
- Welcoming back teachers and staff on August 29th
- Welcoming our students back on August 31st

3. Director of Student Services Report
 - a. North Haven Public Schools Paraprofessional Handbook Update

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Mrs. Stewart reported:

The Paraprofessional Handbook provides the following information:

- Administration Information
- School Hours
- District Policies

- Roles and Responsibilities for Paraprofessionals
- Description of Special Education Services
- Description of Student Disabilities
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CT SEDS

The Connecticut State Department of Education, Bureau of Special Education (BSE), implemented a new Individualized Education Program (IEP), 504, and the Special Education Data System (CT-SEDS). Information will be provided on the new system during Mrs. Stewart's first Director's Chat scheduled for September. Information will be shared with families on the differences between the new IEP and old IEP over the next month. The state notified districts that the parent portal is not in use at this time. Once the parent portal is fully functioning families will be notified.

4. Director of Finance, Operations and Humans Resources
 a. Director of Finance and Operations' Report Information Item

Mr. Wardlow reported:

- Operating Budget ended the year with a surplus
- Reserve Accounts in good shape
- Everside Health Clinic proposal has been tabled for the time being. District/Town may revisit next year.
- Cafeteria Update
- Solar Panel at Montowese Elementary School Update

- b. Approval of the June 2021-2022 Monthly Financial Report, including recommended transfers

Motion: To approve the June 2021-2022 Monthly Financial Report, including recommended transfers Approved

MOVED: Amanda Gabriele
 SECOND: Joseph Solimene
 AYE: 9
 NAY: 0
 ABSTAIN: 0

VIII. Public Comments

- Bethany Zemba, 99 Sugar Hill Road, NH Soccer Club commented regarding field use and cost for using the fields.
- Jennifer Giering, 74 Mowry Street, NH Soccer Club also commented regarding field usage and cost. The Soccer Club is working with Mr. Freda to put lights on one of the Town's fields
- Anna Buono, 20 Alexander Drive, commented regarding the Soccer Club, fields, the solar panels, the food program, and the NHEF picnic table project.

IX. Adjournment

Motion: to adjourn at 7:25 p.m. Approved

MOTION: Amanda Gabriele
 SECOND: Goldie Adele
 AYE: 9
 NAY: 0
 ABSTAIN: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Bathrick,
 Chairperson