



# North Haven Public Schools

North Haven, Connecticut 06473

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## THE NORTH HAVEN BOARD OF EDUCATION

**5 LINSLEY STREET**

**NORTH HAVEN, CT 06473**

**January 20, 2022 @ 6 p.m**

### **SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION BUDGET MEETING**

#### **MINUTES**

January 20, 2022

6:00 PM

Attendance: Anita Anderson, Joseph Solimene, Randi Petersen, Goldie Adele (virtual), Amanda Gabriele, Ronald Bathrick, Jennifer Cecarelli, Eleni Diakogeorgiou, Marie Devlin (virtual), Jen Stewart, Director of Student Services, Howard Wardlow, Director of Finance, Operation, and Human Services, Melinda McKenna, Assistant Superintendent (virtual), Patrick Stirk, Superintendent of Schools

Mrs. Anderson opened the workshop asking for a moment of silence for Ed Swinkowski, Finance Director for the Town of North Haven who passed earlier this week.

Mr. Stirk provided a review of his proposed 2022-2023 Board of Education budget and began a discussion of the items on this evening's agenda. Mr. Stirk stated that the proposed budget for the 2022-2023 school year is \$1,695,600 which reflects a 2.9% increase.

#### 1. North Haven High School

Dr. Dallai, Kathryn Russo, Patrick Lawrence, and Thomas Bushnell were in attendance from the High School.

Dr. Dallai addressed the Board regarding his budget, stating that his proposal is self explanatory and feels that he can give the students everything they need with this budget, with minimal increases. Dr. Dallai thanked the teachers and coordinators for all of their hard work preparing their budget requests.

Dr. Dallai took some questions from the Board, and answered them accordingly.

## 2. North Haven Middle School

Laurie Bankowski, Brigit D'Angelo, and Anthony Giamietti were in attendance from the Middle School.

Mrs. Bankowski addressed the Board regarding her budget, also stating that the Middle School budget request shows minimal increases. Mrs. Bankowski also thanked her faculty and staff for all of their input and work stating that everyone really worked together in preparation for this budget.

The Board had some questions for Mrs. Bankowski regarding mental health services at the middle school, and supplies for students/staff, to which she answered in detail.

## 3. Athletics

Mr. Blumenthal gave a brief overview of the Athletic Program, adding a Wrestling and Rugby team to the budget, as well as some new equipment, uniforms that certain programs needed this year, and the fees for hosting the Nikh Bowl next year, stating these are the reasons for the increase in the Athletic budget.

The Board asked Mr. Blumenthal questions about his recommended budget and he gave details and explanations for these recommendations.

## 4. Informational Technology

Mrs. Kozniewski joined virtually and gave an overview of the Information Technology budget. Mrs. Kozniewski reported the IT Budget does show an increase this year. She stated that she met with administrators and teachers for their requests. Mrs. Kozniewski stated increases are for a new payroll system, which the district is in need of, as well as some improvements to the network, specifically the wireless access at the schools.

The Board asked Mrs. Kozniewski budget questions which she answered accordingly. Mrs. Anderson asked Mrs. Kozniewski to update the Board on all the grants she has applied for and was granted.

## 5. Buildings and Grounds

Mr. Diana reported that the Buildings and Grounds budget has a 3% increase for the 2022-2023 school year, and stated that some of these costs were increased prices of custodial supplies, and equipment and parts that are needed.

Capital Budget discussion included: roof replacements at elementary schools, air conditioning, etc. Mr. Diana reported that the roofs are old, but are repairable at this time.

Mr. Stirk stated that he and Mr. Wardlow are going to do some research regarding the elementary schools this summer regarding the roofing, air conditioning, and enrollment to see what the options are for going forward.

## 6. Potential approval of the 2022-2023 Superintendent's Budget and Capital Recommendation

Motion: to approve the 2022-2023 Superintendent's Budget and Capital recommendation

as proposed with a 2.9% increase

Approved

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

Mr. Stirk thanked the Board on behalf of himself, administrators and faculty/staff for all their support tonight and everyday. It is greatly appreciated.

#### 7. Adjournment

Motion: to adjourn at 7:10 p.m.

Approved

MOVED: Amanda Gabriele  
SECOND: Eleni Diakogeorgiou  
AYE: 9  
NAY: 0  
ABSTAINED: 0

Respectfully submitted,  
*Anita Anderson*  
Anita Anderson, Chairperson