



North Haven Public Schools

North Haven, Connecticut 06473

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

Thursday, June 9, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m.

Attendance: Anita Anderson, Joseph Solimene, Randi Petersen, Goldie Adele, Amanda Gabriele, Eleni Diakogeorgiou, Ronald Bathrick, Marie Devlin, 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

Jennifer Cecarelli was absent

I. Peter Balisciano - Adult Education Graduate Information Item

Mrs. Anderson introduced Mr. Peter Balisciano, a 2022 Graduate of the 2022 Hamden/North Haven Adult Education Program. Mrs. Anderson congratulated Mr. Balisciano on behalf of the North Haven Board of Education and presented him with a North Haven Class of 2022 tee shirt, as well as a Citation from Representative Dave Yaccarino, and State Senator Paul Cicarella.

II. Consent Agenda

1. May 12, 2022 Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes
2. Retirement of:
 - Annette Sauerbrunn, District Charge Nurse/ School Nurse at North Haven Middle School
 - Kathy Johnson, Math Teacher at North Haven High School
 - Li Latta, Math and Chinese Teacher at North Haven High School
3. Resignation of:
 - Delia Falcon, Special Education Teacher at Ridge Road Elementary School

Motion: To approve the items on the Consent Agenda

APPROVED

MOTION: Amanda Gabriele
SECOND: Eleni Diakogeorgiou
AYE: 8
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

Mrs. Anderson thanked all of the retirees, wished them well, and thanked them for their service in North Haven. Mrs. Anderson stated that she knows Annette Sauerbrunn personally from her involvement as a parent, her involvement in the PTA and as the nurse in the District. Mrs. Anderson thanked Kathy Johnson, as she too has been very involved over the years, through Rotary as well as teaching. Mrs. Anderson also shared that she has been a guest in Mrs. Latta's classroom over the years, and has been invited to her classroom for Chinese Celebrations.

III. Board of Education Student Representatives Reports

Information Item

Zeena reported:

- Senior Prom was May 20, 2022
- Senior Outing was June 3, 2022 at Holiday Hill
- Senior Awards were held on May 25, 2022
- Finals begin for seniors tomorrow, May 10, 2022 and next week for the rest of the High School

Alex reported:

- Junior Awards was two weeks ago
- Athletic Spring Banquets were held
- Football Spring Brawl is May 10, 2022

IV. Board of Education Parent Representatives Reports

Information Item

Mrs. Cohen reported:

- Last night was the last meeting of the year
- NHEA representative thanked all of the teachers for their work throughout the year
- Patrick Lawrence, Coordinator for Inclusion, Diversion and Equity attended the meeting, and will be working districtwide over the summer.

Mrs. Geiring reported:

- PTA Council voted in two new Board members: Patricia Gagliardi will be Vice President, and Katya Vetrov who will serve as Secretary.
- All end of year activities are going on as planned across the District
- The PTA Council matched a donation they received in Mrs. Giering's mothers name and donated it to a charity in honor of Brian Lizotte, who passed away recently and was the PTA Council Secretary.

V. Report of the Board of Education Chairperson or Designee

Information Item

Mrs. Anderson reported:

- Jennifer Cecarelli, who could not be here this evening, will be stepping down from the Board of Education July 1, 2022. Mrs. Anderson thanked Mrs. Cecarelli for her 9+ years on the Board of Education and to the District.
- Mrs. Anderson announced that after approximately 14 years she too will be resigning from the Board of Education, effective July 1, 2022. Mrs. Anderson thanked Mr. Freda for giving her the opportunity to serve on this Board, all of his advice and support. Mrs. Anderson also thanked Dr. Mary Jane Sheehy, the late Pat Brozek, our former Superintendent, Robert Cronin, Joyce Lapre, Alicia Clapp, her husband and family, as well as Patrick Stirk and Melinda McKenna, She thanked her fellow Board members serving on this Board with her and supporting the district together.

VI. Reports of Standing Committees:

1. ACES

Information Item

Mrs. Gabriele reported:

- Mrs. Gabriele did not attend the meeting this month. She will update the Board at the next meeting in August.

2. Curriculum, Instruction, and Planning

Information Item

Mr. Solimene reported the following were discussed:

- NHHS Job Spot
- K-5 Elementary Mathematics Pilot Proposal
- Committee will meet again in August

Mr. Solimene thanked Mrs. Anderson for her service, stating her leadership is what made this Board successful, always looking out for the students following North Haven's mission.

3. North Haven Education Foundation

Information Item

Mr. Stirk reported:

- NHEA met Wednesday
- The NHEA trivia night was very successful raising approximately \$14,000
- NHEA is reviewing submitted grants from teachers in the District
- Mrs. Anderson thanked the NHEA for donating the tee shirts for the Senior Class

4. Policy

Information Item

- a. Approval of Policy Regarding Prohibition of Sex Discrimination and Sexual Harassment in the workplace (Personnel)

Motion: to approve the Policy Regarding Prohibition of Sex Discrimination and Sexual Harassment in the workplace (Personnel)

APPROVED

MOTION: Amanda Gabriele

SECOND: Randi Petersen

AYE: 8

NAY: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

- b. Approval of Student Dress Policy

Motion: to approve the Student Dress Policy

APPROVED

MOTION: Randi Petersen

SECOND: Ronald Bathrick

AYE: 6

NAY: 1

ABSTAIN: 0

Mr. Solimene was opposed

Mrs. Gabriele thanked Mr. Stirk and the committee for the changes on this policy.

- c. First Read of the Policy for Equitable Identification of Gifted and Talented Students

VII. Staff Communications

1. Director of Finance, Operations and Humans Resources

- a. Director of Finance and Operations' Report

Information Item

Mr. Wardlow reported:

- budget is on track with spending
- watching overtime closely especially custodians, and paraprofessionals
- medical account update
- heating and gas costs were up this year
- Everside Health Clinic update - still being reviewed
- Team Connecticut LAX update
- The Solar Project for Montowese was not chosen for this project, but we will be put on a wait list.
- Reserve Accounts in good shape

Mrs. Anderson thanked Mr. Wardlow for all of his hard work in the Finance Office, as well as for his clear and precise reports, making it easier for the Board to understand.

- 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

MOTION: Amanda Gabriele
SECOND: Eleni Diakogeorgiou
AYE: 8
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

2. Superintendent's Report

Information Item

Mr. Stirk turned the meeting over to Dr. Peterson who thanked Mrs. Anderson for her 14 years of service on the Board, and 11 years as Board Chair. Dr. Petersen thanked Mrs. Anderson for her hours upon hours she dedicated to the students, families, staff and community of North Haven, always putting students first. She also thanked Mrs. Anderson for always supporting the teachers and staff. Dr. Petersen stated that the Board is donating six books, one for each of our schools in honor of Mrs. Anderson and her work on this Board.

Mrs. Peterson turned it over to Mrs. Gabriele who thanked Mrs. Cecarelli for her years of service on this Board, and stated that she will be greatly missed.

Mr. Stirk also introduced Dr. Dallai, and Mrs. Carol Ardito, president of the NHEA who spoke and presented Mrs. Anderson with gifts from the North Haven Administrators and from the North Haven Education Foundation on behalf of all the teachers in the district.

Mr. Stirk shared some memories he had working with Mrs. Anderson thanked her for all of her work and dedication to the North Haven Public Schools. Mr. Stirk introduced Mr. Hutton and the NHHS Choir, who performed in recognition of Mrs. Anderson's departure. Mr. Stirk also thanked the culinary students, visual arts students, Carol Ardito, Diana Blythe, Tracey Planinshek and all of the folks who helped put this night together.

VIII. Public Comments

- Dot Logan, Hartford Tpke, acknowledged the teachers resigning and/or retiring and thanked them for their service in the North Haven District, as well as Mrs. Cecarelli and Anita Anderson for everything they contributed to the North Haven Public Schools. Mrs. Logan stated that Mrs. Anderson "made a difference"
- Diana Blythe, thanked Mrs. Anderson on behalf of the Art Department and all teachers. Mrs. Blythe introduced Jason Phan and Katarina Watkins, who designed some paintings in Mrs. Anderson's honor.

Mrs. Anderson thanked Jen Stewart for all of her hard work in the Special Education Department and for always explaining things in a way that she can understand.

IX. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn at 7:30 p.m.

APPROVED

MOTION: Amanda Gabriele
SECOND: Goldie Adele
AYE: 8
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Anita Anderson
Chairperson