



## North Haven Public Schools

North Haven, Connecticut 06473

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Board of Education Meeting  
5 Linsley Street  
North Haven, CT 06473  
**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.***

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Thursday, May 12, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m.

- I. Presentation by Carlos Collazo from the Ulbrich Boys and Girls Club Information Item

Mr. Collazo gave a detailed overview of what the Boys and Girls Club offers North Haven, their Vision and Mission as well as how many children in North Haven participated at each school. Following Mr. Collazo's presentation, there was a Question and Answer opportunity for the Board Members

- II. Presentation by Laurie Bankowski, Principal; North Haven Middle School  
-Master Schedule update Information Item

Mrs. Bankowski presented the North Haven Middle School Master Schedule. Mrs. Bankowski explained her plans to continue the Block Scheduling at North Haven Middle School, which they started during the COVID times and really worked well for students and teachers, explaining the benefits of Block Scheduling for all. Mrs. Bankowski stated that this also puts our students in a good place when they are ready to move on to high school. The Board asked Mrs. Bankowski questions and she answered accordingly.

- III. Consent Agenda
1. March 10, 2022 Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes
  2. Retirement of:
    - Dawn Russo, Speech and Language Pathologist, Montowese Elementary School
    - Lisa Teodosio, Pupil Personnel Services Coordinator
    - Mary Ann Dauenhauer, Administrative Assistant, Clintonville Elementary School
  3. Leave of absence for Maisie Krischtchun, Intervention Teacher, North Haven Middle School
  4. Resignation of:
    - Hiliary Bassett, 8th Grade Language Arts Teacher, North Haven Middle School
    - Carina Ruotolo, Art Teacher, Montowese and Clintonville Elementary Schools
    - Katie Vitale, Social Worker, Ridge Road Elementary School

Motion: To approve the items on the Consent Agenda Approved

MOTION: Joseph Solimene  
SECOND: Randi Petersen  
AYE: 7  
NAY: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0

Mr. Solimene wished all teachers the best. He stated that his child had Hillary Bassett and enjoyed having her as their teacher.

IV. Board of Education Student Representatives Reports

Information Item

Alex reported:

- Congratulations to the Drama students on their Skit and Improve Performance
- Thanked the North Haven Art Department for another successful Art Beat
- Jr. Awards Ceremony was May 10, 2022
- Congratulations to all of the National Honor Society Inductees
- Sophomore's Talent Show is May 26, 2022
- Prom is May 20, 2022

V. Board of Education Parent Representatives Reports

Information Item

Mrs. Cohen reported:

- Ridge Road had a Blood Drive
- Earth Day was April 9, 2022
- Ridge Road is having an Adults Night Out on May 22, 2022
- Middle School is having an ESBAC celebration
- Green Acres is having an Empower Event, which they are doing in lieu of Nature's Classroom

Mrs. Giering reported:

- PTA will be rescheduling last month's meeting that was canceled
- Last week was Teacher Appreciation Week
- PTA Council looking for new presidents
- Planning end of year activities at each school, including field day, recognition days, etc.
- fundraisers are going on at all schools

VI. Report of the Board of Education Chairperson or Designee

Information Item

Mrs. Anderson made the following Motion:

Motion: to add a motion to the agenda regarding the AdHoc District Calendar Sub Committee

MOTION: Amanda Gabriele

SECOND: Jennifer Cecarelli

AYE: 7

NAY: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

Motion: to table the motion to approve an AdHoc District Calendar Sub Committee until the August meeting.

TABLED

MOTION: Joseph Solimene

SECOND: Randi Petersen

AYE: 7

NAY: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

Mrs. Anderson stated::

- The district is moving into the final stages of the NighHawks logo, and the Board plans to hold a special meeting sometime this month to reveal and approve it.
- Last week was Teacher Appreciation Week and this week is Nurses Week and on behalf of the entire Board of Education she would like to thank all of the Teachers, Nurses and Support Staff for all they do for the students and families of North Haven.
- Reminder that May 27, 2022 will be an early dismissal for both students and staff

VII. Reports of Standing Committees:

1. ACES

Information Item

Mrs. Gabriele reported:

- ACES investigating adding a remote High School, starting a pilot program next year.
- there are 3 new building projects
- ACES sold their property on Trumbull Street
- The Teacher Residency Program is going well.
- Preparations are underway for summer school.

2. Curriculum, Instruction, and Planning

Information Item

Mr. Solimene reported:

- Approved AP Statistics textbook, chemistry textbook, and an updated version of our health textbook
- Presentation from Paris Godbout, who highlighted all of the great things going on in Science
  - a. North Haven High School field trip to FPS International Conference, UMass Amherst, June 6, 2022 - June 12, 2022

Motion: to approve the North Haven High School field trip to FPS International Conference, UMass Amherst, June 6, 2022 - June 12, 2022

APPROVED

MOTION: Amanda Gabriele  
SECOND: Jennifer Cecarelli  
AYE: 7  
NAY: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0

- b. North Haven High School field trip to Six Flags New England, Agawam, MA, June 10, 2022

Motion: to approve the North Haven High School field trip to Six Flags New England, Agawam, MA, June 10, 2022

APPROVED

MOTION: Amanda Gabriele  
SECOND: Jennifer Cecarelli  
AYE: 7  
NAY: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0

3. North Haven Education Foundation

Information Item

Mr. Stirk reported:

- Trivia Night is Friday, May 13, 2022 at Hook and Ladder Restaurant

4. Policy

Information Item

- a. Second Read of Policy Regarding Prohibition of Sex Discrimination and Sexual Harassment in the workplace (Personnel)
- b. Second Read of Student Dress policy

VIII. Staff Communications

1. Superintendent's Report

Information Item

Mr. Strk reported:

- State reported that Juneteenth holiday will officially go into effect on October 1, 2022
- Explained calendar adjustment to the 2022-2023 District Calendar
- June 17, June 20, and June 21, 2022 will be Early Dismissal Days
- Reminder that Graduation is June 17, 2022
- Town Forum was Monday, June 9, 2022 and will move forward as is to the referendum on May 17, 2022 and polls will open at 6 a.m.
- Board of Selectmen meeting was last Thursday, and one of the items on the agenda

was to appropriating \$3.5 million dollars to approve DeMayo Field, the softball field, and the installation of stadium seating at the turf field. The appropriation was voted to move forward, and there will be a Town Meeting on Monday, June 6, 2022 at 7 p.m.

- a. Discussion of the revisions to the 2022-202 District Calendar Information Item
- 2. Assistant Superintendent's Report Information Item

Mrs. McKenna reported:

- Jodi Wilcox the K- Math Coordinator joined the C & I Meeting this evening and she shared plans for piloting three math programs at the elementary level next year. Twenty one of our teachers have volunteered to pilot these programs at various points
- Jen Kozniewski and Amy Alessi have put together some really great work. They are calling it a "Job Spot Board" for students at the High School, as well as the community members to be able to open up opportunities for local jobs or internships. They are hoping to get it up and running for next year.
- Planning for Summer School is underway, with many opportunities across the board
- We are working with Goodwin University and their Technical Schools to expand our Technology Programs at the High School students.
- Paris Godbout, our Science Coordinator has been selected to participate in the State Department of Education K-8 Model Science Curriculum Committee, which is such an honor and great opportunity for her and a wonderful resource for North Haven
- English Learner Department is having their second Family Engagement Evening tonight at the Middle School and expecting 150 families to attend

- 3. Director of Student Services' Report Information Item

Mrs. Stewart reported:

- The federal grant was approved for School Based Mental Health Services at the elementary level. One clinician will begin working with a few students across all four buildings. The director of School Based Mental Health is in the process of hiring another clinician for the 22-23 school.
- The district has a partnership with SCSU's speech department. Over the past year graduate level speech clinicians along with their supervisor's work with the students at the preschool and the students in the Intensive Learning Program at the NHMS and NHHS. The focus is on developing social language skills.

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

Mr. Wardlow reported:

- Budget is on track at this time
- Closely watching overtime, repairs and out of district transportation at this time
- Reserve accounts - Medical claims are up at this time
  - b. Approval of the April and May 2021-2022 Monthly Financial Report, including recommended transfers

Motion: to approve the April and May 2021-2022 Monthly Financial Report, including recommended transfers

APPROVED

MOTION: Joseph Solimene  
SECOND: Amanda Gabriele  
AYE: 7  
NAY: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0

- c. Approval to accept the Healthy Food Option as stated for 2022-2023

Motion: To approve the Healthy Food Option as stated for the 2022-2023 school year:

Pursuant to C.G.S. Section 10-215f, the Board of Education certifies that all food items offered for sale to students in the schools under its jurisdiction, and not exempted from the Connecticut Nutrition Standards published by the Connecticut

State Department of Education, will comply with the Connecticut Nutrition Standards during the period of July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023. This certification shall include all food offered for sale to students separately from reimbursable meals at all times and from all sources, including but not limited to school stores, vending machines, school cafeterias, culinary programs, and any fundraising activities on school premises sponsored by the school or non-school organizations and groups.

APPROVED

MOTION: Randi Petersen  
SECOND: Joseph Solimene  
AYE: 7  
NAY: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0

d. Approval to accept the Beverage Exemptions for the 2022-2023

Motion: To approve the combined Food and Beverage Exemptions as stated for the 2022-2023 school year:

The Board of Education will allow the sale to students of food items that do not meet the Connecticut Nutrition Standards and beverages not listed in Section 10-221q of the Connecticut General Statutes provided that the following conditions are met: 1) the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; 2) the sale is at the location of the event; and 3) the food and beverage items are not sold from a vending machine or school store. An "event" is an occurrence that involves more than just a regularly scheduled practice, meeting, or extracurricular activity. For example, soccer games, school plays, and interscholastic debates are events but soccer practices, play rehearsals, and debate team meetings are not. The "regular school day" is the period from midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day. "Location" means where the event is being held.

APPROVED

MOTION: Randi Petersen  
SECOND: Amanda Gabriele  
AYE: 7  
NAY: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0

IX. Public Comments

X. Executive Session (proposed)

1. Discussion concerning the Superintendent's annual evaluation and contract
2. Discussion concerning pending litigation (case #NNH-CV-20-6109369-S)

Motion: to enter into Executive Session at 7:57 p.m.

APPROVED

MOTION: Amanda Gabriele  
SECOND: Jennifer Cecarelli  
AYE: 7  
NAY: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0

Return to the public session

XI. Potential vote on a contract extension for the Superintendent of Schools

Motion: to extend the Superintendent's Contract for one year, through 2025

APPROVED

MOVED: Jennifer Cecarelli  
SECOND: Joseph Solimene  
AYE: 8  
NAY: 0  
ABSTAINED: 0

Mrs. Anderson thanked Mr. Stirk for all of this hard work and everything he does for the District.

XII. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn at 9:45 p.m.

APPROVED

MOTION: Amanda Gabriele

SECOND: Jennifer Cecarelli

AYE: 7

NAY: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

Respectfully submitted,

*Anita Anderson*

Chairperson