



North Haven Public Schools

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Board of Education Meeting

NHHS - Library
221 Elm Street

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Regular Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 10, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m.

Attendance: Ronald Bathrick, Joseph Solimene, Amanda Gabriele, Goldie Adele, Marie Devln, Martin Rudnick, Melinda McKenna, Assistant Superintendent, Patrick Stirk, Superintendent of Schools.

Eleni Diakogeorgiou, Thais Moore, and Randi Petersen were absent.

Mr. Bathrick opened the meeting stating:

- Welcomed the class of 2024 and all returning students
- The Board of Education meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month
- Reminded all of some meeting protocols, including: Public comments within this session are reserved for non-agenda items. There will be a second public comment session at the end of the meeting to comment on action and discussion items within the agenda.
- Reminder to the public that the public comment policy states public comments should be 5 minutes per speaker/20 minutes per topic.

I. Approval of the June 8, 2023 Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes

MOTION: To approve the June 8, 2023 Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes

APPROVED

MOVED: Amanda Gabriele

SECOND: Joseph Solimene

AYE: 6

NAY: 0

ABSTAINED: 0

II. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

- Lee Ferno - North Haven Garden Club - promoting the Annual Scarecrow Contest, and would like to send flyers to the schools
- Nicole Feeley, 8 Bowen Road, commented regarding Path of Unity sidewalk presented at the last meeting
- Eileen Stabbe, 8 Westerly Road, thanked the Board for all they do for North Haven and stated she would like to hear more about the DEI work as well as Literacy work in the district
- Victoria Bernardo, Kings Highway commented regarding diversity at the elementary level
- Nancy Barrett, Crestview Drive, commented regarding an Article in the NH Patch and new teachers in the district and requested updates on the comings and goings of teachers in the District
- Anna Buono, 20 Alexander Drive, commented regarding the Path of Unity

- Scott Friedman, 17 Cooper Road, thanked the Board for all they do for North Haven and spoke in support of the Path of Unity.

III. Consent Agenda

1. Resignation of:

- Rose Carrano, Administrative Assistant, at Montowese Elementary School
- Erica Hocking, SRBI Interventionist, at NHHS
- Kayla Metzger, Grade 4 Teacher, at Clintonville Elementary School
- Aqsa Kahloan, NHHS Science Teacher
- Howard Wardlow, Director of Business, Operations, and Human Resources
- Lynn Pandolfi, Paraprofessional at Montowese Elementary School

MOTION: To approve the item on the Consent Agenda

APPROVED

MOVED: Amanda Gabriele
 SECOND: Goldie Adele
 AYE: 6
 NAY: 0
 ABSTAINED: 0

Mr. Solimene thanked all leaving for their service in North Haven. Mr. Solimene stated Mr. Wardlow made a huge difference in the way he presented the budget and communicated it to the Board. Mrs. Gabriele echoed that and stated that Mr. Wardlow will be missed.

IV. Report of the Board of Education Chairperson or Designee

1. The appointment of Anthony Giamattei as Assistant Principal at NHMS

MOTION: To approve the appointment of Anthony Giamattei as Assistant Principal of NHMS

APPROVED

MOVED: Martin Rudnick
 SECOND: Amanda Gabriele
 AYE: 6
 NAY: 0
 ABSTAINED: 0

V. Reports of Standing Committees:

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| 1. ACES | Information Item |
| 2. Curriculum, Instruction, and Planning | Information Item |
| 3. North Haven Education Foundation | Information Item |
| 4. Policy | Information Item |

VI. Staff Communications

1. Superintendent's Report Information Item

- Mr. Stirk stated that the district has hired several new teachers across the district so far and they are:
 - Abigail Chamberlain
 - Taylor Ghegan
 - Jennifer Crandall
 - Mary Glennon
 - Andrew Ladutko

- Michelle Romanelli
- Mengi Tao
- Andea Zullo
- Antonio Ramirez-Avila
- Haley Lagnevin

- Mr. Stirk shared that Anthony Mastrano will be the Interim Director of Student Services and there will be a Meet and Greet with Mr. Mastrano on August 29, 2023 from 2-3 p.m. at the High School
- August 22, 2023 there will be a New Teacher Orientation
- August 23, 2023 is our Administrator's Retreat
- September 12, 2023 is the Primary Election and schools will be closed for the day
- M & J Transportation update - M & J will be giving Mr. Stirk monthly updates to share with the Board

a. National Honor Society Requirements Information Item

There was discussion regarding the National Honor Society Requirements

b. Director of Finance and Operations' Report
Information Item

Mr. Stirk presented the monthly financial report as well as the School Lunch update from the State. The State Program for the 2023-2024 school year will be free breakfast for all and free lunch for those who qualified for reduced lunch.

c. Approval of the 2022-2023 Monthly Financial Report,
including recommended transfers APPROVED

MOTION: to approve the 2022-2023 Monthly Financial Report, including recommended transfers

MOVED: Joseph Solimene
 SECOND: Amanda Gabriele
 AYE: 6
 NAY: 0
 ABSTAINED: 0

MOTION: to approve that pursuant to C.G.S. section 10-248a, the Board of Finance deposit an amount not to exceed \$441,035.45 into Fund 373 Non-Lapsing BOE Account for unexpended funds for the Board of Education's fiscal year ending June 30, 2023 APPROVED

MOVED: Amanda Gabriele
 SECOND: Goldie Adele
 AYE: 6
 NAY: 0
 ABSTAINED: 0

2. Assistant Superintendent's Report
Information Item

Mrs. McKenna Reported:

- The Summer Programs ended last week- they were well attended. Some highlights include a Kindergarten readiness session for incoming kindergarteners - the little ones were so excited to come. We initially planned a short session for them so that it would not be overwhelming; but they were learning so much and enjoying it; we ended up extending the time to match the rest of the program. We also integrated unified arts breaks in our elementary programs which provided movement and PE, as well as STEM opportunities. Many students in our HS credit redemption

program gained necessary credits and our secondary enrichment program included chemistry and engineering themes.

- As a follow up from June there was mention of various grants that we have recently applied for. The district has received \$40,000 for dual credit courses at the high school level, \$7000 for English learner services and Amy Alessi submitted a supplemental Perkins grant and was awarded \$49,000.
- Lastly, as we shared throughout last year, we are implementing a CNA certification path at the high school- funds from the Perkins supplemental grant will help with supplies and textbooks and we were able to reallocate current nursing staff in the district to teach these courses. Our district head nurse will teach the CNA courses, as well as oversee the district nursing program and fill in for other nurses if they are absent.

VII. Public Comments on Discussion/Action Items

- Kristy Gill, 108 Grove Road commented regarding the Path of Belonging
- Genevieve Cabrera - 12 George Street commented regarding the National Honor Society requirements
- Nancy Barrett, Crestview Drive commented regarding the unutilized funds
- Lee Ferno, commented regarding the National Honor Society
- Tim Gabriele, Renee Lane commented and thanked Howard Wardlow for all his work in the District as well as the National Honor Society
- Scott Freidman, Cooper Road wished Howard Wardlow all the best and commented on the National Honor Society requirements as well.

VIII. Adjournment

MOTION: to adjourn at 7:25 p.m

APPROVED

MOVED: Joseph Solimene
SECOND: Amanda Gabriele
AYE: 6
NAY: 0
ABSTAINED: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Bathrick
Ronald Bathrick, Chairman