



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

Regular 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, June 8, 2023 @ 6:30 p.m.

I. Approval of the May 4, 2023 Special Board of Education Meeting Minutes

MOTION: to approve the May 4, 2023 Special Board of Education Meeting Minutes

APPROVED

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

II. Approval of the May 11, 2023 Special Board of Education Meeting Minutes

MOTION: to approve the May 11, 2023 Special Board of Education Meeting Minutes

APPROVED

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

III. Approval of the May 11, 2023 Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes

MOTION: to approve the May 11, 2023 Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes

APPROVED

MOVED: Amanda Gabriele
SECOND: Marie Devlin
AYE: 8
NAY: 0
ABSTAINED: 1

Mr. Rudnick abstained because he was not in attendance at the May 11, 2023 Regular BOE Meeting.

IV. Board of Education Student Representatives Reports

Information Item

Alex reported:

- Sr picnic success
- Sr prank well received - a mariachi band followed Dr. Dallai around
- Finals are underway as students finish up classes
- Graduation is the June 15, 2023
- National Honor Society Fundraiser for Mrs. Cromiak, former NHMS teacher took place

V. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

- Kerry Swanson, Potter Road, in support of LGBTQ+ students and addressed some issues her child had after the flag raising ceremony at the library by other students when they returned to the NHMS. Mrs. Swanson stated that she supports the freedom to read
- Michelle Guglielmo, commented regarding a pride event flier that was sent home and stated that she appreciated such flier being sent home. Mrs. Guglielmo thanked the Board for the free meals being extended in North Haven and would appreciate it if it was extended once again. Thanked Ms. Hannah Moran, her son's substitute teacher for all of her help with her son and hopes that NHPS hires her as a permanent teacher. Thanked Mr. Stirk, and Amanda Gabriele, stating that she supports Mrs. Gabriele as a Board Member. Mrs. Guglielmo also commented on the transportation Issues in North Haven and asked that M&J come to a Board meeting to update the public on what they are doing to make things better.
- Kristie Miner, Pond Hill Road, thanked the Language Arts department, Melinda McKenna and Tracey Gambardella for all their work with regards to getting a list of all anticipated books for NHMS/NHHS for 2023-2024
- Scott Freidman, Cooper Road, thanked the board for their service. Wants his daughter to be challenged in school, in many ways, especially in reading. Thanked the Board for getting the Pride information out to parents in the school newsletters.

VI. Consent Agenda

Mr. Bathrick acknowledged passing of Mary Jane Sheehy, former Superintendent of schools as well as Cam Paradis, teacher at Clintonville Elementary School.

1. Resignation of Jen Stewart, Director of Student Services
2. Resignation of Sydney Hogan, TLS Paraprofessional at NHMS
3. Resignation of Matthew Bulan, IT Computer Technician
4. Retirement of Pilar Arboleda, World Language Teacher at NHHS

MOTION: To approve the items on the Consent Agenda

APPROVED

MOVED: Amanda Gabriele
SECOND: Goldie Adele
AYE: 9
NAY: 0
ABSTAINED: 0

Amanda Gabriele thanked everyone leaving the district for all of their work in the District and Wished them well and appreciate all they have done in North Haven.

VII. Board of Education Parent Representatives Reports

Information Item

Ron reported:

- The Board is working with M&J to resolve the transportation issues in district and have invited M&J to come to the August meeting

VIII. Report of the Board of Education Chairperson or Designee

1. Approval of the 2023-2024 Board of Education Meeting Dates

MOTION: To approve the 2023-2024 Board of Education Meeting Dates

APPROVED

MOVED: Amanda Gabriele
SECOND: Marie Devlin
AYE: 9

NAY: 0
ABSTAINED: 0

2. Approval of forming an Ad Hoc Athletic Committee

MOTION: To approve forming an Ad Hoc Athletic Committee APPROVED

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

Mr. Bathrick stated that this AdHoc Committee is being formed to review and revise the policy regarding community fees and Field Usage.

3. Approval of "Path to Belongings" at the NHHS/NHMS Campus

MOTION: to approve the "Path to Belongings" at the NHHS/NHMS Campus adding check points to develop a more detailed approval processes APPROVED

MOVED: Amanda Gabriele
SECOND: Marie Devlin
AYE: 9
NAY: 0
ABSTAINED: 0

Mrs. Gabriele presented a powerpoint presentation explaining what the "Path to Belongings" means to our district. Her proposal is to have a visible reminder that every student belongs here, for example, North Haven clubs, honor societies, teams, etc. The clubs would reserve a space to display their painted message on the pavement.

There was further discussion by the Board

4. Approval of extension of Superintendent's contract

MOTION: to approve the extension of the Superintendent's contract through June 30, 2028 APPROVED

MOVED: Thais Moore
SECOND: Amanda Gabriele
AYE: 9
NAY: 0
ABSTAINED: 0

IX. Reports of Standing Committees:

1. ACES Information Item

Mr. Rudnick reported:

- End of year update
- Mill Road School expanding some of its programs
- Special needs programs and autism speaks program update
- ACES got title to Bassett Street School
- Applied for ECA grants
- Hiring new teachers
- Had some retirements
- Graduation program is June 7-June 15 depending on the school

2. Curriculum, Instruction, and Planning Information Item

Mr. Solimene reported:

- New Textbook Proposal: Presented by Amy Alessi (6-12 CTE Coordinator)
- Presentation of elearning program for 8th grade students - reviewed and approved.
- July's meeting has been canceled.

- Next Meeting: August

Mr. Solemene shared a powerful moment he had at Green Acres School where a student gave a speech thanking the principal and teachers for making him feel safe, respected, and happy.

- 3. North Haven Education Foundation Information Item
- 4. Policy

Mr. Stirk thanked the Board for getting through many policies this school year, stating that many of the policies date back to 2015 and we plan to continue updating them next year.

- X. Staff Communications
 - 1. Superintendent's Report Information Item

Mr. Stirk reported:

- Reminder that the last three days of school are early dismissal days
- Shared a few highlights from each school from the 2022-2023 school year

Mr. Bathrick thanked Mr. Stirk, the Administrators, the teachers for all they have done this year and everyday.

- 2. Assistant Superintendent's Report Information Item

Mrs. McKenna reported:

- Science of Reading Update (on hold at the State level)
- Elementary Literacy Grant "Right to Read" available and she is going to apply for
- Applying for the Perkins Grant
- Applying for the Dual Credit Expansion Grant
- Competitive Immigrant Grant has been awarded \$6,000

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

Mr. Wardlow reported:

- Transfer report update
- Cafeteria fund update
- Capital project update
- Wellness program update
- Reserve Account update - well funded to date
- Workers Compensation account is up a bit from last month
- Special Education Reserve update - being utilized due to legal fees
- Grant Account update
- Current policy for rental of turf fields discussion

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

MOTION: Approval of the 2022-2023 Monthly Financial Report, including recommended Transfers APPROVED

MOVED: Amanda Gabriele
 SECOND: Goldie Adele
 AYE: 9
 NAY: 0
 ABSTAINED: 0

XI. Public Comments on Discussion/Action Items

- Ann Buono, Alexander Drive, spoke to Amanda Gabriele and hopes she is continues on the Board as she always listens and responds to the community members. Mrs. Buono also committed on the field fees, and commented in support of the "Path to Belonging", but

has some concerns about students who do not belong to a club.

- Tim Gabriele, Renee Road commented regarding the "Path of Belonging" as well as stating that everyone should have the opportunity to participate.
- Brandi Mandato, South Avenue, thanked the Board for all of their work and supports The "Path of Belonging" and thinks it is a wonderful idea.
- Laurie Mansur, Tennyson Avenue, commented supporting the "Path to Belonging" and thinks it is an amazing idea.
- Ava, NHHS Student commented that she is in a lot of clubs at the NHHS. Ava thinks that the "Path of Belonging" is a great Idea for students.

Mr. Bathrick thanked everyone on the Board, for a great year and thanked the community for their participation.

XIII. Adjournment

MOTION: to adjourn at 8:15 p.m

APPROVED

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Bathrick
Ronald Bathrick, Chairman