



## 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

Thursday, March 9, 2023 @ 6:30 p.m.

Attendance: Ronald Bathrick, Randi Petersen, Eleni Diakogeorgiou, Amanda Gabriele, Marie Devlin, Thais Moore, 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.

Absent: Joseph Solimene, Goldie Adele, and Martin Rudnick

#### I. Approval of the February 9, 2023 Board of Education Meeting Minutes

MOTION: To approve the February 9, 2023 Board of Education Meeting Minutes

APPROVED

MOVED: Amanda Gabriele  
SECOND: Eleni Diakogeorgiou  
AYE: 6  
NAY: 0  
ABSTAINED: 0

#### II. Board of Education Student Representatives Reports

Information Item

Alex reported:

- Future Problem Solvers are planning for the State competition
- Winter sports are ending
- Spring sports are beginning in a few weeks
- NHHS Boys Ice Hockey Team won the SCC Championship and are now in the playoffs
- The NHHS "Newsies" performance was a success and well attended

#### III. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

- Sally Buemi, 5 Blossom Drive, commented about the reserve accounts and the Connecticut Conference Municipalities advocated for a "civility pledge" to be adopted by municipalities and the Board of Selectmen voted in March to adopt this "civility pledge". Ms. Buemi shared the "civility pledge" and asked Board of Education to also review this and perhaps adopt it as well.
- Tim Gabriele, Renee Lane, commented regarding the NHHS performance "Newsies" stating that it was phenomenal, and stated that there was not an opportunity at the Middle School level for students to perform in a play, and encouraged that in the future there be an option at the Middle School for students who are interested.

#### IV. Consent Agenda

1. Resignation of Kathleen Drechsler, Social Studies Teacher at NHMS
2. Resignation of Jennifer Forbes, Administrative Assistant for Athletics at NHHS

MOTION: To approve the Consent Agenda

APPROVED

MOVED: Amanda Gabriele  
SECOND: Randi Petersen  
AYE: 6  
NAY: 0  
ABSTAINED: 0

V. Board of Education Parent Representatives Reports Information Item  
VI. Report of the Board of Education Chairperson or Designee

1. Approval of the North Haven Board of Education/North Haven Board of Finance Non-Lapsing Fund MOU

MOTION: To approve the North Haven Board of Education/North Haven Board of Finance Non-Lapsing Fund MOU APPROVED

MOVED: Amanda Gabriele  
SECOND: Eleni Diakogeorgiou  
AYE: 6  
NAY: 0  
ABSTAINED: 0

2. Approval of the North Haven Middle School Renovate as New and New Academic Addition project #101-0047 has achieved final completion and all bills have been paid,punch lists completed and contract obligations fulfilled

MOTION: To approve the North Haven Middle School Renovate as New and New Academic Addition project #101-0047 has achieved final completion an all bills have been paid,punch lists completed and contract obligations fulfilled.

The North Haven Middle School Renovate as New and New Academic Addition project (#101-0047) is accepted as complete and the Superintendent is authorized to submit the Final Grant Application to the State of Connecticut's Office of School Construction Grants and Review. APPROVED

MOVED: Amanda Gabriele  
SECOND: Eleni Diakogeorgiou  
AYE: 6  
NAY: 0  
ABSTAINED: 0

VII. Reports of Standing Committees: Information Item  
1. ACES Information Item  
2. Curriculum, Instruction, and Planning

Mrs. Diakogeorgiou reported:

- Nadia Gonzalez, K-5 English Learner Coordinator joined the C&I meeting today, and highlighted the number of english learners we have in the district, which is Currently 107 students. Ms. Gonzalez spoke about the support that is given by our three district teachers to meet their needs.
- Update on field trip proposals

- a. Approval of NHHS Field Trip to New York City/Garment District/ Wall Street on April 26, 2023

MOTION: To approve the NHHS Field Trip to New York City/Garment District/ Wall Street on April 26, 2023 APPROVED

MOVED: Amanda Gabriele  
SECOND: Eleni Diakogeorgiou  
AYE: 6  
NAY: 0  
ABSTAINED: 0

3. North Haven Education Foundation

Information Item

Mr. Stirk reported;

- Discussion and planned for their Comedy Night Fundraiser which will take place on April 8th at the Knights of Columbus Lodge in Hamden.
- NHEF are always looking for new members to join

4. Policy

Information Item

a. First Read of the following Policies:

- Policy 5141.21 Administration of Student Medications in the Schools
- Policy 5141.25 Management Plan and Guidelines for Students with Food Allergies, Glycogen Storage Disease and/or Diabetes
- Policy 5145.4 Non Discrimination (Students)
- Policy 5145.8(a) Policy Regarding Students and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990
- Series 4000 Personnel Policy - Emergency Action Plan for Interscholastic and Intramural Athletic Events
- Series 4000 Personnel Policy - Exertional Heat Illness Awareness for Intramural and Interscholastic Athletics

5. Ad Hoc District Calendar

Information Item

Mrs. Diakogeorgiou reported that the committee has met several times and reviewed the process, Goals, and outcome of preparing the 2023-2024 district calendar. Mrs. Diakogeorgiou thanked the committee for all of their work over the past few months.

a. Approval of the 2023-2024 District Calendar/Special Observances

MOTION: Approval of the 2023-2023 District Calendar/Special Observances

APPROVED

MOVED: Amanda Gabriele  
SECOND: Randi Petersen  
AYE: 6  
NAY: 0  
ABSTAINED: 0

VIII. Staff Communications

1. Superintendent's Report

Information Item

a. Approval of a donation from Impressions Studio for 3,224.00 to NHHS Photo Day

MOTION: To approve a donation from Impressive Studio for \$3,224.00 to NHHS Photo Day

APPROVED

MOVED: Amanda Gabriele  
SECOND: Randi Petersen  
AYE: 6  
NAY: 0  
ABSTAINED: 0

b. Approval of a reduction of one school day, totalling 180 school days, to the 2022-2023 school calendar

MOTION: to approve a reduction of one school day, totalling 180 school days, to the 2022-2023 school calendar year

APPROVED

MOVED: Thais Moore  
SECOND: Amanda Gabriele  
AYE: 6  
NAY: 0  
ABSTAINED: 0

Mr. Stirk also updated the Board of the Evacuation Plans for Montowese School. There will be an Evacuation Drill on May 18th and students and staff will be brought to the Town Library and the Recreation Center on Linsley Street. In the future all elementary schools will partake in this drill,

- 2. Assistant Superintendent's Report Information Item
- a. Presentation of the AP/Dual Enrollment Opportunities Information Item

Mrs. McKenna presented and explained the AP/Dual Enrollment Opportunities available to students at North Haven High School and the colleges that are partners in this program. She share the current offerings, and the cost to participate. The Board asked Mrs. McKenna questions about these opportunities and the Board was very pleased and excited for the students in North Haven.

Mrs. McKenna thanked Amy Alessi, the Career and Tech Coordinator and Anthony Mastriano, the Coordinator of Students Services for pulling all of this together.

- 3. Director of Student Services' Report - NO REPORT Information Item
- 4. Director of Finance, Operations and Humans Resources Information Item
  - a. Director of Finance and Operations' Report Information Item

Mr. Wardlow reported:

- Spending is trending
- Accounts are being monitored closely
- FREE meals update
- Updated reserve, medicaid, Worker's Compensation, Special Education, Capital and Grant accounts
- North Haven Education Foundation has given \$25,700 to district teachers this year.

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

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

APPROVED

MOVED: Amanda Gabriele  
SECOND: Eleni Diakogeorgiou  
AYE: 6  
NAY: 0  
ABSTAINED: 0

#### IX. Public Comments on Discussion/Action Items

- Scott Freidman, 17 Cooper Road thanked the calendar committee, as well as praised the AP/Dual Enrollment opportunities. Mr. Friedman also stated that he would love a Presentation from Patrick Lawrence, the Diversion and Inclusion Coordinator in the future.
- Lori Mansur, 60 Tennyson Avenue, commented regarding the AP/Dual Enrollment Program and stated that her child (a 2020 graduate) took these classes and shared that all of the credits were transferred to the college that her child went to, which helped a lot financially. Ms. Marsur stated she would love to see nursing added to the list of courses.
- Sally Buemi, 5 Blossom Drive, commented regarding PTA funding money and where it goes, if it goes into the BOE Capital Funds.
- Tim Gabriele, 18 Renee Drive, wanted to know when the 2023-2024 will be available to the public. Mr. Stirk responded it will be posted on the District website when the Board approves it.

#### X. Adjournment

MOTION: to adjourn at 7:50 p.m.

APPROVED

MOVED: Eleni Diakogeorgiou  
SECOND: Amanda Gabriele  
AYE: 6  
NAY: 0  
ABSTAINED: 0

Respectfully submitted,  
*Ronald Bathrick*  
Ronald Bathrick, Chairman