



## 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, October 12, 2023 @ 6:30 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: Ronald Bathrick, Randi Petersen, Eleni Dikogeorgiou, Joseph Solimene, Goldie Adele, Thais Moore, Martin Rudnick, Anthony Mastriano, Interim Director of Student Services, Christian Strickland, Interim Chief Operating Officer, Melinda McKenna, Assistant Superintendent, Patrick Stirk, Superintendent of Schools.

Marie Devlin and Amanda Gabriele was absent

#### I. Approval of the September 14, 2023 Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes

MOTION: to approve the September 14, 2023 Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes APPROVED

MOVED: Randi Petersen  
SECOND: Eleni Diakogeorgiou  
AYE: 7  
NAY: 0  
ABSTAINED: 0

#### II. Approval of the September 14, 2023 Special Board of Education Meeting Minutes

MOTION: to approve the September 14, 2023 Special Board of Education Meeting Minutes APPROVED

MOVED: Randi Petersen  
SECOND: Goldie Adele  
AYE: 7  
NAY: 0  
ABSTAINED: 0

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

- Anna Buono, Alexander Drive, commented regarding "Opt Out" concerns
- Dorothy Logan, Hartford Turnpike, commented regarding shortened days due to hot weather suggesting other options and updating the Elementary Schools HVAC systems.
- Tim Gabriele, Renee Lane, commented regarding Indigenous People Day, the need for DEIB in the District, as well as supplemental mental health at the schools
- Jason Kyle, Barnett Drive, commented regarding M & J Bus Company stating that they are not doing what they can for North Haven. He stated he started a petition circulating to remove M & J Bus Company from North Haven,

- April Wisnoski, Spring Road, bus driver for M & J Bus Company commented regarding the bus "runs" and how they can be changed to make things better. Ms. Wisnoski stated that drivers are being bashed on social media and the drivers take this very personally.
- Michelle Guglielmo, Curtis Court, commented stated that she believes there are wonderful bus drivers in North Haven and wanted that on record. Mrs. Guglielmo stated that there is a huge transportation problem and things have not improved.
- Deanna Fusco, Quinpiac Avenue, bus driver for M & J Bus Company, commented in support of the Bus Drivers, stating that there are very good bus drivers in the district, and there need to be changes on Elm Street for bus'

#### IV. Consent Agenda

1. Retirement of Gail Arciuolo, Administrative Assistant at Green Acres Elementary School

MOTION: to approve items on the Consent Agenda

APPROVED

MOVED: Joseph Solimene  
 SECOND: Randi Petersen  
 AYE: 7  
 NAY: 0  
 ABSTAINED: 0

Mrs. Diakogeorgiou wished Mrs. Arciuolo all the best stating she will be greatly missed at Green Acres. Mr. Solimene agreed with Mrs. Diakogeorgiou, and thanked Mrs. Arciuolo for everything she does.

#### V. Report of the Board of Education Chairperson or Designee

Mr. Bathrick introduced the two new student representatives:

- Sara McCarthy (Grade 12)
- Joseph Solimene (Grade 11)

Joseph Solimene reported:

- Fundraiser for Lyman Hall cookie dough and pies
- PSATs were Wednesday
- Mid point of marking period
- Open House at NHHS is October 19, 2023
- Parent Conferences are November 1st and 6th
- English teacher, Peter Sagnella published a book called "Coming to Terms", and he signed copies for the school library
- October 18th in the NHHS Library, manufacturing companies are coming in to talk to students interested in going into the manufacturing field.

Sara McCarthy reported:

- Mid point of Marking Period 1
- NHHS Open House is October 19th
- Parent Conferences are November 1st and 6th by appointment only
- English teacher, Peter Sagnella published a book called "Coming to Terms", and he signed copies for the school library
- Class Officers were chosen throughout the grades

1. Ratification of the contract between the North Haven Board of Education and the North Haven School Administrators' Association

MOTION: to approve the Ratification of the contract between the North Haven Board of Education and the North Haven School Administrators' Association

APPROVED

MOVED: Joseph Solimene  
SECOND: Goldie Adele  
AYE: 7  
NAY: 0  
ABSTAINED: 0

VI. Reports of Standing Committees:

1. ACES

Information Item

Mr. Rudnick reported:

- 2023-2024 Goals
- Reviewed plans for Bassett Street, which should be complete by the summer. They are on track and should go as planned
- Reviewed fundraising plans
- Reviewed changes in their Internal By Laws
- Budget is up to date

2. Curriculum, Instruction, and Planning

Information Item

The Curriculum, Instruction and Planning Committee met this evening, and Mr. Solimene reported that there were two meetings, the first being September 28th and reported:

- Presentation from Dr. Dallai data regarding the ranking of the school system
- New club called Save the Children, which committee approved

Mr. Solimene reported there was also a meeting this evening and reported:

- Several overnight/out of state Field Trip Proposals:
- New Club Proposal:

The committee supported all of these activities to go before the Board this evening.

- a. Approval of NHHS Art Department: Photography Trip, NYC, October 25, 2023

MOTION: to approve the NHHS Art Department: Photography Trip, NYC, October 25, 2023

APPROVED

MOVED: Joseph Solimene  
SECOND: Goldie Adele  
AYE: 7  
NAY: 0  
ABSTAINED: 0

- b. Approval of NHHS Boys Basketball Team: New Mission High School (Hyde Park, MA), December 28, 2023

MOTION: to approve the NHHS Boys Basketball Team: New Mission High School (Hyde Park, MA) December 28, 2023

APPROVED

MOVED: Randi Petersen  
SECOND: Joseph Solimene  
AYE: 7  
NAY: 0  
ABSTAINED: 0

c. Approval of NHHS Grade 11 US History Class: NYC, March 23, 2024

MOTION: to approve the NHHS Grade 11 US History Class: NYC, March 23, 2024

APPROVED

MOVED: Randi Petersen  
SECOND: Joseph Solimene  
AYE: 7  
NAY: 0  
ABSTAINED: 0

d. Approval of NHHS Music Department: Fantastic Festivals (Six Flags New England), April 26, 2024

MOTION: to approve the NHHS Music Department: Fantastic Festivals (Six Flags New England), April 26, 2024

APPROVED

MOVED: Randi Petersen  
SECOND: Eleni Diakogeorgiou  
AYE: 7  
NAY: 0  
ABSTAINED: 0

e. Approval of NHHS Culinary Program: Walt Disney World, Orlando, FL, April 26, 2024-April 30, 2024

MOTION: to approval of the NHHS Culinary Program: Walt Disney World, Orlando, FL, April 26, 2024-April 30, 2024

APPROVED

MOVED: Randi Petersen  
SECOND: Eleni Diakogeorgiou  
AYE: 7  
NAY: 0  
ABSTAINED: 0

f. Approval of NHHS Economics Class: Federal Reserve, NYC, April 30, 2024

MOTION: to approve the NHHS Economics Class: Federal Reserve, NYC, April 30, 2024

APPROVED

MOVED: Eleni Diakogeorgiou  
SECOND: Thais Moore  
AYE: 7  
NAY: 0  
ABSTAINED: 0

g. Approval of NHHS Fashion & Design & Fashion Merchandising Classes: Garment District & Fashion Institute of Technology Museum, NYC, April 30, 2024

MOTION: to approve the NHHS Fashion & Design & Fashion Merchandising Classes: Garment District & Fashion Institute of Technology Museum, NYC, April 30, 2024

APPROVED

MOVED: Eleni Diakogeorgiou  
SECOND: Randi Petersen  
AYE: 7  
NAY: 0  
ABSTAINED: 0

3. North Haven Education Foundation

Information Item

Mr. Stirk reported:

- Committee reviewed grant submissions
- Discussed ways they could support the four elementary schools
- Trivia Night is November 3, 2023 - register your team on the NHEF website as well as the NHPS website.

4. Policy

Information Item

FIRST READ of the following policies:

- Educational Stability Procedures for Transportation Coordination with the Department of Children and Families -Series 5000 - Students
- Family and Medical Leave - Series 4000 - Personnel
- Non-Discrimination - Series 1000 - Community/Board Operations
- Non-Discrimination - Series 4000 - Personnel
- Non-Discrimination - Series 5000 - Students
- Policy Regarding Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 - Prohibition of Sex Discrimination and Sexual Harrassment - Series 5000 - Students
- Student Discipline - Series 5000 - Students

5. Ad Hoc Athletic Committee Meeting

Information Item

VII. Staff Communications

1. Superintendent's Report

Information Item

Mr. Stirk Reported:

- Kindergarten update
- NHHS is hosting a "What North Haven Has to Offer" night on November 6th
- Intensive Learning Services (ILS) Update
- SBAC presentation next month

a. DEIB Update

Information Item

Ms. Moore stated that DEIB is meeting tomorrow morning and she will update the Board at the November meeting.

2. Assistant Superintendent's Report

Information Item

Mrs. McKenna reported:

- CNA Course update at NHHS
- October is Manufacturing Month - NHHS is celebrating partnering with the Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce. Local Leaders in Engineering and Manufacturing were there to talk to students.
- Attended the Hartford Convention Center today where our district science work was highlighted.

3. Interim Chief Operating Officer's Report

Information Item

Mr. Strickland reported:

- Budget is on track
- SPED transportation Update
- Capital Project Update
- Meeting weekly with M & J Bus Company
- Cafeteria/Food Services Update - NHPS was awarded a \$50,000 Grant Connecticut Department of Education for a new Walk in Refrigerator at Green Acres

- a. Approval of the 2023-2024 Monthly Financial Report, including recommended transfers

MOTION: To approve the 2023-2024 Monthly Financial Report, including recommended transfers

APPROVED

MOVED: Thais Moore  
SECOND: Randi Petersen  
AYE: 7  
NAY: 0  
ABSTAINED: 0

4. Interim Director of Student Services Report

Information Item

Mr. Mastriano reported:

- School Based Health Service update
- Budget update
- Professional Technical Line Item update

VIII. Public Comments on Discussion/Action Items

- Michelle Guglielmo, Curtis Court commented regarding the School Based Healthcare

IX. Adjournment

MOTION: to adjourn at 7:58 p.m.

APPROVED

MOVED: Eleni Diakogeorgiou  
SECOND: Randi Petersen  
AYE: 7  
NAY: 0  
ABSTAINED: 0

Respectfully submitted,

*Ronald Bathrick*  
Ronald Bathrick, Chairman