



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, November 9, 2023 @ 6:30 p.m.

Attendance: Ronald Bathrick, Randi Petersen, Eleni Diakogeorgiou, Amanda Gabriele, Thais Moore, Marie Devlin, Martin Rudnick, Anthony Mastriano, Interim Director of Student Services, Christian Strickland, Interim Chief Operating Officer, Melinda McKenna, Assistant Superintendent, Patrick Strik, Superintendent of Schools.

Joseph Solimene and Goldie Adele were absent.

Eleni Diakogeorgiou left at 7:15 p.m.

I. Approval of the October 12, 2023 Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes

MOTION: To approve the October 12, 2023 Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes

APPROVED

MOVED: Randi Petersen
SECOND: Eleni Diakogeorgiou
AYE: 5
NAY: 0
ABSTAINED: 2

Amanda Gabriele and Marie Devlin abstained from voting as they were both absent at the October 12, 2023 Regular Board of Education Meeting.

II. BOE Student Representative Reports

Information Item

Joseph Solimene, Jr. reported:

- NHHS students are starting to hear back from colleges
- November 30, 2023 is Junior Night with information regarding the college admission process
- Thanksgiving Food Drive
- PTSA Blanket Sale
- NHHS Class of 2024 is having a Poinsettia Sale

Sara McCarthy reported:

- First Marking period has closed
- Report Cards are coming out soon
- November 17, 2023 is Homecoming Dance
- Seniors are ordering Diplomas for Graduation

III. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

Mr. Bathrick thanked the Town and the community for going out and voting and congratulated the Board members who ran this year. Mr. Bathrick reminded the audience that public comments is a 5 minute limit and 20 minutes on one topic, and always be civil.

- Christopher Marone, 21 Weathers Road, commented regarding NHHS football program
- Tim Gabriele, Renee Court, commented regarding the School Based Mental Health

IV. Consent Agenda

V. Report of the Board of Education Chairperson or Designee

VI. Reports of Standing Committees:

1. ACES

Information Item

Martin Rudnick reported

- Annual Report Update
- Tuition review at the Magnet Schools
- Move from 350 State Street to 370 James Street
- Review of the Jail Program for incarcerated students

2. Curriculum, Instruction, and Planning

Information Item

Mrs. Diakogeorgiou reported:

- Diana Blythe shared and reviewed Art Programs and news from the Art Department
- Reviewed Course Selections for next year (e.g. AP Pre-Calculus, College Algebra, Algebra Skills Course, Spanish, AP Music Theory)
- Approved a new NHHS Volleyball Club
- Plans to review Field Trip protocols for all grades
- Next meeting planned for December 7, 2023

3. North Haven Education Foundation

Information Item

Mr. Stirk reported:

- Annual Trivia Night was well attended
- Review of Grant requests and approvals (NHHS Teachers Joe Romanelli, math and Paris Godbout, science)
- Planning Comedy Night in April

4. Policy

Information Item

SECOND 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

Randi Petersen reported:

- Committee met on October 25, 2023
- Revisited Building Usage Fees and Athletic Field policies
- Currently changing the form for using the facilities across the district (Buildings/Fields)

- Next Meeting is December 6, 2023

VII. Staff Communications

1. Superintendent's Report Information Item

a. DEIB Update Information Item

Mrs. Moore reported:

- Committee met last Friday
- Putting together a Strategic Plan
- Celebrating the month of November: Veteran's Day, Native American Heritage Day, Diwali, Election Day, and Thanksgiving

b. District Data Update Information Item

Mr. Stirk and Mrs. McKenna shared a powerpoint presentation regarding the District Data and Accountability Update for 2023 showing SBAC, NGSS and SAT Data with comparisons across the State of Connecticut. This data showed that three of our schools were labeled "Schools of Distinction". Mr. Stirk and Mrs. McKenna updated our District Goals going forward and answered questions from the Board.

2. Assistant Superintendent's Report Information Item

3. Interim Chief Operating Officer's Report Information Item

Christian Strickland reported:

- Year to Date Update
- Budget planning has begun for the 2024-2025 school year
- Scheduled appointments with each Administrator regarding next year's budget
- Mr. Stirk and Mr. Strickland continue to meet with M & J Bus Company on a regular basis
- Cafeteria Funds Update

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

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

MOVED: Amanda Gabriele

SECOND: Martin Rudnick

AYE: 6

NAY: 0

ABSTAINED: 0

4. Interim Director of Student Services Report Information Item

Anthony Mastriano reported:

- School Based Mental Health Update - next steps
- Highlighted NHHS School Counselors with regards to reaching College application deadlines
- 57% of Seniors have already applied for college as of November 6th
- ILS Program Update regarding its move from Ridge Road to Clintonville

VIII. Public Comments on Discussion/Action Items

- Kristen Cohen - North Haven PTSA Representative commented the following PTSA Update:
 - St. Baldrick's is back! - March 21st at NHMS
 - 8th Grade - Adult's Night out of December 1, 2023
 - Ridge Road Fundraiser - Bridgeport Islanders
 - 5th Grade Committees are going to work together and sharing ideas
 - Spirit Wear for sale Districtwide

IX. Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn at 7:40 p.m.

APPROVED

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Bathrick
Ronald Bathrick, Chairman