



North Haven Public Schools

North Haven, Connecticut 06473

**THE NORTH HAVEN BOARD OF EDUCATION
5 LINSLEY STREET
NORTH HAVEN, CT 06473
March 19, 2020, 6 p.m.**

MINUTES

Attendance: Anita Anderson, Joseph Solimene, Randi Peterson, Wesley O'Brien, Jennifer Cecarelli, Dorothy Logan, Amanda Gabriele, Goldie Adele, Eleni Diakogeorgiou, Jennifer Stewart, Interim Director of Student Services, Pamela Mangini, Director of Finance, Operations, and Human Services, Melinda McKenna, Assistant Superintendent, and Patrick Stirk, Superintendent of Schools

Mrs. Anderson opened the meeting at 6 p.m. and turned it over to Mr. Stirk

1. District Update- COVID-19 and the current District closure. Discussion

Mr. Stirk stated the following:

- He had one of many conference calls with the Commissioner of Education, who reported:
 - All State Accountability Measures have been suspended
 - The Commissioner is seeking a waiver from the Federal Government for standardized testing, such as the SBAC Assessment.
 - Student Services remains a priority. The State Department of Education will give more guidance and support next week.
 - School Counselors are also receiving support from the State Department of Education.
 - Expecting closures to be extended beyond March 31st, perhaps 2-4 weeks longer
 - Focusing of safety first, then education
- Coordinators and IT are working around the clock to get Google Classroom available to students and families
- Teachers and Coordinators are working hard to stay in communication with our students and families.
- The last day of school will remain June 18, 2020 and April break will remain intact, if we are back in school at that time.
- Thank you to Carol Ardito and the NHEA for assisting us in working on getting the Memorandum of Understandings drawn up and signed off on, so that teachers continue to get paid during this time.

- Working with the Clerical, Nurses, and Custodian Unions to get their Memorandum of Understandings signed off as well
- Meal distribution is going extremely well. We are distributing breakfast and lunches to our families Monday-Friday from 10am-12pm at NHHS, at the loading dock. Day 1 we distributed 67, Day 2, 119 and Day 3, 83. We attributed the decline due to the rainy weather.
- Signed out chrome books, as well as getting hot spots for those students who needed them.

Anita Anderson wanted to thank everyone, Patrick, Melinda, all of the administrators, Sal Rizzo, from Chartwells, Phil Diana, the IT Department, teachers and coordinators for all of their hard work preparing the District during these difficult times.

Jennifer Cecarelli stated that she of course is concerned for the high school seniors, but also has great concerns for the juniors regarding all of their testing (SATs, etc) with applying for colleges and how this will affect them for next year. Mr. Stirk responded that the State Department of Education will be focusing on the long term effect of this shutdown as time goes on. Mr. Stirk reassured her that this is all a work in progress and will be addressed. Mr. Stirk also informed the Board that the School Counselors are going to also be available for these students and families.

- Approval of the Superintendent of Schools, Patrick Stirk to sign all MOU's between the North Haven Board of Education and the District Unions relating to employee pay.

Motion: to approve the Superintendent of Schools, Patrick Stirk to sign all MOU's between the North Haven Board of Education and the District Unions relating to employee pay

Approved

MOVED: Amanda Gabriele
 SECOND: Wesley O'Brien
 AYE: 9
 NAY: 0
 ABSTAINED: 0

- Approval of Patrick Stirk, Superintendent of Schools and Pamela Mangini, Director of Finance, Operations and Human resources to be signers on all North Haven Public Schools bank accounts at Wells Fargo Bank effective immediately

Motion: to approve Patrick Stirk, Superintendent of Schools, and Pamela Mangini, Director of Finance, Operations, and Human Resources to be signers on all North Haven Public Schools bank accounts at Wells Fargo Bank effective immediately

Approved

MOVED: Randi Petersen
 SECOND: Dorothy Logan
 AYE: 9
 NAY: 0
 ABSTAINED: 0

2. Adjourn

Motion: To adjourn at 6:19 p.m.

Approved

MOVED: Randi Petersen
SECOND: Dorothy Logan
AYE: 9
NAY: 0
ABSTAINED: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Anita Anderson
Chairperson