



North Haven Public Schools

North Haven, Connecticut 06473

THE NORTH HAVEN BOARD OF EDUCATION

5 LINSLEY STREET

NORTH HAVEN, CT 06473

April 21, 2020, 6 p.m.

MINUTES

Attendance: Anita Anderson, Joseph Solomene, Randi Petersen, Wesley O'Brien, Dorothy Logan, Amanda Gabriele, Goldie Adele, Eleni Dlacogeorgiou, Jennifer Cecarelli, Jen Stewart, Interim Director of Special Services, Jen Kozniewski, Director of IT, Pamela Mangini, Director of Finance, Operations and Human Resources, Melinda McKenna, Assistant Superintendent, and Patrick Stirk, Superintendent of Schools.

1. Presentation of the MP4 Grading Procedures (MS/HS)
 - State Department of Education recommended that the Middle School and High School move to a PASS/FAIL for marking period 4. For students to pass marking period 4 they will have to participate and complete all assignments to the best of their ability
 - At North Haven High School there will be no final exams this year but instead an end of the year experience assignment that will be required.
 - Dr. Dallai is in the process of developing a committee to examine the possibility of eliminating Class Rank to begin next year. This is something that is trending across the country.
 - There will be a letter going home to families explaining all of these details.
 - When scheduling Virtual Learning in North Haven the Administrators tried to provide flexibility in scheduling classes for students and teachers
 - Teachers are working tirelessly to provide an engaging experience with the help of administrators and our IT Department
 - Parents should know that they are greatly appreciated with all they are doing and to just do what they can regarding Distance Learning and know that the North Haven Public Schools entire staff are here to support students and families during this difficult time. Families can reach out to the teachers with any questions or concerns at any time.

2. Discussion r

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

Mrs. Anderson thanked Mrs. Mangini for all of her hard work and clarity to the District of North Haven and wishes her well in her new position.

3. Approval of the 2020-2021 NHPS District Calendar

Motion: to approve the 2020-2021 NHPS District Calendar

Approved

MOVED: Jennifer Cecarelli
SECOND: Randi Petersen
AYE: 9
NAY: 0
ABSTAINED: 0

Mrs. Anderson stated that while this motion was approved at the Board level, it may be amended based on State recommendations.

4. Director of Finance and Operations:

- a. Director of Finance and Operations Report (oral)
- b. Fiscal Year 2020-2021

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Mrs. Mangini reported:

- this has been a very challenging budget this year
- some savings in:
 - substitutes
 - overtime
 - mileage
 - transportation
 - professional development
- additional expenses:
 - computers
 - cleaning
 - insurance claims
 - district learning
 - legal fees

→ revenue in Pre-K

- State of Connecticut is continuing to fund all Grants to date.
- Processing the Food Management RFP. The bid for the Food Service Contract opened on April 20, 2020 with one bidder, that being Chartwells. The RFP will be submitted to the State as scheduled in June

Mr. Stirk thanked Sal Rizzo at Chartwells for all of his hard work and willingness to help out any way he can.

Mrs. Mangini stated that she will have a better look at all expenses in May and give the Board an update then.

Mrs. Mangini stated that her decision to leave North Haven was a difficult one. She stated that she will continue to work hard for the district and thanked the Central Office Administrators as well as the Board of Education for all of their support.

There was some discussion regarding the bussing costs. Mr. Stirk stated the M&J has been paid through March and he is in communication with them and will report to the Board as information becomes available.

Mrs. Cecarelli asked about additional IT expenses and Jen Kozniewski responded stating that the District was in a good place with computers and hot spots for the most part. There were some additional expenses for hot spots but nothing crazy. Mrs. Kozniewski stated that if parents have any questions or concerns about Distance Learning they can email support@northhavenschools.org

Mrs. Logan wanted to thank all of the teachers and bus drivers for their wonderful parades through the neighborhoods of North Haven.

5. Adjourn
6. regarding NHHS Graduation and other Senior Events Information

Mr. Stirk reported:

- North Haven High School will have a graduation for Seniors. Via a survey from Dr. Dallai, students have chosen to have a postponed graduation versus a virtual graduation.
- With Prom (May 15) Senior Picnic (May 29) likely not to happen as scheduled Dr. Dallai and Mr. Stirk are looking at perhaps having some kind of "senior event" following the re-scheduled graduation. As details become available it will be shared with the Board and parents.
- discussions underway also regarding 5th grade graduation and 8th grade graduation and will be shared when the details are ironed out.

7. Approval of extended Leave of Absence of Britne Shabbott, NHHS Science Teacher

Motion: to extend the Leave of Absence of Britne Shabbot NHHS Science Teacher NOT APPROVED

Mr. Stirk began discussion and stated that this is a very difficult position to fill. It is in a shortage area, which makes it even more difficult to fill with another one year substitute. Mr. Stirk feels that the quality of education is in question without hiring a permanent teacher for this position.

MOVED: Goldie Adele

SECOND: Anita Anderson
AYE: 0
NAY: 8
ABSTAINED: 1

Mr. Adele abstained.

The Board of Education agreed not to extend Mrs. Shabbotts additional year leave of absence.

8. Approval of the resignation of Pamela Mangini, Director of Finance and Operations effective June 16, 2020

Motion: Approval of the resignation of Pamela Managini, Director of Finance and Operations effective June 16 2020

Approved

Motion: to adjourn at 6:50 p.m.

Approved

MOVED: Dorothy Logan
SECOND: Joseph Solimene
AYE: 9
NAY: 0
ABSTAINED: 0

NO PUBLIC COMMENTS