



# North Haven Public Schools

North Haven, Connecticut 06473

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North Haven Public School  
Board of Education Meeting

**Minutes**

**Regular Meeting**/Special Meeting/Organizational Meeting  
Thursday, April 11, 2019, 6:30 p.m.

Attendance: Anita Anderson, Wesley O'Brien, Randi Petersen, Bryan Bogen, Jennifer Cecarelli, Dorothy Logan, Goldie Adele, Pamela Mangini, Director of Finance, Operations and Human Resources, Melinda McKenna, Assistant Superintendent, and Patrick A. Stirk, Superintendent of Schools.

I. Consent Agenda

A. March 14, 2019 Minutes

Motion: to approve the items listed in the Consent Agenda

Approved

MOVED: Bryan Bogen  
SECOND: Dorothy Logan  
AYE: 7  
NAY: 0  
ABSTAINED: 0

II. Board of Education Student Representatives Reports

Information Item

Zoe reported:

- Class of 020 Spring Fling
- Mixed Bag Fundraiser has ended
- Upcoming Car Wash in May
- Students receiving college acceptance letters
- Assembly – leadership speaker

Tim reported:

- Prom bids are on sale for \$90
- Caps and Gowns will be available for purchase this year
- Planning the senior picnic
- Planning Project Graduation

III. Report of the Board of Education Chairperson or Designee

Mrs. Anderson reported:

- Spelling Bee is April 25, 2019 – wished the Board of Education team (Bees on Board) good luck this Year.
- Shared a letter from Patti Schiller, NHHS Library, thanking the Board for the donation of library books In honor of Dr. Cronin.
- Plans for a Board workshop on the Roles and Responsibilities of a Board of Education

IV. Unfinished Business

1. Update on fan inventory at elementary schools Information Item

Mr. Stirk reported:

- Approximately 130 fans are needed in the four elementary schools
- Received a quote of \$28.95 per fan
- Will place order next week so schools have the fans prior to warm weather

V. New Business

VI. Reports of Standing Committees:

1. ACES – no report Information Item  
2. Curriculum, Instruction, and Planning Information Item

Dr. O'Brien reported:

- Jill Metz brought the committee a Grade 6 online textbook proposal: *myWorld Interactive World History*. The book was chosen for overall compatibility with the course content, as well as the availability of training.
- Tracy Rhomberg joined us to discuss an update to the Middle School and High School Math Lab. The purpose of the update is to better provide teaching and re-teaching skills from current and previous years. Students will be scheduled for Math Lab through the SRBI referral process, and will no longer earn .25 credits for Math Lab. However, the new model will allow more flexibility with regard to when students can enter and exit Math Lab and the credit loss will not affect the students' GPA because they will be graded on a pass/fail basis.
- Melinda McKenna led a discussion regarding alternate PE credit available to eligible students who are enrolled in Educational Center for the Arts for a yearlong "movement" class or a yearlong physical education class. Students enrolled in the Dance Movement class will earn .5 credit and those in the yearlong PE class will earn .25 credit.
- Laurie Bankowski joined us to discuss a proposal from Dr. Olcay Yavuz, Assistant Professor of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies at SCSU. The proposal is to present a career awareness program called Evidence-based Elementary Career Development Program. Through workshops and activities, the program would engage students, as well as their parents and teachers, in exploration of career options available to students.

3. Finance and Operations Information Item

Mr. Bogen reported:

- Temporary spending freeze
- Insurance is on target
- Excess Cost update

4. Middle School Building Committee Information Item

Mr. Adele reported:

- Kenvo Floors won the bid to repair the NHMS gym floors
- Timeline for repairs is June 18-August 2, 2019
- Next meeting is May 13, 2019

5. North Haven Education Foundation Information Item

Mrs. Anderson reminded everyone once again the NHEF Annual Spelling Bee is Thursday, April 5, 2019

6. Policy Information Item

- a. Discussion of committee members appointed to Policy Committee

Mrs. Anderson reported:

- Policy Committee members are herself, Wesley O'Brien and Amanda Gabrielle
- Shippman and Goodwin will be preparing policies from now on working with the above committee

- b. Presentation of policy change or change of existing policy

7. PTA Council – no report Information Item

Staff Communications

A. Superintendent's Report Information Item

1. Discuss last day of school and graduation date

Mr. Stirk reported that the last day of school for the district will be Friday, June 14, 2019, however NHHS Graduation Will take place on Thursday, June 1, 2019 to better assist the planning of Project Graduation.

Mr. Stirk also reported:

- Racial Sensitivity Training at all schools has been ongoing
- Student Registration Software update
- 019-2020 budget has been approved at a 2.9 increase

B. Assistant Superintendent's Report Information Item

1. Enrollment (Kindergarten numbers) Information Item

Mrs. McKenna reported:

- kindergarten numbers are being closely monitored
- New ID vs. Contemporary Brochures are being made with parents and teachers to better explain the difference between the two.
- Tuesday are the SAT's at NHHS

C. Director of Finance and Operations

1. Director of Finance and Operation's Report Information Item

Mrs. Mangini reported:

- There is a temporary spending freeze
- Continually watching the Special Education accounts
- Establishing a great working relationship with the Town

2. Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Information Item

3. Approval to revise the authorized signers of the ED-099, Agreement for Child Nutrition Programs to include Patrick Stirk, Superintendent of Schools and Pamela Mangini, Director of Finance, Operations and Human Resources

Motion: to revise the authorized signers of the Agreement for Child Nutrition Programs to include Patrick Stirk, Superintendent of Schools and Pamela Mangini, Director of Finance, Operations and Human Resources

MOVED: Wesley O'Brien  
SECOND: Dorothy Logan  
AYE: 7  
NAY: 0  
ABSTAINED: 0

VII. Public Comments

VIII. Future Agenda Items

IX. Executive Session – for matters of personnel

Discussion Item

Motion: To enter into Executive Session for matters of personnel

Approved

MOVED: Jennifer Cecarelli  
SECOND: Dorothy Logan  
AYE: 7  
NAY: 0  
ABSTAINED: 0

X. Adjournment

Motion: to Adjourn at 8:20 p.m.

Approved

MOVED: Bryan Bogen  
SECOND: Dorothy Logan  
AYE: 7  
NAY: 0  
ABSTAINED: 0

Respectfully submitted,

**Anita Anderson**  
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Chairperson