



North Haven Public Schools

North Haven, Connecticut 06473

North Haven Public School
Board of Education Meeting
Minutes

Regular Meeting/Special Meeting/Organizational Meeting
Tuesday, November 8, 2018, 6:30 p.m.

Attendance: Anita Anderson, Wesley O'Brien, Dorothy Logan, Jennifer Cecarelli, Bryan Bogen, Amanda Gambardella, Joseph Solimene, Goldie Adele, Melinda McKenna, Assistant Superintendent.

Absent: Robert D. Cronin, Ph.D., Randi Petersen

I. Consent Agenda

1. Minutes October 16, 2018
2. Retirement of Barbara Kenniston, Paraprofessional at Green Acres School
3. Maternity leave for Sarah Panroni, Grade 3 Teacher at Clintonville School

Motion: to approve all items on the Consent Agenda

Approved

MOVED: Amanda Gabrielle
SECOND: Wesley O'Brien
AYE: 8
NAY: 0
ABSTAINED: 0

II. Board of Education Student Representatives Reports

Information Item

Mrs. Anderson reported that we will have a new Junior Representative from NHHS named Zoe Burns. She will join us for her first meeting next month.

Tim reported:

- Class Officer Meeting Today
- Raffle successful. Raised a lot of money and gave away a prom ticket
- Organizing another fundraiser at Bageliscious in North Haven. Date to be announced
- Senior to Senior Breakfast will be December 4, 2018

III. Report of the Board of Education Chairperson or Designee

Mrs. Anderson reported that Dr. Cronin could not be here this evening, that in all of his years as Superintendent, this is the first meeting he has missed.

1. Introduction of Joseph Erardi, Consultant in Superintendent Search with a summary of the search to date.

Information Item

Mrs. Anderson introduced Mr. Joseph Erardi, the Consultant hired for the Superintendent Search. Mr. Erardi is here to give the Board and Community a brief summary of his search to date.

Mr. Erardi gave a handout of a written summary of the Community Survey. Mr. Erardi stated that this process has been a pleasure, getting to know North Haven and its community. He reviewed the Survey results:

The North Haven community has prioritized the following skills that are essential for the new superintendent:

- Exceptional communication skills
- Someone who is caring, genuine and highly capable to lead
- Someone who is clear with budget and finances
- A superintendent who believes in empowerment within the district
- Superintendent who is basing final decision on evidenced based information.

Character Traits that are essential are:

- Impeccable integrity
- Honesty
- Personable and genuine
- Forward thinking
- Trusting

There were also discussions regarding North Haven's successes and challenges within the district.

Also others felt the following items are important for the board to consider during the hiring process:

- Longevity – someone who plans to stay in North Haven for an extended period.
- Change Agent – the new superintendent listens and meets with key players fore embarking on change
- Active and Out – someone who is visible during the school day
- Articulate – someone who is clear, concise, and detailed with communication to all stakeholders.
- Assured – someone who has quiet confidence in all aspects of his/her work
- Appropriate Priorities – Needs to be a “kids first” leader.

Application process: North Haven received 33 applications, 27 completed applications. There were highly regarded sitting Superintendents, Assistant Superintendents, as well as Central Office Administrators, and Districtwide Administrators. Mr. Erardi stated that he was very pleased with the application pool here in North Haven, which included four different states.

Mr. Erardi took some questions from the public and answered them appropriately regarding the longevity of the new Superintendent as well as questioning hiring someone who would leave their current position, leaving their district and contract.

- IV. Unfinished Business
- V. New Business
- VI. Reports of Standing Committees:

1. ACES Information Item

Ms. Logan reported that she was unable to attend the meeting, but shared that one of the items on their agenda was tuition and shared a handout to be given to Mrs. Corriveau, Director of Student Services.

2. Curriculum, Instruction, and Planning Information Item

Dr. O'Brien reported the committee went over topics for Professional Development day, e.g. Stop the Bleed Program, Report Cards, Security and NEASC process. AP French Language Culture course proposal was also discussed.

- a. NHHS field trip to UMass Amherst, Amherst, MA from June 5-June 9, 2019 (Future Problem Solvers)

Motion: to approve NHHS field trip to UMass Amherst, MA from June 5-9, 2019 (FPS) Approved

MOVED: Jennifer Cecarelli
SECOND: Dorothy Logan
AYE: 8
NAY: 0
ABSTAINED: 0

Mrs. McKenna stated that the following two culinary arts field trips have not yet been decided. They will choose between one of the two field trips to take depending on their success in fundraising. The group would prefer the Florida field trip, as they have taken it before and were very successful in that particular competition.

- b. NHHS field trip to Haven's Cooking School, New York, NY
from April 24-April 25, 2019 (Culinary Arts)

NHHS field trip to Walt Disney World, Orlando, FL
from April 26-April 30, 2019 (Culinary Arts)

Motion: To approve the above two culinary arts field trips to New York or Orlando, Florida Approved

MOVED: Goldie Adele
SECOND: Bryan Bogen
AYE: 8
NAY: 0
ABSTAINED: 0

- c. NHHS field trip to Washington, DC, from April 25-April 28, 2019 (Music)

Motion: to approve the NHHS field trip to Washington, DC, from April 25-April 28, 2019 (Music) Approved

MOVED: Jennifer Cecarelli
SECOND: Amanda Gabrielle
AYE: 8
NAY: 0
ABSTAINED: 0

- d. NHHS field trip to New York City Garment District & FIT Museum
(Sewing, Design and Merchandising) in April/May TBD

Motion: to approve NHHS field trip to New York City Garment District & FIT Museum
(Sewing, Design and Merchandising) in April/May TBD Approved

MOVED: Amanda Gabrielle
SECOND: Dorothy Logan
AYE: 8
NAY: 0
ABSTAINED: 0

- e. 5th Grade Nature's Classroom field trip, Colebrook, CT
May 13-17, 2019

Motion: to approve the 5th Grade Nature's Classroom field trip, Colebrook, CT
May 13-17, 2019 Approved

MOVED: Joseph Solemine
SECOND: Bryan Bogen
AYE: 8
NAY: 0
ABSTAINED: 0

- f. Ridge Road field trip to the Bronx Zoo, Bronx, NY
Spring – TBD (4-5 Science)

Motion: to approve the Ridge Road field trip to the Bronx Zoo, Bronx, NY (4-5 Science)
Date TBD Approved

MOVED: Welsey O'Brien
SECOND: Jennifer Cecarelli
AYE: 8
NAY: 0
ABSTAINED: 0

3. Finance and Operations Information Item

Mr. Bogen reported that Finance and Operations did not meet this evening. The Business office is currently in transition. Frank Connolly will be our Interim going through budget season.

4. Middle School Building Committee Information Item
5. North Haven Education Foundation Information Item

Mr. Solemine reported that next Thursday is the Foundation's Community Star Dinner. The honorees are Linda Battalene, Larry Lazaroff, and David Mikus. This is at the new North Haven Middle School, with tours also available upon request.

6. Policy Information Item
7. PTA Council Information Item

Mrs. Gabrielle reported that the next meeting is at the end of November

8. Ad Hoc Athletic Committee Information Item

This motion is being postponed until December because Mrs. Petersen was not able to attend the meeting this evening.

- a. Approval of the rental charges for the turf and athletic complex
Fields regarding Policy 3515(b) Group 2: Town of North Haven
Departments, Town Government and Parent Organizations or
other town government or not-for-profit agencies Action Item

VII. Staff Communications

- A. Superintendent's Report Information Item
B. Assistant Superintendent's Report Information Item
C. Director of Finance and Operations

1. Director of Finance and Operation's Report Information Item
2. Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Information Item
3. Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Information Item

VIII. Public Comments

- Mary White commented regarding her meeting with Mr. Freda regarding replacement costs of the turf fields.

- IX. Future Agenda Items Discussion Item
X. Executive Session NOT NEEDED
XI. Adjournment

Motion: to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. Approved

MOVED: Welsey O'Brien
SECOND: Jennifer Cecarelli
AYE: 8
NAY: 0
ABSTAINED: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Anita Anderson
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Chairperson