



North Haven Public Schools
North Haven, Connecticut 06473

North Haven Public School
Board of Education Meeting
Minutes (Revised)

Regular Meeting/Special Meeting/Organizational Meeting
Thursday, April 6, 2017 6:30 p.m.

Attendance: Anita Anderson, Wesley O'Brien, Randi Petersen, Goldie Adele, Matthew Kerzner, Jennifer Cecarelli, Jennifer Caldwell, Dorothy Logan, Bryan Bogen, Tina Tanguay, Director of Finance, Operations and Human Resources, Melinda McKenna, Assistant Superintendent, and Robert D. Cronin, Ph.D., Superintendent of Schools

I. Consent Agenda

1. Minutes March 9, 2017

Moved: to approve the items on the Consent Agenda

Approved

MOVED: Matthew Kerzner
SECOND: Jennifer Cecarelli
AYE: 9
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

II. Board of Education Student Representatives Reports

Information Item

Celeste reported:

- Merit scholarship for seniors was due today
- NHHS PTSA scholarship for seniors is also due tomorrow
- Ridge Road had their blood drive on April 4th
- Unified Sports fundraiser at NHHS on April 25, 2017
- NHHS is doing a "Read it Back" campaign that the library is sponsoring. Students and staff are donating books for kindergarteners. Each kindergartener will receive a book from a student at the high school. There will be raffle tickets and a prize.

Rachel reported:

- Student Council is hosting a Student Talent show April 7, 2017
- All juniors took an in-school SAT test and the PBIS Club made and hung up supportive posters individualized for each student taking the exam.
- AP Exam Registration Night will take place on Tuesday, April 18, 2017
- NHHS Band and Choir will be taking a trip to Boston to compete in the annual festival, leaving April 20th and returning on April 23rd.

III. Report of the Board of Education Chairperson or Designee

Information Item

Mrs. Anderson reported:

- Play was wonderful and everyone did a great job
- Spelling Bee update
- Wish everyone a wonderful April vacation

IV. Unfinished Business

Ms. Caldwell commented regarding Mr. Piazza's request for a National Jr. Honor Society, stating that there needs to be more leadership opportunities regardless of the student's grade point average. Stating also that if she saw those things going on at the middle school, she may have less of a problem supporting Middle School having a National Junior Honor Society.

V. New Business

VI. Reports of Standing Committees:

1. ACES

Information Item

Mrs. Logan reported that ACES approved their budget for the Magnet Schools. Mrs. Logan stated that they voted to lay off twelve (12) teachers and three (3) non-certified staff due to budget problems. She also stated that they will be working with this staff to help them update their resumes, etc.

Mrs. Logan also reported that ACES had their ACES Education Gala a couple weeks ago and raised over \$100,000.

2. Curriculum, Instruction, and Planning

Information Item

Mrs. McKenna stated that there was no meeting and the committee will meet again on May 1, 2017.

3. Finance and Operations

Information Item

Mr. Bogen reported that Finance and Operations met earlier this evening. He stated that the Excess Costs money has brought our deficits back to a zero balance. He reported that the area we are trending now is in the Property Services Account in regards with Johnson Controls.

4. Middle School Building Committee

Information Item

Mr. Adele reported that the committee voted on two turf fields and one grass field. No decision made regarding bleachers at this time. That will all depend on the funding.

Mr. Adele stated that the next meeting will be April 17, 2017.

Ms. Caldwell had some concerns regarding the contingency fund how much money will be left in there. Mr. Adele reported that there will be money left over in that account and stated that close to half a million dollars will left.

Mr. Adele also reported that the NHMS Auditorium is now open and they had their Play in the new auditorium already.

5. North Haven Education Foundation

Information Item

Mr. Kerzner stated there was no meeting and reminded everyone once again about the 3rd Annual Spelling Bee on April 27, 2017. He reported that there are approximately 35 teams signed up.

6. Policy

Information Item

The committee is trying to schedule a meeting to revisit the policies. Mrs. Anderson stated that Wesley O'Brien has volunteered to re-join the Policy Committee.

7. PTA Council

Information Item

Mrs. Caldwell stated that she was unable to attend, but got the following report from that meeting:

- Krista Kaplan, NHMS presented a "Building Character" education program
- April 22, 2017 in honor of Earth Day all six schools will be sprucing up the school property
- Earth Day celebration is Saturday April 8, 2017 at NHHS
- NHMS/NHHS faculty basketball game has been rescheduled to Friday, May, 19, 2017 at NHHS
- PTA Council is waiting to get final budget numbers so that they can inform parents and rally support.

VII. Staff Communications

A. Superintendent's Report

Information Item

Dr. Cronin reported:

- FPS Statewide Competition was Saturday, which was hosted in North Haven this year. North Haven Global Issues Team placed 1st in both the senior division (cyber theft security) Emily Camera, Hillary Hoyt, Olivia Hoyt and Maily Tran. The Middle School division was made up of 7th graders who also took 1st place. They were Kiernan Alexandro, David Hazalll Farrell, Benjamin Rudicoff, and Alec Salonga.
- 1st place in Senior Scenario Performance in Writing Scenario – Nita Bigja
- 1st place in in the Junior Division - Rebecca Ford in 5th Grade
- 2nd place – Middle Global Issues team – Payton Hebert, Claire Lunney, Rahi Patel and Anna Wootten
- 2nd place Senior Writing Scenario – 11th Grader Claire Fresher
- Informal observations of non-tenure staffing has begun. Dr. Cronin has done five observations to date. Dr. Cronin stated that he meets with teachers and principals giving them feedback
- Dr. Cronin shared that sadly North Haven has lost a Clintonville teacher this week, Gayle Grillo, who was a Grade 5 teacher at Clintonville who lost her battle with cancer this weekend. She previously taught Grade 1 at Ridge Road. Dr. Cronin also recognized the funeral home, as children wanted to go to the services and the funeral home made that possible and allowed our students and their families to attend one half hour prior to services, where someone from the funeral home talked to the children about Gayle.

1. Approval of NHHS Graduation date of June 21, 2017

Moved: to approve the NHHS Graduation date of June 21, 2017

Approved

MOVED: Matthew Kerzner
 SECOND: Celeste Battipaglia (Jennifer Cecarelli)
 AYE: 9
 NAY: 0
 ABSTAIN: 0

B. Assistant Superintendent's Report

Information Item

Mrs. McKenna reported:

- Nature classroom update – information night for families

- Principals are organizing fundraising for Nature's Classroom, one being the possibility of applying for a grant through the North Haven Education Foundation.
- Timeline may change due to the need for Natures classroom to know sooner
- Kindergarten screening will take place after April Vacation
- Outline of transition partnership outline for your information

C. Director of Finance and Operations

Mrs. Tanguay reported:

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| 1. Director of Finance and Operation's Report | Information Item |
| 2. Approval of the 2016-2017 Monthly Financial Report, including recommended transfers | |

Mrs. Tanguay stated that the current budget is trending where we need to be. Some transfers were made as needed after the Excess Costs funds were received. Mrs. Tanguay reported that she is working closely with Students Services and their line items.

Moved: to approve the 2016-2017 Monthly Financial Report, including recommended transfers	Approved
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MOVED: Bryan Bogen
 SECOND: Jennifer Cecarelli
 AYE: 9
 NAY: 0
 ABSTAIN: 0

VIII. Public Comment

- Amanda Gabriele commented regarding the NHMS turf fields and would like The committee to reconsider turf fields
- Kerry Swanson commented as well regarding chrome rubber and the turf fields and has concerns regarding the cost of maintaining the fields
- Danielle Morfi commented regarding the turf fields and has concerns with the hazardous materials

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| IX. Future Agenda Items | Discussion Item |
| X. Executive Session – for matters of personnel | |

Moved: to enter into Executive Session for matters of personnel at 7:20p.m.	Approved
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MOVED: Matthew Kerzner
 SECOND: Jennifer Cecarelli
 AYE: 9
 NAY: 0
 ABSTAIN: 0

XI. Adjournment

Moved: to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.	Approve
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MOVED: Matthew Kerzner
 SECOND: Goldie Adele
 AYE: 9
 NAY: 0
 ABSTAIN: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Anita Anderson

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Chairperson