

**THE NORTH HAVEN BOARD OF EDUCATION
5 LINSLEY STREET
NORTH HAVEN, CONNECTICUT
MINUTES**

Date: April 9, 2015
6:30 p.m.

THIS MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE AT CENTRAL OFFICE, 5 LINSLEY STREET, NORTH HAVEN, CT 06473

Attendance at this REGULAR Meeting: Anita Anderson, Wesley O'Brien, Goldie Adele, Bryan Bogen, Jennifer Caldwell, Jennifer Cecarelli, Alicia Clapp, Matthew Kerzner, Kristine Carling, Director of Finance, Operations, and Human Resources, Melinda McKenna, Assistant Superintendent, and Robert D. Cronin, Ph.D., Superintendent of Schools

Randi Petersen was absent

Moved: to add an action item to the agenda: to set the graduation date to Thursday, June 18, 2015 Approved

MOVED: Jennifer Cecarelli
SECOND: Matthew Kerzner
AYE: 8
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

Moved: to set the Graduation 2015 date to Thursday, June 18, 2015 Approved

MOVED: Matthew Kerzner
SECOND: Jennifer Cecarelli
AYE: 8
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

Graduation 2015 will be on Thursday, June 18, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.

1. Consent Agenda

- a. Minutes of March 12, 2015
- b. Resignation of Maria Rivera, Reading and ELL teacher at NHHS
- c. Retirement of Linda Cahill, Principal at Green Acres Elementary School
- d. Retirement of Mary Quinn-Devine, Grade 8 Language Arts teacher, NHMS
- e. Retirement of Lenore Martinelli, Language Arts Consultant at Ridge Road Elementary School
- f. Leave of Absence of Jinny Summerville (maternity), Grade 2 teacher at Green Acres Elementary School. Mrs. Summerville intends to return to work on October 19, 2015

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Moved: to approve the items on the Consent Agenda Approved

MOVED: Matthew Kerzner
SECOND: Bryan Bogen
AYE: 8
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

Items Removed from Consent Agenda:

2. Student Reports

Larissa reported:

- Concert Wednesday, April 22 at 7 p.m. @ North Haven High School
- Addressed some SBAC questions she and other students had for the Board of Education

3. Chairman's Report

Mrs. Anderson reported:

- NHEA invited all Board members to attend retirement party of all teachers retiring this year. The retirement party is at Cascades on Wednesday, May 13, 2015 at 6 p.m.
- Reminded the Board about the NHEF Spelling Bee, April 30, 2015
- Forming a subcommittee to discuss the mascot name. Once the committee has met and completed all their research a decision will be made by the Board of Education and will be reported back to the public.

Motion: to add an action item to the agenda: to form a sub-committee regarding the Mascot

Approved

MOVED: Alicia Clapp
SECOND: Matthew Kerzner
AYE: 8
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

Motion: to form subcommittee regarding the Mascot

Approved

MOVED: Alicia Clapp
SECOND: Wesley O'Brien
AYE: 8
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

- Mr. North Haven was last week and Tom Mitchell was crowned Mr. North Haven 2015

4. Report of Standing Committees

a. Finance and Operations

Mr. Bogen reported that there is positive cash flow at this time and are all set for end of year functions. Perkins Grant is being written by Melinda McKenna and Carol Ardito. The Perkins Grant must be applied for every year. Mr. Bogen stated that the District has gotten the Perkins Grant the past three years.

1. Director of Finance and Operation's Report
2. Approval of the 2014-2015 Monthly Financial Report

Moved: to approve the 2014-2015 Monthly Financial Report

Approved

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

3. Approval of the 2015-2018 Nurses Contract

Moved: to approve the 2015-2018 Nurses Contract

Approved

MOVED: Jennifer Cecarelli
SECOND: Bryan Bogen
AYE: 8
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

b. Curriculum, Instruction and Planning

Mrs. McKenna reported:

New Club Proposal- High School Girls' Rugby- Mr. Davis and Mr. Spada gave an overview of the proposed Girls' Rugby Club. The group determined that this proposal should be discussed at the next Athletic Committee Meeting. Mr. Davis will present this information to that group.

Senior English Pathways Course Proposal- Sue Bass (6-12 Language Arts Coordinator) will join us for this discussion. - This course was approved as a pilot for the 2015-2016 school year. Mrs. Bass will track student achievement in this course and share findings at the mid-point next year.

Textbook Copyright Date Collection – Mrs. McKenna provided the group with textbook publication dates. This is something that was asked for at a prior meeting and as coordinators are requesting new textbooks for their departments, we will use this as a guide.

SBAC & CMT/ CAPT Testing Update – Mrs. McKenna shared that the testing began on March 17th. She has been in all buildings during testing and it seems to be going well. The group discussed the district's protocol for addressing Parent Opt Out letters.

CAPT Science incentive pilot for classes of 2016 & 2017- Mrs. McKenna shared the incentive plan that she shared at the February BOE meeting. This incentive plan was designed by administrators, teachers and students at the high school.

New Club- Homework Club NHMS- Approved

New Club proposal- Robotics- The group was in favor of this club proposal, but funding is an issue. Mrs. McKenna will contact the North Haven Education Foundation to see if there are funds allocated for Robotics.

Discussion of proposed Middle School schedule- Mr. Castiglione provided the group with an overview of proposed changes that the middle school plans to implement during the 2015-2016 school year.
****NEXT MEETING May 4, 2015

c. Building Committee

Mr. Adele reported:

Everything is on track, actually quicker than expected

Publishing the bid on 22nd of April. This will keep everything in line with the ground breaking plans. The ground breaking is scheduled for the end of June.

The next Building Committee meeting is April 20, 2015 at 8:15 a.m.

There is a virtual tour scheduled for April 10, 2015, at Central Office, 8:30-10:00 a.m.

d. Policy Committee

Policy Committee did not meet this month. Mrs. Caldwell would like to set up a Policy Workshop to work on the remaining policies.

e. Athletic Committee

Mr. Bogen stated that the Athletic Committee met Tuesday, and reported:

- All State – All Area Awards
 - National Football Foundation Scholar Athlete – Hunter Coughlin
 - CIAC Scholar Athletes: Amanda Kenny and Colin Uyeki
- Coaching Awards:
 - National Football Foundation CT Coach of the Year – Anthony Sagnella
- Donation: Dr. David Sharnoff, a Podiatrist in Orange, CT is associated with the USTA (United States Tennis Association) that rates tennis shoes for the USTA. He has more than 40 pairs of high quality tennis shoes that he would like to donate to the tennis programs of North Haven. Approximately \$1200 in value.
- Proposal for the addition of a Girls Rugby Club and Boys Wrestling Team
- Field status: all fields are currently in use, but many have only been in use since this past weekend. We are more than a week behind since the start of the season. Fields were under snow for start of season. DeMayo field is the only field not available. Snow/ice still on the field. It is Phil Diana's hope to have that field operational this upcoming weekend.
- The next Athletic Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 5, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.

7. North Haven Education Foundation

Mr. Kerzner reported:

Spelling Bee in April 30, 2015, 7:00 p.m. at NHHS Auditorium

The North Haven Education Foundation funded six teachers to go to Columbia to work on reading and writing over the summer. The teachers were very grateful for this experience. Jeanne Savoia and Jennifer Flood were two of the teachers and they were very grateful for the opportunity to go.

8. ACES

Mrs. Clapp reported:

- SCASA luncheon recognized North Haven students
- Tim Dunn was named Operations Manager
- Renewed managing agreement with CHEMS and Wintergreen
- Discussion about mindfulness
- SBAC went better this year than in the past
- Iready test was administrated
- Looking to get districts together to make purchases, bussing, etc. to conserve a little.
- Tuition is stable at this time. There are no increases

9. North Haven PTA Council

The PTA Council met on March 16, 2015 in the NHHS Library Media Center.

The Council Executive Board reiterated the pressing need for a minimum of 2 people to take over the management of the PTA Council for next year. The roles would be one person for president and one for secretary/treasurer. If no one fills those roles, this important forum won't be able to continue in North Haven.

The Executive Board also made a suggestion that schools involved with PTA Council may wish to work together on some town-wide events, and offered suggestions such as community service (Make a Difference Day), or even fun activities like a scavenger hunt.

All schools with the exception of Clintonville Elementary were represented, and shared a variety of happenings such as fundraisers, book fairs, bingo nights, father/daughter and mother/son events, St. Baldrick's, and family curriculum events.

Always very impressive is the dedication of all of our schools to outreach and supporting non-profit organizations. Since our December meeting, our schools shared an active support of the following

organizations: New Haven Fuel Bank, SMARG, Bryan's Hope (ALD), St. Baldrick's, and the American Heart Association.

Dr. Cronin discussed his updated the Council regarding the BOE Budget process, including the 3.5% increase, and invited all to attend the April 7th Town Meeting.

There are two more PTA Council meetings scheduled before the end of the school year. The first is Friday, May 8th at 7:00. This meeting is only tentative, based on whether it is needed to support the budget. The final meeting for PTA Council for this school year will be on Monday, June 15, 2015 at 7 pm in the NHHS Media Center Conference Room.

10. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Cronin reported:

- Principal search for Green Acres timeline
- Natures Classroom is April 27, 2015
- Working with program coordinators science and social studies. Working on common experiences.

11. Enrollment

Enrollment is declining. There are some class sizes that Dr. Cronin is watching closely and will bring any and all concerns to the Board as they come up.

12. Public Comments

Public Comments were as follows:

- Don Johnson – representative of the NHEA read statement regarding the 2015-2016 proposed budget, as well as the SBAC testing
- Mary White, Summer Lane made comments regarding the new turf fields (e.g. maintenance costs, upkeep and replacement costs after 8-10 years, etc.)
- Dana Jackson-Washington commented regarding the Indian mascot.
- Jackie St. Peter, Jennifer Drive commented regarding the Indian mascot

13. Executive Session: for matters of personnel/legal matters if needed

Moved: to enter into Executive Session for matters of personnel/legal matters 8:05 p.m. Approved

MOVED: Matthew Kerzner
SECOND: Bryan Bogen
AYE: 8
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

Back in public session at 9:30 p.m.

14. Adjournment

Moved: to adjourn at p.m. Approved

MOVED: Alicia Clapp
SECOND: Wesley O'Brien
AYE: 8
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Anita Anderson

Anita Andersen, Chairman