

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

Date: October 16, 2008

Attendance at this REGULAR Meeting: John Lambert, Sandra Cummings, Gerald Feinberg, Alicia Clapp, Stephen DiCapua, Suzanne Donofrio, Carole Franceschet, James Hogan, Debbie Volain, Edward Gomeau, Director of Business and Operations, Patricia K. Brozek, Assistant Superintendent, and Sara-Jane R. Querfeld, Superintendent of Schools

Meeting called to order by Chairman John Lambert at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Lambert stated that he understood there was a group of parents at this meeting to present to the Board and suggested that they go first, before the action items. Michelle De Felice spoke on behalf of other district parents regarding starting up a before and after program with the YMCA, just like the one going at Clintonville School. The Board thought it was a good idea to do some more research with regards to putting that proposal into place and discuss it at a later date.

Mrs. Clapp commented that the Middle School's presentation of Rachel's Challenge was a wonderful presentation. The participation of the PTSA, parents and students was incredible. Mrs. Clapp praised the teachers, parents and students, as well as Mr. Piazza for participating in Rachel's Challenge.

Mr. Lambert asked those present to observe a moment of silence in memory of Walt Coady, NHHS Social Studies teacher who passed away.

1. Approval of Minutes of September 11, 2008

Mr. DiCapua noted that one change is needed be made on the minutes. That change was under Finance and Operations the price that the oil tanks were topped off at last year was \$2.05 not \$3.05 gallon.

Moved: to approve the Minutes of September 11, 2008 Approved

MOVED: Sandra Cummings  
SECOND: James Hogan  
AYE: 9  
NAY: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0

2. Budgets: Approved  
a. 2008-2009 Budget  
b. State and Federal Funds  
c. Extra-Curricular Activities

Moved: to accept budget reports and place them on file Approved

MOVED: James Hogan  
SECOND: Debbie Volain  
AYE: Unanimous  
NAY:  
ABSTAIN:

### 3. Report of Standing Committees

#### a. Finance and Operations

Mr. DiCapua stated that Finance and Operations met this evening and he stated that they went over the budget, which is going well, as planned. Mr. DiCapua reported that they reviewed the special education budget and will do so monthly. Mr. DiCapua stated that they discussed an issue at the High School with regards to the Air Handling Units, which lost Freon light material, which was very expensive to replace. He stated the cost was approximately \$15,000 for just one, and there were three needing replacement. Mr. DiCapua reported that F & O asked the Building Committee to look into the mechanical contractor or the manufacturer, which was York, to see if we are able to re-coop any of those costs or warranties. Mr. DiCapua stated that they discussed that the school side will be working with the town side to fix some of the lighting with some of the savings the UI can produce to bring us energy efficient lights. Mr. DiCapua reported that there was an internal audit done on the Town side that reflected on the education side. He stated that they are going to review that and report back. Mr. DiCapua reported some good news. He stated that we have become Title I eligible this year and will receive an \$89,000 federal grant.

#### b. Personnel

Mrs. Donofrio reported that there was no meeting this month.

#### c. Curriculum, Instruction and Planning

##### 1. Approval of the 2009-2010 High School Course Proposals (attached)

Moved: to approve the 2009-2010 High School Course Proposal

Approved

MOVED: Alicia Clapp  
SECOND: Gerald Feinberg  
AYE: Unanimous  
NAY:  
ABSTAIN:

##### 2. Approval of revisions to Infection Control Program for Bloodborne Pathogens. (tabled @ May 10, 2007 BOE meeting.)

Moved: to approve the revisions to Infection Control Program for Bloodborne Pathogens.

Approved

MOVED: John Lambert  
SECOND: Gerald Feinberg  
AYE: Unanimous  
NAY:  
ABSTAIN:

This motion is approved with the exaction of the change on Page 15, the Special Procedures Chart, which has to be more individualized for each group. (e.g. nurses, custodians, teachers, etc.)

3. Approval of the following overnight field trips:
  - a. March 27, 2009-March 28, 2009 Future Problem Solvers State Conference – Storrs, CT
  - b. May 27, 2009-May 31, 2009 Future Problem Solvers International Conference  
Michigan State University

Moved: to approve the above noted field trips

Approved

MOVED: John Lambert  
SECOND: Steve DiCapua  
AYE: Unanimous  
NAY:  
ABSTAIN:

#### 4. ACES

Mrs. Clapp reported that Dr. Don Sodalano gave a very interesting, detailed presentation on autism. He gave the history of autism, increase in the increase of autism, etc. She reported that the main thing that the doctor emphasized is that affective intervention in preschool is very important, stating that a child with this intervention at such an early stage can be mainstreamed. Mrs. Clapp stated there was a draft of the Administrative evaluation presented to all. She reported that there was a discussion of the Open Choice students coming into the district. Mrs. Clapp reported there is a \$6.9 million renovation at the Education Center for the Arts, 95% of which will come from the State.

#### 5. North Haven PTA Council

Mrs. Volain reported that PTA Council reviewed SAT Scores. She stated that the High School clubs, Project Green and the Interact Club attempted to clean up Todd's Pond. Mrs. Volain stated that there was a good turn out. She reported that Montowese School is collecting coats. Mrs. Volain stated that St. Johns Church is opening a Soup Kitchen on Friday nights. She reported that there is going to be a meeting at the State level regarding opening a separate Special Education PTA.

#### 6. School Building Committee

Building committee met and reported that the fields are near completion. The baseball fields are in place and grass is growing. The next meeting will be Monday morning October 20, 2008 at 8:00 a.m.

#### 7. Superintendent's Report

- a. Enrollment

Mrs. Querfeld reported the following:

- Rachel's Challenge at North Haven Middle School
- Kindergarten added at Montowese School
- Claudia Grantham, Clintonville Elementary School principal's reading challenge. Mrs. Grantham dyed her hair pink.
- North Haven Education Foundation received an award for creating outstanding education opportunities within their local community. Mrs. Querfeld reported that the Foundation was started four years ago and has been very successful
- Special Education training across the district
- Dr. Hogan and the North Haven Black Citizen's Group is having a Fall Diversity Meeting on Saturday, October 18, 2008 at the High School Library at 2:00 p.m.

- There is a home football game tomorrow Friday, October 17, 2008 at 7:00p.m.
- Mrs. Querfeld is being recognized by MADD, Tuesday, October 21, 2008 for her contributions the community and MADD as a Youth Leader
- Librarian at Ridge Road Elementary School, Lydia Westerberg, received the 2008 winner of the Connecticut Association of School Librarians Program Award for her project "Internet Safety."
- Bette DeMayo, North Haven High School Math Teacher was selected top honor for the 2007-08 Edition of the Cambridge Who's Who

#### 8. Public Comments

Mr. Al Warren had some questions regarding the fields and money paid out to Earth Technology. Mr. Lambert invited Mr. Warren to attend the next Building Committee Meeting on Monday and they would be better able to answer all of his questions regarding the fields, etc.

Mr. Warren also questioned the way that Chartwells' told their employees that there was a need for them to be fingerprinted. He felt they were very unprofessional in the way in which they handled that matter.

Mr. Warren had some concerns regarding a car parked in front of Clintonville School every day, in the fire lane with Florida plates.

Mr. Amato had some questions regarding the boilers at Montowese Elementary School and the Middle School with regards to the "Efficiency Ratings". Mr. Gomeau responded that the contractors have not responded to his request regarding the efficiency ratings, and stated that he will call them again and get some answers.

#### 9. Executive Session: (if needed)

#### 10. Adjournment

Moved: to adjourn at 8:35 p.m.

Approved

MOVED: Carole Francescet

SECOND: Deborah Volain

AYE: Unanimous

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

Respectfully submitted,

John Lambert  
Chairman