

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

MINUTES

Date: March 12, 2009

Attendance at this REGULAR Meeting:

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

1. Approval of Minutes of February 12, 2009

Moved: to approve the Minutes February 12, 2009

Approved

MOVED: James Hogan
SECOND: Alicia Clapp
AYE: 8
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

Mr. Stephen DiCapua was not in attendance for this meeting.

2. Budgets:

- 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: Sandra Cummings
SECOND: James Hogan
AYE: Unanimous
NAY:
ABSTAIN:

3. Report of Standing Committees

- a. Finance and Operations

Finance and Operations did not meet this month. Meeting has been rescheduled for Wednesday, March 18, 2009

- b. Personnel

1. Approval of Spring coaches (attached)

Moved: to approve Spring coaches

Approved

MOVED: John Lambert
SECOND: James Hogan
AYE: Unanimous
NAY:
ABSTAIN:

2. Approval of resignation of Carrie Kosienski, Gr. 3
Green Acres Elementary School

Moved: to accept the resignation of Carrie Kosienski, Gr. 3
Green Acres Elementary School

Approved

MOVED: Alicia Clapp
SECOND: Carole Franceschet
AYE: Unanimous
NAY:
ABSTAIN:

Mrs. Donofrio stated that Mrs.Kosienski is a wonderful teacher and that she hopes Mrs. Kosienski enjoys her children

3. Approval of resignation of David Parness, Science teacher
North Haven Middle School

Moved: to accept the resignation of David Parness, Science teacher
North Haven Middle School

Approved

MOVED: John Lambert
SECOND: James Hogan
AYE: Unanimous
NAY:
ABSTAIN:

4. Approval of resignation of Katarina Allen, Special Education,
Ridge Road Elementary School

Moved: to accept resignation of Katarina Allen, Special Education
Ridge Road Elementary School

Approved

MOVED: Suzanne Donofrio
SECOND: Carole Franceschet
AYE: Unanimous
NAY:
ABSTAIN:

5. Non-Renewal of Non-Tenure Positions

Moved: to accept non-renewal of non-tenure positions

Approved

MOVED: John Lambert
SECOND: Carole Franceschet
AYE: Unanimous
NAY:
ABSTAIN:

c. Curriculum, Instruction and Planning

1. Approval of Ridge Road out of State field trip to Sturbridge Village on May 18, 2009

Moved: to accept approval of Ridge Road out of State field trip to Sturbridge Village on May 18, 2009

Approved

MOVED: John Lambert
SECOND: Sandra Cummings
AYE: Unanimous
NAY:
ABSTAIN:

2. Approval of YMCA as before/after school day care provider

Moved: to accept approval of YMCA as before/after school day care provider

Approved

MOVED: Sandra Cummings
SECOND: James Hogan
AYE: Unanimous
NAY:
ABSTAIN:

Mr. Feinberg had questions regarding the daycare and Mrs. Querfeld provided him with a binder from YMCA with all of the specifics.

4. ACES

Mrs. Clapp reported she attended the ACES Meeting and discussed the Wintergreen School, budget, the Thomas Edison Budget, as well as CAMMS and ECA Budget. Mrs. Clapp stated that there are some wrinkles that they are still adjusting. Mrs. Clapp reported some issues with ECA. There was discussion regarding ECA and Magnet Schools and how payment is made to attend said schools.

5. North Haven PTA Council

Mrs. Volain reported that there was no PTA Council meeting in February, but there is one schedule for the end of March. She stated that "Read Across America" took place in all of our elementary schools except Green Acres due to a snow day. Mrs. Volain reported that the HS play Bye Bye Birdie at North Haven High School was a success. She also reported that Paul Mitchell put on a fashion show at the HS last night, March 11, 2009. She stated that the profits for that Fashion show are being split with Project Graduation.

6. School Building Committee

There was no School Building Committee in February

7. Superintendent's Report

a. Enrollment

Mrs. Querfeld reported the following:

- Reminder: April BOE Meeting is April 2, 2009
- Summer Camp Program
- Arts/Athletic Summer Camp here in North Haven – Enrichment Program
- CMT/CAPT – completed and packed up ready to be sent back. Discussion on a proposal for not testing the students every year.
- Boys Basketball State Tournament against Notre Dame of Fairfield – North Haven lost 52-55.
- North Haven Hockey team played Glastonbury this week. North Haven lost
- Girls Sports Banquet is this evening
- Boys Sports Banquet is next Thursday
- Attended Bye Bye Birdie, Mrs. Querfeld stated what a wonderful performance it was wonderful
- Middle School Production of Annie is March 2-28th
- March 22, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. North Haven Bands are playing at Woolsey Hall
- Mrs. Querfeld presented China trip at the North Haven Senior Center
- Art Gallery at the Admin. Building, with thanks to Pat Brozek and Ann Cappetta, Glenn Williams as well as the art teachers and students for their beautiful artwork.
- Ridge Road 4th grade student Hanson Woo will be in the National Geographic State Geography Bee, April 3, 2009 at Central Connecticut State University.
- North Haven High School Math Honor Society, and math teacher Maryann Hardy is hosting a National Pi Day contest on March 13, 2009.
- Police Chief and his commission has made decision, after doing a traffic study, that there is no need for a traffic light at the end of the Middle School Driveway
- Possible partnership with Southern Connecticut State University with regards to Ed. Leadership for North Haven teachers
- On-going partnership with Quinnipiac University. Quinnipiac is willing to offer reduced tuition to North Haven teachers
- Preliminary conversations with our First Selectman and Gateway Community College, trying to forge a partnership with Gateway.

8. Public Comments

Mr. Gary Amato voiced his disappointment in the Police Commission's decision regarding the traffic light at the driveway of the North Haven Middle School.

Jen Ciccarelli wanted to thank the Board for the daycare decision. She stated that it is a great help to working families. She stated this will also improve families home/school communication, having to be in the school twice a day as opposed to dropping/picking students up at an outside daycare.

Mr. Gary Amato had one additional comment with regards to bonds being held with the new building. Mrs. Querfeld notified him that this is a Building Committee question and he could attend the next meeting or call Mr. Prasad to get an answer.

9. Executive Session: (if needed)

10. Adjournment

Moved: to adjourn at 8:25 p.m.

Approved

MOVED: Gerald Feinberg
SECOND: Sandra Cummings
AYE: Unanimous
NAY:
ABSTAIN:

Respectfully submitted,

John Lambert
Chairman