

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

MINUTES

Date: November 13, 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. Mrs. Debbie Battista and a group of other parents approached the Board asking them to consider making a girls lacrosse team at the High School. Mrs. Battista stated that they have 49 girls interest in playing lacrosse and would be willing to help out by coaching, etc as were many other parents willing to help out. Mr. Lambert explained that they would have to make a more detailed proposal to the Board. He also stated the usually before making it a team, they become a club first, as the girls ice hockey players did. He stated that they started out as a club and within the next year or so, became a team. Mrs. Querfeld stated that they needed to meet with her and possibly Mr. Petronio and put together something more detailed, and she would present it to the Board at a later date. The Board was not opposed to this club/team, however details needed to be worked out.

Mr. Lambert made a motion to add this item to this evening's agenda:

Moved: to delegate a meeting with parents and Athletic Director to come up with a plan of action.

Approved

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

1. Approval of Minutes of October 16, 2008

Moved: to approve the Minutes of October 16, 2008

Approved

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

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: Debbie Volain
AYE: Unanimous
NAY:
ABSTAIN:

3. Presentation of the 2007-2008 Strategic School Profiles (SSP) (enc)

Mrs. Querfeld presented the 2007-2008 Strategic School Profiles (SSP)

4. Report of Standing Committees

- a. Finance and Operations

Mr. DiCapua stated that the Finance and Operations committee met this evening. He reported that they were pleased with this year's budget and will be monitoring it closely. Mr. DiCapua reported that the Special Education budget situation is improving and the staff is monitoring that budget as well. Mr. DeCapua stated they reviewed the integration of technology and they are please with the progress made. Mr. DiCapua stated that the audit findings are being discussed at this time.

- b. Personnel

There was no personnel meeting to report on.

1. Approval of Winter Coaches (enc)

Moved: to approve Winter Coaches

Approved

MOVED: Alicia Clapp
SECOND: James Hogan
AYE: Unanimous
NAY:
ABSTAIN:

- c. Curriculum, Instruction and Planning

Mrs. Donofrio reported and Curriculum, Instruction and Planning met on November 3, 2008 and discussed the following

- the implementation of an after school program at Montowese, Green Acres and Ridge Road
- School Improvement Plans
- Ridge Road Fun Days for 4th and 5th graders
- CMP/CAPT/ACT/AP Programs and improving the curriculum
- Special Education/Regular Education inclusion

5. ACES

Mrs. Clapp reported that ACES has a new head of Professional School Improvements. She reported that the Village Street School is having a Holiday Fair. Mrs. Clapp stated that the Little Theater in New Haven is breaking ground.

6. North Haven PTA Council

Mrs. Volain reported that there was not a PTA Council Meeting this month. The next one is scheduled for Monday, November 24, 2008.

7. School Building Committee

There is no Building Committee meeting scheduled to date. Mr. DiCapua reported that the Building Committee is addressing some field drainage issues with regards to some sub-standard grass growth.

8. Superintendent's Report

a. Enrollment

Mrs. Querfeld reported the following:

- School Improvement Plans
- Senior nights at the high school
- Boys Soccer Tournament
- Girls/Boys sports banquets
- High School Drama Club – Arsenic and Old Lace
- Pfizer gave our science department the opportunity for professional development
- Sean Laydon received a \$500.00 grant for science instruction from Melcon Services
- Linda Cahill won Technology grant 2nd year in a row giving teachers 8 days of hands on training at Green Acres
- Teacher of the Year being recognized at Central Connecticut State University
- Attended Veterans Luncheon at Montowese Elementary School

9. Public Comments

Mr. Amato inquired about the three air units being on warranty. Mr. Gomeau reported that the first one has been fixed, and Honeywell Johnson is fixing the second on a no cost. Mr. Gomeau stated that he is trying to get reimbursement for the repair of the first one. Mr. Amato had questions regarding the Building Committee and it was suggested to him by Mr. Lambert to attend the Building Committee Meeting to get answers to those questions. A date has not been set for the next Building Committee Meeting. It was suggested to Mr. Amato to call the superintendent's office and find out when the next meeting will be.

Mr. Amato also inquired if there were any clinics or seminars being held at the schools regarding the economy to enlighten the students so they can understand what the Governor is talking about with regards to the State's deficit. Mrs. Clapp stated that she is aware that the high school civics classes are discussing this matter with the students.

10. Executive Session: for matters of personnel

Moved: to move into Executive Session for matters of Personnel at 8:40 p.m. Approved

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

10:10 p.m. Mr. Lambert called Board back into session, with the exception of Alicia Clapp, who was absent from this point on.

Mr. Lambert asked for a motion to add Ratification of the Nurses Contract to this Agenda

Moved: to add the Ratification of the Nurses contract to this Agenda. Approved

MOVED: Sandra Cummings
SECOND: James Hogan
AYE: 8
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN:

Mrs. Clapp was absent

Moved: to approve the Ratification of the Nurses contract, retroactive July 1, 2008 Approved

MOVED: James Hogan
SECOND: Carole Franceschett
AYE: 8
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN:

Moved: to approve 3.5% salary increase, retroactive July 1, 2008 for Mr. Edward Gomeau, Business and Operations Manager and increase his annuity to \$7,500.00. Approved

MOVED: James Hogan
SECOND: Carol Franceschett
AYE: 8
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN:

Moved: to approve 3.5% salary increase for Mary Van Deun, retroactive July 1, 2008 Approved

MOVED: James Hogan
SECOND: Carol Franceschett
AYE: 7
NAY: 1
ABSTAIN:

Mr. Lambert stated that the Board had completed Mrs. Querfeld's annual evaluation and that Mrs. Querfeld exceeded the expectations of the Board of Education.

Moved: to give Mrs. Querfeld a 3.5% raise in salary retroactive, July 2, 2008 Approved

MOVED: John Lambert
SECOND: James Hogan
AYE: 8
NAY:
ABSTAIN:

10. Adjournment

Moved: to adjourn at 10:15 p.m. Approved

MOVED: Sandra Cummings
SECOND: James Hogan
AYE: 8
NAY:
ABSTAIN:

Respectfully submitted,

John Lambert
Chairman