

REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
NEW HAVEN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
February 26, 2018

Board Members Present: Mrs. Walker Mrs. Bonkowski Mrs. Patton Mrs. Simon Mr. Osterholm Mrs. France Mr. Packer

Board Members Absent: Mrs. Walker Mrs. Bonkowski Mrs. Patton Mrs. Simon Mr. Osterholm Mrs. France Mr. Packer
(With Notice)

Administration Present: Robinson Timmerman McCabe Barr Lenhardt Guinn Kincaid
 Dobbs

Legal Counsel Present:

Guests: 4

Call to Order: President Mrs. Walker called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the board room at the Administration Building.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Board said the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present: Mrs. Walker Mrs. Bonkowski Mrs. Patton Mrs. Simon Mr. Osterholm Mrs. France Mr. Packer
(with notice) Absent: Mrs. Walker Mrs. Bonkowski Mrs. Patton Mrs. Simon Mr. Osterholm Mrs. France Mr. Packer

Acceptance of Agenda: Motion by Mrs. Bonkowski, Second by Mr. Osterholm to accept the Agenda
Motion Carried: Unanimous

Public Participation: No public participation.

Approval of Consent Agenda: Motion by Mrs. France, Second by Mrs. Patton, that the Board approves the following consent agenda items.

1. Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 12, 2018
2. Approval of Expenditures for January 2018, of \$307,772.83
3. Approval of Purchasing Card Expense Report for 12/27/17 – 1/26/18

Motion Carried: Unanimous

Communications: Mrs. Patton informed the board that a presentation regarding county services, programs and budget review on March 26, 2018 – 6:30 p.m. at the Macomb Intermediate School District. We need to RSVP with the name of the delegate who will be attending. Mrs. Walker will attend this meeting.

Report of the Superintendent for Information:

- 1) **Report 121, GSRP Report .** Mr. Robinson informed the board that the district was given the opportunity to expand our GSRP program. Mrs. Raska-Dolan will update the Board of Education on how this opportunity has been implemented this year and what it will mean in the future. Currently GSRP is funded for 16 part day students. In late January, Kelly Adamek from the MISD, asked if New Haven was interested in additional funding for GSRP, by turning the morning tuition program into a GSRP classroom or expanding the current GSRP into all day. After conversations with Kelly and Joanne Elkin, also from the MISD and Todd Robinson, the additional 16 slots were accepted. The morning tuition class was turned into a GSRP class. The parents now either have minimal or zero tuition, based upon the family income level. The additional slots and funding will stay with New Haven Schools next year. A decision will be made after listening to needs and wants of parents to develop one 16 student full day program or two part classes for a total of 32 students (16 in each). A question was asked regarding minimal amount to run a class, usually funding is for 16, but if slots cannot be filled, then they are returned to the MISD/MDE. Mrs. Walker offered support if needed for any future planning
- 2) **Report 122, Rocket Boost Scholarship.** The Superintendent has been working with Mr. Timmerman, NHHS Principal to designing a scholarship proposal to add additional incentive for our juniors at NHHS to perform their best on state assessments. Mr. Timmerman will be in attendance to present this proposal to the board and the financial parameters per the attached report that could support this upon approval. This will be presented in the March meeting if possible for approval. The Board asked a few questions regarding how the plan works as in the secondary program. Mr. Timmerman addressed this as the student must graduate from New Haven High School and what the plan is for the student to better themselves. This year the money would come from internal accounts of past classes of 10 years of age and also accounts that are no longer being used. If the board approves this in March we will start for the current Juniors.
- 3) **Report 123, Athletic Update.** Mr. Robinson will update the board with the follow-up and response to concerns with the recent basketball game at Port Huron Northern. Also a discussion will take place regarding planning for the upcoming home basketball contests (Flint Beecher and MHSSA Regionals. New Haven was asked to host the regionals and we have accepted.
- 4) **Report 124, Committee Meeting.** Mr. Robinson will open up discussion if anyone from the committees has anything to share out to the entire board. Mr. Osterholm advised the board that on February 22, 2018 the Building and Site Committee had a meeting to discuss the election campaign. The board originally had suggested going out in August to the voters in a special election. It has been suggested instead of going out in August that it would be best to proactively plan through a campaign and go to voters May, 2019. The district will actively be encouraging the message of transformation. A conversation will need to take place on needed and and/or favorable projects, redesigning instructional spaces for STEM and Collaborative learning as well as curriculum. Mr. Robinson will work with staff to start a project list and bring that to the board.
- 5) **Report 125, Enrollment Update.** The Superintendent will update the Board of Education on recent activity that pertains to district enrollment: Preliminary February count day numbers and attendance at the recent "Kindergarten Roundup" events. Mr. Robinson provided the board an updated count comparison from Fall to Spring as stated in the attached report.

6) **Report 126, Finance Update – Business Office Report.** Mr. Lenhardt provided the board the budget per the attached statement. He explained some of the reasons for the changes on the current budget statement is because the state formula changes, which changes the budget. An item such as this is not known when creating a budget unlike salaries and health benefits. Mr. Robinson and Mr. Lenhardt are in the process of scheduling the meeting that was cancelled last month with Lanse Creuse to discuss the shared service agreement.

Unfinished Business: Mr. Packer discussed with the board and Superintendent about the communications that went out this week to the parents regarding the safety concerns. Is there a standard response we can give to let the parents know that their student is safe and the school is handling the situation. Mr. Robinson said we do not have this standard response and agrees that having some form of generic statement for the parents that do call or come to the school would be best. Mr. Robinson also said that the Superintendents will be attending a safety meeting on Thursday morning to discuss actions that can be done, such as pre-planning with pre-recorded School Messenger recordings. One of the biggest issues is that we have so many parents/guardians that do not engage in the school messenger. This is our main way to communicate important information to parents. Mr. Robinson cannot stress enough how important it is to have staff and parents on this system. The 8th grade walk through is this week and there has a great amount of positive feedback. Mr. Osterholm brought up that the board has had past conversations regarding curriculum. One of the items he was asking if we have looked into offering an update to our health class to include mental health issues and stability for our students.

Adjournment: Motion by Mrs. Patton, second by Mr. Osterholm , to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 pm

Respectfully submitted



Regina Mrs. Patton, Secretary
New Haven Board of Education