

REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
NEW HAVEN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
March 13, 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: 9

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: None at this time.

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

1. Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 26, 2018

Motion Carried: Unanimous

Communications: Mrs. Patton MCSBA Dinner at Chippewa Valley Schools, Dakota High School Construction, March 27, 2018 at 6:00 pm. Mrs. Walker and Mrs. Bonkowski will attend, Mrs. Simon is unable to. Other board members will let Ms. Ratajczyk know if they are able to attend.

Presentation: Mr. McCabe presented to the board on the official spring count number for NHE. NHE has enrolled four more students from the previous count. Since count was done NHE has enrolled an additional 5 students. He also informed the board that they have had far fewer referrals to the office. NHE is also doing an afterschool reading program which is grant funded. Mr. McCabe said they will also do a literacy based summer program. NHE is offering several afterschool clubs, Newspaper Club, which is being run by Mrs. Duffy and Girls on the Run, run by Ms. Seranian; Mrs. Walker suggested both

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groups contact the boosters, and NHEF to see if the girls can get funded for this group and also help with the Newspaper club. Mrs. Bonkowski suggested that Mrs. Duffy try to get Endeavour Elementary involved in the Newspaper Club as well.

Report of the Superintendent for Information:

- 1) **Report 127, Personnel Update.** Mr. Robinson informed the board that Kelly See, Special education Paraprofessional at Endeavour Middle School has been hired and will begin on March 19, 2018.
- 2) **Report 128, Business Office Update.** We will be going out for Custodial RFP. Opened up conversation with Richmond on the potential of going out for a shared custodial company bid for both our schools as one bid. Ask each company to do separately and also together with Richmond. Richmond does not have a maintenance person as we do from enviro-clean. 2) Chartwells Contract Mr. Lenhardt and Ms. Wheeler have had several conversations with Chartwells to improve how food service program is working. Ms. Gottler will have an office at the administration building, which will allow for easier review of the program. NHCS will put out a bid for snow for next season. 3) Business Office Staffing- Lead Accountant Position – is a consideration of a person to hire that will allow us to bring most all of our shared services back to our district.
- 3) **Report 129, Adequacy Study Presentation.** Mr. Robinson presented to the board the School Finance Adequacy Study. He provided the board the entire report previous to the board meeting and a fact sheet at the meeting. The board and Mr. Robinson had a conversation regarding this study. The board would like to see large groups of people supporting the Finance Adequacy Study.
- 4) **Report 130, Programming and Staffing 2018-2019.** Superintendent Robinson shared with the Board of Education potential programming and staffing changes that are being considered for the 2018-19 school year. As the preliminary budget for next year is beginning there are some possible changes in staffing that will require future action of the Board of Education. Additionally, the district is considering some programming changes that will improve student learning. Mr. Robinson spoke with the board about our enrollment forecast and that NHCS would budget about the same amount of money for the next school year with reductions to other areas and the increase of what the state is giving per student. Mr. Robinson informed the board that we will have to look at the two hour block of English at the middle school. The district would need to look at the scores in the past three years to validate that having this two hour block has helped the students. Mrs. Walker commented that were benchmarks set that to show the efficiency and effectiveness of instituting both reading and writing hours and were adjustments made to change the program if it was not working. Mr. Robinson commented to speak in defense of the program is a turnover in staff. Our ELA program is not the same as it was. The turnover has not been bad in nature, just a turnover. Mrs. Walker commented that we really do not have solid evidence either way. Ultimately, it will be the board's decision. Mr. Robinson also said that unfortunately he does not think we can continue to afford it. The question was asked of what would happen if we did not have the two hour block. Mr. Robinson said the kids would actually be getting more minutes of instruction in a 6 hour day across all their classes but this would be a reduction in ELA time. The board asked if there is something else that could be eliminated. Mr. Robinson there is nothing else that could be eliminated and reminded them that this was the next reduction on the list last year but we were able to avoid having to make that decision. This will be brought back to the board in an upcoming board meeting.

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- 5) **Report 131, Special Meeting – March 19, 2018** Mr. Robinson updated the board on plans for the special meeting on Monday, March 19th. Documents are loaded in the drive for the board to review and there is a fillable PDF if the board would like to work on the evaluation prior to the meeting.

Reports of the Superintendent for Action:

- 6) **Report 132, Trimester Grading Periods (K-8) 2018-2019.** Motion by Mrs. Bonkowski, Second by Mrs. France to approve New Haven Community Schools move trimester grading periods in grades K-8 beginning with the 2018-19 school year.
- 7) **Report 133, Employee Leave Request** Motion by Mrs. Bonkowski, Second by Mr. Osterholm to approve the extension of the current unpaid childcare leave for the NHEA employee listed in this report for one year through the end of the 2018-19 school year
- 8) **Report 134, Rocket Boost Scholarship NHHS.** Motion by Mrs. France, Second by Mrs. Bonkowski to approve the Rocket Boost Scholarship Program for NHHS to be implemented with this year's Junior Class as an incentive to boost state assessment performance. Mrs. Bonkowski asked that the budget and finance committee get together to discuss the accounts that will be used as these accounts are being depleted and she is not confident that the funds are in the accounts. Mrs. Bonkowski is also concerned on how we are going to disburse the funds. The general fund cannot write checks to pay the students. Mr. Robinson commented that the money (gift card) would go directly to the student and not the institution and this would come from internal accounts from past classes and internal accounts that are no longer being used for any program. Mrs. Bonkowski said we should not pass this item if the board is not confident that the program will be able to be funded. Mrs. Walker raised concern that NHCS would not be able to afford this in the future. Mr. Osterholm is concerned that students should not receive the scholarship if they are not attending a school or trade, etc. The other board members commented that this not the idea of the scholarship. The scholarship is an incentive for students to test better.

Mr. Robinson would be fine if the board does not pass this action item at this board meeting. This would allow the board to get more information and review how the scholarship program will work. Mrs. Walker suggested that the Budget and Finance Committee meet prior to the end of the year to discuss the scholarship program and implement a plan for the program. Mr. Robinson said that he can do more homework and bring this back to the board on March 26th Regular Board Meeting. The question came up as to accuracy of the amount in the accounts that would be funding this. Mr. Robinson a meeting will need to be held with the business department to verify accounts. The internal accounts which were previously discussed in depleting were the 2010 and earlier class accounts, and other internal accounts that are no longer funding any other program Budget and Finance will discuss at their meeting which accounts would be depleted in the future (Internal Class Accounts – when the funds are not used for the class)

Mrs. France and Mrs. Bonkowski rescind their motion to approve the Rocket Boost Scholarship Program for NHHS to be implemented with this year's Junior Class as an incentive to boost state assessment performance.

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Mrs. Bonkowski motioned table action 134, Mr. Osterholm seconded the motion.

Unfinished Business: Mrs. Bonkowski asked about patching the parking lots and when that would be done. Mr. Robinson said that he has plans to meet with Scott to go around to all the buildings and see what and how much needs to be patched. Mrs. Bonkowski also wanted to let Mr. McCabe and the board members know that the boy scouts will be working on the path between the elementary and high school. Mrs. Bonkowski also wanted to talk about the game Monday night. One issue was the walk for the senior community. Possibly if we have an event like this a senior drop off and some chairs for the individuals to sit in. Need to make an entrance for disabled/handicapped individuals. Mrs. Bonkowski also suggested to be more stringent with the guest list and rules. There should be no preferential treatment for any student, parent, community member or staff. Mr. Osterholm commented on barricades and more spots for handicap parking.

Adjournment: Motion by Mr. Osterholm , second by Mrs. Patton , to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Regina Patton". The signature is enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.

Regina Mrs. Patton, Secretary
New Haven Board of Education