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

MINUTES

Date: April 12, 2007

Attendance at this REGULAR Meeting: John Lambert, Kathy Rocklin, Sandra Cummings, Anthony DeChello, Stephen DiCapua, Suzanne Donofrio, James Hogan, Joseph Nuzzo, and Sara-Jane R. Querfeld, Superintendent of Schools.

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

1. Approval of Minutes, March 8, 2007

Moved: to approve minutes of March 8, 2007

Approved

MOTION: James Hogan
SECOND: Suzanne Donofrio
AYE: 7
NAY:
ABSTAIN: Kathy Rocklin

2. Budgets:

- a. 2006-2007 Budget
- b. State and Federal Funds
- c. Extra-Curricular Activities

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

Approved

MOTION: Anthony DeChello
SECOND: Sandra Cummings
AYE: Unanimous
NAY:

3. Report of Standing Committees

- a. Finance and Operations

The committee did not meet this month. Mr. DiCapua said there would be a report next month.

b. Personnel

1. Request, Roselyn Marino, 1-year Leave of Absence (enc)

Moved: to approve 1-year leave of absence request for Roselyn Marino
Approved

MOTION: John Lambert
SECOND: James Hogan
AYE: Unanimous
NAY:

2. Approve Resignation of Stephanie Nash, English, H.S. (enc.)

Mr. Nuzzo responded that Stephanie was an asset while in our school system.
Moved: to approve the resignation of Stephanie Nash with regret
Approved

MOTION: Kathy Rocklin
SECOND: Sandra Cummings
AYE: Unanimous
NAY:

3. Approve Resignation of John Crist, Director of Business
and Operations (enc.)

Moved: to accept the resignation of John Crist with profound regret
Approved

MOTION: John Lambert
SECOND: Sandra Cummings
AYE: Unanimous
NAY:

4. Approve Hiring of Edward Gomeau, Director of Business
and Operations (enc.)

Moved: to approve the hiring of Edward Gomeau as Director of Business
and Operations
Approved

MOTION: James Hogan
SECOND: Kathy Rocklin
AYE: Unanimous
NAY:

5. Approve Hiring of Barbara Brozek, ESL Teacher

Moved: to approve hiring Barbara Brozek as the ESL teacher

Approved

MOTION: Kathy Rocklin

SECOND: James Hogan

AYE: Unanimous

NAY:

6. Non-Renewal of Non-Tenure Positions

Mrs. Querfeld explained that these positions were long-term substitutes. Mrs. Querfeld has met with each of the teachers involved. Mr. Nuzzo asked how many positions there were. Mrs. Querfeld responded six or seven.

Moved: to approve the non-renewal of non-tenured positions

Approved

MOTION: Sandra Cummings

SECOND: Kathy Rocklin

AYE: Unanimous

NAY:

c. Curriculum, Instruction and Planning

1. Approve Out-of-State Field Trips (enc.)

Mrs. Rocklin reported on each request.

a. High School Concert Choir, New York

Moved: to approve high school concert choir going to New York

Approved

MOTION: Anthony DeChello

SECOND: James Hogan

AYE: Unanimous

NAY:

Moved: to approve Nature's Classroom for Clintonville Elementary

Approved

MOTION: Anthony DeChello

SECOND: Sandra Cummings

AYE: Unanimous
NAY:

- d. ACES – no report
- e. North Haven PTA Council

Mrs. Donofrio reported that the council met on March 26, 2007. Mrs. Donofrio said the CMT's are completed. Book fairs and talent shows are in place. Discussion also took place regarding the budget and getting the word out regarding the referendum in May. The council will meet again at the end of May.

- f. School Building Committee

Mr. DiCapua reported the committee had met and is moving forward on the renovations to the stands at the football field, a requirement from the State. The fencing is all in and it is anticipated the field will be ready for use by this time next year or before.

Mr. Hogan asked if it included the handicapped access to the press box. Mr. DiCapua said yes it did include the elevator to the press box.

4. Superintendent's Report

North Haven has been awarded an on-line writing grant which will provide our high school with a mobile laptop cart and 30 laptop computers for students to use for their writing. The web based instruction in writing will be used with the remedial and lower level students. North Haven is doing research for the State on how helpful this program is. The laptops and cart will belong to North Haven, and it is anticipated there will be a yearly fee for the web based service. Sue Bass, Language Arts Coordinator and Terrance Norko, the I.T. person are responsible for getting the grant.

Students in grades seven and eight participated in the 2007 National French Contest. Samantha Edelman, Emma Lily Seriopian, Randa Houwari, Margaret Lincoln, Jungmin Park, and Alexandra Iezzi were among the top ranked students.

Art Award recipients are Nick Balzano, who received a 5th place prize for his painting from the Southern Connecticut Student Art Exhibit held on March 5-9 at the Creative Arts Workshop in New Haven; and Arthur Notaro who was chosen by the Art Department for the CAS student artist awards banquet which will be held at Aqua Turf in April.

Mrs. Querfeld reported on the Press Release for the Future Problem Solvers. Freshmen Eric Kim, John King, Tess McKeon, Rachel Yen received first place middle division team competition. Senior Kelly Shea received first place individual competition senior division. Antea DeMarsilis, grade 8, received first place competition middle division. Junior Michael Rose received first place senior division scenario writing. Meg Lincoln,

grade 8, received first place middle division scenario writing. Seventh grade students, known as "SNACKS", received first place middle division community problem solving. Students in this group are Joseph Cristofano, Andrew Proto, John Liquori, Maria DiBioso, Marissa Volpe, Kenny Broccoli and Joseph Burr. For a complete listing of all students receiving awards, please see enclosure.

Mrs. Querfeld reported that Cynthia Dubea the Dean of Education at Quinnipiac University, has invited the Superintendent to be on the Advisory Board.

Mrs. Querfeld shared her itinerary for the China trip.

The North Haven Drama Cooperative will present "Fiddler on the Roof," April 26-28. If members would like tickets, they need to let Mary Ann Cecarelli know this in the near future.

Mrs. Querfeld reported that the NEASC evaluation went well. Mrs. Querfeld summarized the committee's exiting comments. The committee complimented North Haven on a magnificent facility, and commended North Haven for a wonderful administration, which had a well run building, and where administrators are highly respected. Teaching staff were commended for being kind, caring and extremely professional. Students were commended for being the most courteous, thoughtful, kind and helpful students they had ever met. In addition, the committee thought our students are very intelligent. The committee did say that North Haven needs to increase their professional development, and were pleased that North Haven is working on the K-12 curriculum, Understanding by Design.

5. Public Comments - none

6. Executive Session - none

7. Adjournment

Moved: to adjourn at 7:43 p.m.

MOTION: Kathy Rocklin
SECOND: Sandra Cummings
AYE: Unanimous
NAY:

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Cummings
Secretary