

**NORTH BRANFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
JANUARY 19, 2012 MEETING**

The North Branford Board of Education meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of Stanley T. Williams Elementary School on Thursday, January 19, 2012. The following members attended:

<b>BOARD CHAIR:</b>	<b>MARCEY ONOFRIO</b>
<b>BOARD SECRETARY:</b>	<b>DAVID MCMAHON</b>
<b>BOARD MEMBERS:</b>	<b>EDWARD CORRADINO</b>
	<b>LOU PATERNOSTER</b>

Members absent:

<b>BOARD VICE-CHAIR:</b>	<b>SHANNON MISCIO</b>
<b>BOARD MEMBER:</b>	<b>ANTHONY FERRAIOLO</b>

<b>SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS:</b>	<b>SCOTT SCHOONMAKER</b>
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**I. Visitors**

Director of Business/ Personnel:	Donald Winnicki
Director of Curriculum / Instruction:	Sara Querfeld
Director of Special Services:	Suzanne Wright
Principals/Assistant Principals:	Todd Stoeffler, NBHS
	Alan Davis, NBIS
	Shawn Parkhurst, JHS
	Kris Lindsay, TVES
	Carter Welch, NBHS
	Christine Imperato, NBIS

Mayor Anthony Candelora  
Rose Angeloni  
J.T.Tenczar  
T.J. McMahan  
Ryan Dombrowski  
Rachel Robertson  
Susan Misur – NH Register  
Cliff Potter  
Dolly Potter

**II. Student Representative -**

North Branford High School student representatives, Rachel Robertson and Ryan Dombrowski, reported on the following:

**NBHS Alumni Breakfast** – On January 10, 2012 the annual NBHS Alumni Breakfast took place with over 40 graduates returning. Six graduates participated in a panel discussion for the junior class during an assembly. The senior year of high school and the transition strategies into college were the focus of the program.

**Midterm Exams** -Midterm exams began yesterday and will continue through Monday, January 23, 2012. Students received the exam schedule and preparation tips during Advisory on January 6, 2012. During Advisory, juniors also prepared questions to ask past students at the Alumni Assembly which was held on January 12, 2012.

**Natureworks** -Natureworks, a nursery in Northford, donated 200 purple and white tulip bulbs to NBHS. Students completed planting in the NBHS Courtyard and in front of the school during some of the warmer winter days this season.

**Unified Sports** – On Thursday, January 5, 2012, five NBHS students and Coach Artaiz attended the unified Sports youth Action Leadership Summit, which was held at Wesleyan University. Workshops focused on acceptance, leadership skill development, and promoting awareness at the participants’ schools.

**Athletics** – On Sunday, January 8, 2012, the NBHS Boys’ Soccer team held their banquet at Woodwinds in Branford and the NBHS Football team held their banquet the following Sunday at Anthony’s in New Haven. Both events were a success and included reflection by the departing seniors and a look ahead for the future. The NBHS Girls’ Soccer team banquet is scheduled for Sunday, February 12, 2012. Boys basketball record is 3-6; Girls basketball record is 2-9; Boys hockey is 6-3; and the Indoor Track team has Shorelines in 2 weeks, with numerous athletes qualifying for both the Shoreline and States meet.

**Semi-formal and Project Graduation** – The high school semi-formal dance, hosted by the student council, is to be held on Friday, February 10, 2012. The Jam for Project Graduation is scheduled for Friday, February 17, 2012.

**III. Approval of Previous Minutes**

a. December 15, 2011 Regular Meeting

The Superintendent submitted to the Board minutes of the December 15, 2011 Board of Education meeting.

**Motion:** Moved by Secretary McMahon and seconded by Ed Corradino to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2011 Board of Education meeting as submitted.

<b>CHAIRWOMAN ONOFIO:</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>SECRETARY MCMAHON</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>EDWARD CORRADINO:</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>LOU PATERNOSTER:</b>	<b>AYE</b>

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**IV. Personnel**

a. Resignations

The Superintendent has received a retirement resignation from Mrs. Betty LaPointe, Language Arts Consultant at Jerome Harrison School effective at the end of the 2011/2012 school year. Mrs. LaPointe has been employed by the North Branford Public Schools for the past 12 years. We thank Mrs. LaPointe for her dedicated service to the children of North Branford.

**MOTION:** Moved by Secretary McMahon and seconded by Edward Corradino to approve the retirement resignation of Mrs. Betty LaPointe, Language Arts Consultant at Jerome Harrison School effective at the end of the 2011/2012 school year.

<b>CHAIRWOMAN ONOFIO:</b>	<b>AYE</b>
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b. Appointments - None at this time.

c. Leaves – None at this time.

**V. Superintendent’s Report**

a. Recognition-Superintendent Schoonmaker recognized Mrs. Betty LaPointe, Language Arts Consultant at Jerome Harrison School for her service to the school.

b. Donations – None at this time.

c. Communications

The Board of Education reviewed briefs from each school for the month of January 2012, with Mr. Parker speaking regarding activities at Jerome Harrison School and the Lexia program.

The Superintendent shared with the Board a copy of an email from Evergreen Woods sent to Michael Carnaroli, music teacher and select chorus director, and Stephanie Byrd, English teacher and Student Council Advisor, at North Branford High School.

d. Open Choice

The Superintendent provided the Board an update on its commitment to Open Choice. Further explaining that Open Choice is a major component of our ability to provide diversity within our schools. This is required by State law. The Superintendent provided a chart which details the 22 seats which are currently part of the program (26 seats approved) by grade level. Nineteen of the 26 seats will be filled by returning students. As part of our commitment that once a student begins in Open Choice, they are allowed to continue. This will leave 7 vacancies for the 2012/2013 school year. The Superintendent recommended continuation of the commitment as in the past – 26 seats with the grade distribution as described in the referenced chart.

**MOTION:** Moved by Secretary McMahon and seconded by Edward Corradino to endorse Open Choice for the 2012/2013 school year with its continuation of 26 seats.

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e. Workers Compensation

The Superintendent provided the Board with an update on workers compensation expenditures over the last 30 months.

f. Proposed 2013 Board of Education Meeting Dates

The Superintendent is providing proposed 2013 Board of Education Meeting dates for Board action. Please note that this calendar is based on the 2012-2013 proposed district calendar included in Committee Reports.

**MOTION:** Secretary McMahon moved and Edward Corradino seconded to approve the 2013 Board of Education Meeting Dates as submitted.

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g. Superintendent's Budget Request

The Superintendent will present his budget request for the 2012/2013 school year to the Board of Education.

Tonight's presentation will be an overview of the total request including the major assumptions used in the development of the budget. The Board will receive copies of the entire budget request at the meeting. The Board will have the opportunity over the next few weeks to review this information. The following dates have been developed for additional presentations and information.

January 25, 2012 Special Meeting/Budget Workshop 7 p.m. – STW

February 2, 2012 Special Meeting/Budget Workshop 7 p.m. – STW

## **VI. Committee Reports**

The Superintendent has attached a list of Board of Education Committee Assignments for all Permanent Committees.

**MOTION:** Secretary McMahon moved and Edward Corradino seconded to approve the Board of Education Committee Assignments as submitted.

<b>CHAIRWOMAN ONOFIO:</b>	<b>AYE</b>
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<b>ED CORRADINO:</b>	<b>AYE</b>
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- a. Negotiations – None.
- b. Budget

Director of Personnel and Business, Don Winnicki, provided the Board with a copy of the December 31 financial statement for Board review. Don Winnicki reviewed a power point presentation with the Board, reviewing each section.

Don asked that anyone with questions get them to him before the budget workshop.

Superintendent Schoonmaker briefly discussed moving toward a full day kindergarten.

- c. Operations – Secretary McMahon stated that there is a walk-thru scheduled to take place on January 28, 2012 at 10:00am..
- d. Curriculum – Lou Paternoster attended a recent meeting and stated that it was very enlightening and stressed how parents need to be aware of how aggressive the early age programs need to be.
- e. Pension – No meeting was held. A meeting is scheduled to take place in early February
- f. Policy - The Superintendent provided the Board with the following policies for first reading:

Policy #P1005 – Non-Discrimination – Students

Policy #P1010 – Policy Regarding Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973

Policy #P1015 – Sex Discrimination and Sexual Harassment – Students  
Policy #P1285 – Student Privacy  
Policy #P2210 – Non-Discrimination – Personnel  
Policy#P2220–Non-discrimination – Compliance with Section 504 of the  
Rehabilitation  
Act of 1973.

The Superintendent provides the Board with the following policies for second reading  
and approval:

Policy #P9052 Official Duties – Secretary  
Policy # P9081 Time, Place and Notice of Meetings  
Policy #P9160 Minutes  
Policy #P9200 Formulation, Adoption, Amendment and Deletion of Board Policy  
Policy # P3076 IDEA Alternative Assessments for Students with Disabilities for  
Statewide and District-Wide Assessments

Policy# P7291 IDEA Fiscal Compliance

**MOTION:** Secretary McMahon moved and Edward Corradino seconded to approve Policy #P9052 Official  
Duties – Secretary as submitted.

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**MOTION:** Secretary McMahon moved and Edward Corradino seconded to approve Policy # P9081 Time, Place  
and Notice of Meetings as submitted.

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**MOTION:** Secretary McMahon moved and Edward Corradino seconded to approve Policy #P9110 Meeting  
Conduct as submitted.

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**MOTION:** Secretary McMahon moved and Edward Corradino seconded to approve Policy #P9160 Minutes as submitted.

**CHAIRWOMAN ONOFIO: AYE**  
**SECRETARY MCMAHON AYE**  
**EDWARD CORRADINO: AYE**  
**LOU PATERNOSTER: AYE**

**MOTION PASSES 4-0**

**MOTION:** Secretary McMahon moved and Edward Corradino seconded to approve Policy #P9200 Formulation, Adoption, Amendment and Deletion of Board Policy as submitted.

**CHAIRWOMAN ONOFIO: AYE**  
**SECRETARY MCMAHON AYE**  
**EDWARD CORRADINO: AYE**  
**LOU PATERNOSTER: AYE**

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**MOTION:** Secretary McMahon moved and Edward Corradino seconded to approve Policy # P3076 IDEA Alternative Assessments for Students with Disabilities for Statewide and District-Wide Assessments as submitted.

**CHAIRWOMAN ONOFIO: AYE**  
**SECRETARY MCMAHON AYE**  
**EDWARD CORRADINO: AYE**  
**LOU PATERNOSTER: AYE**

**MOTION PASSES 4-0**

**MOTION:** Secretary McMahon moved and Edward Corradino seconded to approve Policy# P7291 IDEA Fiscal Compliance as submitted.

**CHAIRWOMAN ONOFIO: AYE**  
**SECRETARY MCMAHON: AYE**  
**EDWARD CORRADINO: AYE**  
**LOU PATERNOSTER: AYE**

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Secretary McMahon reported that they have been through first reads, second reads, and mandates for policy changes/revisions and thanked Don Winnicki for his hard work, adding that he brings a lot of history to the meetings. Superintendent Schoonmaker reiterated that they have done a nice job moving the policies forward in a timely manner.

## **VII. Adjournment**

**MOTION:** Moved by Secretary McMahon and seconded by Edward Corradino to adjourn this Board of Education special meeting at 6:42 p.m.

**ALL VOTED AYE**

Respectfully Submitted,

Meaghan T. Campbell  
Account Clerk