

**NORTH BRANFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
May 19, 2005**

The North Branford Board of Education met on Thursday, May 19, 2005 at North Branford High School in the cafeteria. The meeting was called to order at 5:38 p.m. and the following members attended:

Board Chair:	Ron Haskins
Board Vice-Chair:	Cheryl Smith
Board Secretary:	Amy Sochocki-Norton
Board Members:	Lawrence Casey Lisa Gagliardi
Superintendent of Schools:	Dr. Robert K. Wolfe
Absent:	Bruce Wentworth

MOTION: Moved by Lawrence Casey and seconded by Cheryl Smith to adjourn to executive session as per Section 1-225 of the Connecticut General Statutes as permitted by Section 1-200 (6) (a,b&c) of the Connecticut General Statutes to discuss personnel and safety issues.

**ALL VOTED AYE
MOTION PASSED 5-0**

Also attending executive session were Director of Business/Personnel, Donald Winnicki and Attorney, Marsha Moses.

MOTION: Moved by Lawrence Casey and seconded by Cheryl Smith to reconvene to public session at 6:55 p.m.

**ALL VOTED AYE
MOTION PASSED 5-0**

I. Visitors

Director of Curriculum/Instruction:	Joan Follo
Director of Special Services:	Suzanne Wright
Principals:	Dr. David Perry, NBHS Alan Davis, NBIS Dr. Karen Johnson, STW

Todd Stoeffler

Christine Imperato

Lynn Lanzoni

Cathy Acquarulo

Marilyn Mesner

Claudia Faughnan
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Nikki Shea
Tiffanie Witkowsky
Lisa Johnson
Craig Creller
Heather Meyers
Katie Anderson
Valerie Mirabella
Marilyn Modzelewski
Bruce Robertson
Sherry DelGaudio
Sheila Roberti
Marianne Smith
Jaime DeFelice
Barb Viglione
Richard Simons
Emilio Marotta
Darcy Smith
Deborah Albino
Janice DeAngelo
Linda Girard
Tom Comcowich
Grace Polivka

Liz Nuzzo
Jennifer Daddio
Kelly Golia
Lori Bogue
Cathleen Rogers
Karen Scheiber
Dana Baker
Adrienne Schabel
Cheryl Robertson
Joanne Quinto
Sophie Sweeney
Debbie Stone
Patricia Cardoza
Victoria Lally
Desiree MacDonald
Deborah Welton
Lisa Flannery
Dianne Vumback
Kate Fleming
Kristine White
Pat Fisher

Nancy Keinz
Denise Candelora
Patti Darragh
Jack Meyers
Catherine Verez
Lisa Comcowich
Len Fasano
Mary Rusconi
Laura Anastasio
Betty LaPointe
Dolina Potter
Mary Ellen Barrett
Grace Polivka
David McMahon
Diane Marotta
Mary Ellen DiLella
Flo Pimer
Lisa Albert
Susan Pisani
Vincent Candelora
Kimberly Pacelli

Dr. Wolfe congratulated the winners of the NBIS Second Annual Poetry Jam. Julie Perry, library-media specialist and Grace Polivka, language arts teacher, coordinated the event. Fifty-three students participated in this event at NBIS and some of the winners attended tonight's Board meeting to perform their selection:

Coleen Harrison, Sara Robertson and Tammy Rusconi read Wham! It's Poetry Jam by Sara Holbrook.

Mathew Cove read Just Imagine by Shel Silverstein.

Greg Scheiber read Hamlet's Soliloquy by William Shakespeare.

Elena Ding and Ashley Perrone read I'm Great by Guy Gilchrist.

Bri Bogue and Chelsea Meyers read If I Were in Charge of the World by Judith Biorst

Amy Sochocki-Norton remarked on the poise and confidence of the students and thanked

them for a fabulous performance.

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Craig Creller, member of the Grievance Committee NBFT, asked if he could read a letter from the staff of the Stanley T. Williams School stating a no confidence vote on the leadership of STW.

Ron Haskins asked for what purpose it would serve as members of the Board have already read the letter.

Craig Creller stated that he wanted the letter to be a part of the permanent record and entered into the minutes.

Ron Haskins remarked that reading the letter would serve no purpose.

Lisa Albert questioned why the letter could not be read and whom would it hurt.

Ron Haskins stated reading the letter would serve no purpose except to incite or inflame the audience.

Craig Creller stated that he was being denied the right to speak as this was the visitors' portion of the meeting. He stated by not reading the letter it was showing disrespect for the staff of STW who worked for over a month to prepare this letter.

Ron Haskins stated that it was his job to control the meeting and if he felt something was inciteful he would stop the action and he would not allow this letter to be read.

Craig Creller stated he would turn the letter over to the secretary to be a part of the minutes and he would be speaking to the press who were attending tonight.
(attached)

Lisa Comcowich remarked that she wanted to speak regarding the "Belief Statements" contained within the North Branford Public Schools Strategic Plan for 2002-2007. She remarked that it stated "Honesty and Integrity are Essential to Building Trusting Relationships". She stated that this statement should not be just for the children but also practiced by those who educate them. She mentioned she is deeply troubled over events surrounding the Board and school system in the last 64 days. She stated that the Board has allowed an excellent educator's reputation to be dragged publicly through the mud and only one Board member has acted with integrity.

Ron Haskins stated she could not continue as now she was getting into personnel issues.

Lisa remarked that these personnel issues affect her child at STW and she would be heard either by this Board or the press.

Ron Haskins asked her to please be seated.

Lisa Comcowich remarked that she would speak to the press and Ron Haskin's actions

sickened her.

Ron Haskins asked if anyone in the audience knew or cared what has been happening in
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the school system in the last couple of weeks except for this one issue, He mentioned that the Town Council passed our school budget, plans for the middle school are underway, special educators at NBIS, etc. It seems to him that many good things are going on in the school system and no one seems to care.

Lisa Albert read a letter questioning the transfer of a teacher who was to be non-renewed and now will be teaching at TVES next year. She asked what changed the Board's mind, the teacher's qualifications or the negative publicity for our town. She remarked that the taxpayers had a right to an explanation. (letter attached) She questioned if any Board member has been in the schools lately to see the effects of JHS not having a principal, no substitute teachers at NBHS so the students sit in the cafeteria, the moral at STW, why a teacher is leaving TVES, etc. She questioned how the Board could let their reputation be sullied by the action of one employee.

Ron Haskins stated this is her personal opinion and that he would not allow her to cast accusations.

Lisa Albert stated she is not making accusations but the Board is letting their actions be sullied by one employee and she is just asking why they are allowing this to happen.

Lisa Johnson questioned the absence of Robin Brown, Principal at JHS, and stated she heard Ms. Brown's health issues were work related and she is fighting to keep her job. She remarked that Ms. Brown brings life to JHS and is missed by all her students and staff.

Jennifer Daddio remarked that Robin Brown is a great principal and asked Board members where their principal is. She mentioned that Robin Brown is the center of JHS and the light and spirit of the school. She questioned if Ms. Brown's position would be on an upcoming agenda. She mentioned that all JHS families support Robin Brown and want her back as their principal and feels she has been put in an unhealthy situation.

Valerie Marabella remarked that she felt like she has a car that is broken and her mechanic can't tell her why. She asked the Board to give answers and explanations as to why Robin Brown is not at JHS.

Vincent Candelora remarked that he has worked with the Board as a member of the Town Council and we do have a very hard working Board of Education in North Branford. He stated that the Board has the town's best interest in mind and many issues that come up for the Board or the Town Council cannot be talked about publicly and the Board and Council are bound by confidentiality. He mentioned that this Board puts their heart and soul into everything they do and all members are accessible. Mr. Candelora remarked that townspeople do not have a right to hear all personnel issues. He mentioned that just because we don't have all the answers doesn't mean something torrid is going on. He

thanked all Board members for their hard work and their willingness to work with the Town Council.

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Tom Comcowich remarked that he disagrees with Mr. Candelora and how do we know that everything reaches the Board through the Superintendent's office. Mr. Comcowich stated he had a problem with communications for Board members going through the Superintendent's office. He mentioned that only one Board member gave out her phone number to the public. He felt the townspeople could be the eyes and ears of the Board if they were more accessible.

Marilyn Messner stated her issue with the Board was accessibility. She questioned if all Board members have an email address so the public could converse with them directly. She felt the issue of the non-renewed teacher was shoved under the rug. She questioned why the hearing for this non-renewed teacher was cancelled. She feels the public has a right to know.

Leonard Fasano questioned if the Board received a letter concerning a bridge by Totoket Woods.

Dr. Wolfe stated the transportation sub-committee would meet on May 27, 2005 at 10:45 a.m. He remarked that Mr. Fasano would be notified by mail.

Emilio Marotta stated he was the proud father of Desiree MacDonald and mentioned he was ashamed and appalled at the recent events. He remarked that he was honored that his children attended North Branford Schools. Mr. Marotta wanted to know when the public could expect answers to the questions asked tonight.

Ron Haskins stated this was not a question and answer time but a Board meeting held in public.

Emilio Marotta asked if he could submit his requests in writing or if he would have to file a formal grievance to get answers from the Board.

Patti Darragh remarked that she was here tonight with the STW staff and the intent of their letter was to express staff concerns and the quality of leadership at STW. She mentioned that she and the STW staff want to see our school move forward.

II. Recognition

There was no recognition at this meeting.

III. Student Representation

There was no student representation at this meeting.

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IV. Approval of Previous Minutes

MOTION: Moved by Cheryl Smith and seconded by Amy Norton to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2005 Board of Education meeting with two Corrections:

Page 3: Lisa Gagliardi stated her statement should have read: that if the public felt that information was not being received by the Board, my Information is public. My address and phone number are listed and as a publicly elected official you can feel free to access me how you see fit.

Page 2: Amy Norton stated that Carol Rascati did not attend the April Board meeting.

MOTION: Moved by Cheryl Smith and seconded by Amy Norton to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2005 Board of Education meeting as amended.

4 VOTED AYE
1 ABSTENSION - Lawrence Casey
MOTION PASSED 4-1

V. Communications

Memo from: Mark Fabrizi, NBHS English Dept. Chair

Re: Shoreline Heads of English Departments Writing Contest

Mr. Fabrizi wrote concerning winners in the Annual Shoreline Writing Contest with NBHS having 3 student winners.

Article: 2005 Gold Key Dinner – Rick Geremia

Dr. Wolfe remarked that Rick Geremia, NBHS Boys' soccer coach was honored as the Connecticut Sports Writers' Alliance Doc McInerney coach of the year 2004 award.

VI. Superintendent's Report

A. Resignations - None at this time.

B. Appointments - None at this time.

C. Leaves - None at this time.

D. Donations

The Superintendent has received a generous donation in the amount of \$3,747.50 from NBPOPS to be used towards the purchase of a new piano for the music room at North Branford High School.

MOTION: Moved by Cheryl Smith and seconded by Lawrence Casey to accept the generous donation of \$3,747.50 from NBPOPS with grateful thanks.

**ALL VOTED AYE
MOTION PASSED 5-0**

The Superintendent has received a generous donation in the amount of \$1,000 from Wal-Mart of Branford in honor of choosing Grace Polivka as their Teacher of the Year.

MOTION: Moved by Cheryl Smith and seconded by Lawrence Casey to accept the generous donation in the amount of \$1,000 from Wal-Mart of Branford with grateful thanks.

**ALL VOTED AYE
MOTION PASSED 5-0**

Dr. Wolfe congratulated Grace Polivka and remarked that she would now compete at the state level. He stated that Wal-Mart has honored over 22,000 teachers in the last ten years.

Lawrence Casey thanked Wal-Mart and NBPOPS for their generous donations and congratulated Grace Polivka.

E. Around the Schools

STW

5/20 Kindergarten Orientation
5/24&25 Grade 2 Fieldtrip to the Yale British Art Museum--visual literacy
6/2 PTO meeting
6/7 Fun Day
6/9 Year End Assembly
6/10 Volunteer Thank You Breakfast
Principal for the Day
6/16 Grade 2 Fieldtrip to Lighthouse Point
6/17 Step-Up Day

JHS

5/20 SAGE Pizza Night
Staff Appreciation Luncheon
5/23 FRC Staff meeting
Officer Phil Program
Sister School field trip to Griswold Museum - L. Baldino
5/31 Field trip to British Art Museum - L. Douglas & E. Pitoniak
6/2 Field Day
Author's Team - M. Lovelace
Field trip to British Art Museum - M. LeBlanc, J. Prota & M. Lovelace
6/7 Author's Tea - L. Douglas
6/9 Sister School field trip to Beardsley Zoo - L. Baldino
6/10 Field trip to Beardsley Zoo - R. Miceli, J. Quinto & M. Cook
6/16 Summer Reading Skit - B. LaPointe
6/17 Step up Day

TVES

NBIS

- 5/27 Music students perform at PAC festival
6/1 Music students perform Spring Concert for JH students
6/2 All grades-Dance troupe "Philippine American Association of CT" performs in auditorium
6/9 TVES Grade 5 students visit NBIS (Orientation program)
6/9 Grade 8-Field trip to Holiday Hill
6/15 All grades-NBIS Awards Programs
8:30 – Grade 6
10:00 – Grade 7
11:30 – Grade 8
6/21 Grade 8-Promotion Dance (7-9:30)
6/22 Grade 8-Promotion (11:30)

NBHS

- 5/20 Class 2005 Senior Prom...Bella Notte
5/24 What's Up With This Program - NBHS
5/26 Grades 9-12 Academic Awards Program – 12:15 PM Audit.
6/3 Senior Class Picnic – Lake Compounce
6/7 Scholarship Association Awards – 7 PM Auditorium
6/10 Kaleidoscope "Coffee House" 7 PM Small Gym
6/15 First half Block G Exams
6/16 Second half Block G Exams
6/17 Exams – Blocks A & B
6/20 Exams – Blocks C & D
6/21 Exams – Blocks E & F
6/22 Ecumenical Breakfast – St. Augustine Church 9 AM
Graduation 6:30

F. National Honor Society

The Superintendent is pleased to announce that 37 NBHS students were inducted into the National Honor Society on May 12, 2005. A list of the students is attached.

Superintendent Wolfe thanked Dr. Perry, Tamre Mockus and Fran Beaumont in making this a wonderful night for the inductees.

G. 2005/2006 Budget

The Superintendent provided an update on the results of the referendum held May 10th stating that no additional changes were made as we did not have 15% of the voters turn out and the school budget went through at 6.78%. Included in this 6.78% are four new certified staff members and 2 non-certified positions. He thanked the Board and the Town Council for their cooperative efforts in their collaborations. The budget sub-committee will have to discuss the original \$30,000 cut at their next meeting and make a recommendation to the Board at their next meeting.

Cheryl Smith thanked the Town Council and the finance committee for their help and cooperative efforts with the Board this year.

H. Middle School Project

The Superintendent reported on the middle school project and the workshop that was held between the Town Council and members of the Board of Education (Ron Haskins, Cheryl Smith, and Larry Casey) that was held on May 5th. The consensus was to change the scope of the project to “renovate as new.” The Superintendent also provided the Board with information concerning his conversation with the State Facility Unit.

Dr. Wolfe thanked the Board, Town Council and the staff at NBIS.

MOTION: Moved by Cheryl Smith and seconded by Lawrence Casey to change the scope of the middle school project to “renovate as new” as submitted by Town Council resolution.

**ALL VOTED AYE
MOTION PASSED 5-0**

I. Grants

The Superintendent was pleased to learn that Project SAGE has been extended for one year by the State of Connecticut. The grant provides for school adjustment support for students in kindergarten through grade 3 at Jerome Harrison and Stanley T. Williams Schools. While funding is based on a competitive grant application, North Branford has been successful in obtaining funding in the past for this program. A copy of the SAGE Grant has been distributed to Board Members.

MOTION: Moved by Cheryl Smith and seconded by Lawrence Casey to approve the SAGE Grant Application for the 2005/2006 school year.

**ALL VOTED AYE
MOTION PASSED 5-0**

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Cheryl Smith requested that all grant applications be submitted to the Board before being submitted.

Dr. Wolfe explained that this grant was not going to be funded this year and the state of Connecticut changed their minds at the last minute and Dr. Johnson and Pat Mulrain had to scramble to get the grant submitted on time. He remarked that he also prefers that Board members see the grant before it is submitted.

The North Branford Public Schools will also again be applying for the Carl D. Perkins Grant. The purpose of this grant is to assist in the development and enhancement of the academic, career and technical skills of secondary students who elect to enroll in a career and technical education programs. A copy of this grant has been distributed to Board Members.

MOTION: Moved by Cheryl Smith and seconded by Lawrence Casey to approve the Carl D. Perkins Grant Application for the 2005/2006 school year.

**ALL VOTED AYE
MOTION PASSED 5-0**

Dr. Wolfe questioned Dr. Perry as to when this grant was received.

Dr. Perry stated in late January 2005 or February 2005.

Dr. Wolfe stated that was in plenty of time to submit it to the Board before submitting the grant to the state.

Dr. Wolfe thanked Abby DeTour for her work on this grant.

J. CMC Reports

The Curriculum Management Cycle (CMC) is a four-phase cycle of curriculum work, that supports North Branford Public School's learning community by providing educators with the time and resources needed to plan and implement a high-quality, standards-based curriculum that meets the needs of all students. Each of the four phases of the CMC; Review, Development, Implementation, and Evaluation, has specific work requirements and products that are developed throughout the school year and presented to the Board of Education in the spring. Presented this evening were five reports. Four Review Phase reports; Health K-12, Family and Consumer Science 9-12, World Languages 6-12 and Technology Education 6-12, and one Evaluation Phase Report; Language Arts K-5.

The Review Phase Report explains the status of our present curriculum and identifies

external and internal changes that have occurred since the last curriculum revision. These changes will form the basis for needed change in the curriculum.

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Recommendations are made based on the difference between what is and what should be.

The Evaluation Phase Report determines what is working and what aspects of the program need to be changed. Evaluation is designed to examine the curriculum, by monitoring the impact of instruction on student learning.

All reports have been color-coded as follows:

<i>Position Paper on Technology Education Curriculum</i>	<i>Blue</i>
<i>World Language Program 6-12 – Review Phase Report</i>	<i>Green</i>
<i>Language Arts Program K-5 – Evaluation Phase Report</i>	<i>White</i>
<i>Family and Consumer Science 9-12 – Review Phase Report</i>	<i>Pink</i>
<i>K-12 Health Education Curriculum Review</i>	<i>Yellow</i>

Joan Follo thanked Paul Schaffer, Lynn Lanzoni, Todd Stoeffler, Barbara Gasparine, Betty LaPointe, Sheila Roberti, Jennifer Marena and Margaret Hrabchak.

Lawrence Casey questioned if the committee members did research outside the school system.

Joan Follo stated that they did: state legislative, other school districts, schools in other states, etc.

Lawrence Casey stated he was pleased to see curriculum slated for students who choose not to attend college and for students who want to go into engineering.

Joan Follo stated NBHS would focus on engineering with a grant from Pratt and Whitney.

Cheryl Smith questioned how the curriculum recommendations get to the development stage.

Joan Follo stated recommendations are looked at and where the budget is, space issues, etc.

Lisa Gagliardi stated recommendations should be brought to the Board before budget time.

Joan Follo stated all items are revisited.

K. 6-12 Social Studies Curriculum

The Superintendent was pleased to present Board members with a draft for first reading of

the 6-12 Social Studies Curriculum. Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Mrs. Joan Follo, was present to answer questions that the Board had.

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Joan Follo thanked Rosemary Addario and the Social Studies team and stated this was a work in progress.

Amy Norton mentioned she was at the curriculum meeting with Joan Follo and Rosemary Addario and she asked to see the previous social studies curriculum. Amy stated that the previous curriculum was about twenty pages long so you could imagine how much work went into this curriculum. She remarked she was so thankful for all the time the social studies team put into this curriculum.

Superintendent Wolfe remarked that the K-5 social studies curriculum would be presented at this time next year. He mentioned that it has been twenty years since the social studies curriculum was updated and he also thanked the team for their efforts.

L. Certified Evaluations

In accordance with Section 10-151b of the Connecticut General Statutes "The Superintendent shall report the status of teacher evaluations to the local or regional Board of Education on or before June 1st of each year. For purposes of this section, the term teacher shall include each professional employee of a Board of Education below the rank of Superintendent who holds a certificate or permit issued by the State Board of Education."

The Superintendent informed the Board that year-end summative evaluations on all certified employees are currently in progress. This process includes a year-end conference and a review of all supportive material related to the goals or mutual expectations that have been established. It is expected that this will be completed on or about June 30th, 2005.

M. NBHS World Language Update

Superintendent Wolfe enclosed the enrollment tally for world language as well as the current staffing in world language at the high school. In order to accommodate all students in world language a minimum of one additional section is required. The Superintendent is recommending that one staff member in the world language department be assigned a sixth teaching section to accommodate this need. Article XIII E4 provides the Superintendent the authority to add a section. In this particular case, French IV would be the designated addition.

Dr. Wolfe mentioned that parents were concerned that there wouldn't be French IV, AP Biology or AP Physics next year. He remarked that we would offer French IV and AP Biology and we never have offered AP Physics so this subject would not be offered.

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N. Retirement Dinner

The fourth annual North Branford Public School Retirement Dinner will be held on Wednesday, June 1st at Woodwinds in Branford. Invitations have been sent to current and retired employees. The event is also open to the public. As of the writing a total of 11 employees will be honored for their long-time service to the district. They are:

Ruth Anderson
Joan Cohn
Pat Cochrane
Mary DelloStritto
Doreen Elia
Connie Fedeyko
Cappy Kopylec
Melayna Lovelace
Bill Moyer
Joanne Quinto
Ray Torpey

Dr. Wolfe remarked that this affair is open to the public and anyone wishing to attend should contact Lisa Coughlin at Central Office.

O. 2005/2006 Teacher of the Year

The Superintendent announced the committee's selection for the 2005/2006 Teacher of the Year was Stephanie DeFrance of TVES. Stephanie would attend a future Board of Education meeting and also be honored at the Bushnell this fall.

VII. Committee Reports

1. Negotiations – no report at this time
2. Budget

A copy of the May 1, 2005 financial report was distributed for Board review.

Cheryl Smith mentioned that another Board of Education member was needed to serve on the budget sub-committee. She also mentioned the line items that were over budget – non certified salaries, custodial and maintenance overtime, professional salaries, legal fees, transportation, etc.

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3. Buildings & Grounds

The Bleacher Improvement project at NBHS has been re-bid. The results of the bid are attached along with a recommendation from the engineering firm of Milone & MacBroom, Inc. to award the contract to Thompson General Contractors as they are the low bidders for this project.

MOTION: Moved by Cheryl Smith and seconded by Lawrence Casey to award the NBHS Bleacher Improvement project to Thompson General Contractors.

**ALL VOTED AYE
MOTION PASSED 4-0**

Dr. Wolfe remarked that the Rotary Club has been very busy raising money for the NBHS field concession booth and bathrooms with a bake sale, applying for donations and donated labor. The Rotary Club hopes to break ground on June 27, 2005.

Amy Norton questioned how much the difference was from the original bid.

Dr. Wolfe stated he would obtain this information from Donald Winnicki but the original bid was in the area of \$80,000 and we have gone back to the town council because of escalated costs over the last four years.

Amy Norton stated this was all she needed.

4. Curriculum - No report at this time.

5. Pension – Lawrence Casey stated that at the last meeting they discussed three employee pensions, a quarterly review of the pension plan and a review of the fire department pension.

6. Policy -

The following policies are provided to the Board for first reading:

Policy #P7160 Transfer of Funds Between Categories; Amendments
Policy #P7320 Purchasing Procedures
Policy #P7326 Payment for Goods and Services
Policy #P7432 Financial Records and Reports
Policy #P7434 Periodic Audit
Policy #P7440 Inventories

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The following policies are provided to the Board for second reading and approval:

Policy #P4200 First Aid/Emergency Medical Care
Policy #P7010 Goals & Objectives
Policy #P7110 Budget Planning and Development
Policy #P7150 Budget Adoption
Policy #P7240 Tuition Fees
Policy #P7280 Gifts
Policy #P7290 Grants and Other Revenue

MOTION: Moved by Cheryl Smith and seconded by Lawrence Casey to approve Policy #P4200 - First Aid/Emergency Medical Care as submitted.

**ALL VOTED AYE
MOTION PASSED 4-0**

MOTION: Moved by Cheryl Smith and seconded by Lawrence Casey to approve Policy #P7010 - Goals & Objectives as submitted.

**ALL VOTED AYE
MOTION PASSED 4-0**

MOTION: Moved by Cheryl Smith and seconded by Lawrence Casey to approve Policy #P7110 - Budget Planning and Development as submitted.

**ALL VOTED AYE
MOTION PASSED 4-0**

MOTION: Moved by Cheryl Smith and seconded by Lawrence Casey to approve Policy #P7150 - Budget Adoption as submitted.

**ALL VOTED AYE
MOTION PASSED 4-0**

MOTION: Moved by Cheryl Smith and seconded by Lawrence Casey to approve

Policy #P7240 - Tuition Fees as submitted.

**ALL VOTED AYE
MOTION PASSED 4-0**

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MOTION: Moved by Cheryl Smith and seconded by Lawrence Casey to approve Policy #P7280 - Gifts as submitted.

**ALL VOTED AYE
MOTION PASSED 4-0**

Dr. Wolfe mentioned that the plateau for gifts was raised from \$250.00 to \$1,000 for Board approval. This policy is similar to the town's policy for gifts.

MOTION: Moved by Cheryl Smith and seconded by Lawrence Casey to approve Policy #P7290 - Grants and Other Revenue as submitted.

**ALL VOTED AYE
MOTION PASSED 4-0**

6. ACES – Cheryl Smith reported that at the last ACES meeting non-certified salaries and the acquisition of property in North Haven was discussed.
7. Strategic Planning – No report at this time.
8. Building Committee – Ron Haskins remarked that another Board member is needed for the building committee.
9. Calendar Committee – No report at this time.

MOTION: Moved by Cheryl Smith and seconded by Lawrence Casey to amend the agenda to change the June 2005 Board of Education meeting.

**ALL VOTED AYE
MOTION PASSED 4-0**

MOTION: Moved by Cheryl Smith and seconded by Lawrence Casey to change the June 9, 2005 Board of Education meeting at 7:00 p.m. TVES to Wednesday, June 15, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. TVES.

**ALL VOTED AYE
MOTION PASSED 4-0**

Amy Norton remarked that more Board members were needed than the number who could attend on June 9, 2005.

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XIII. Unfinished Business

No unfinished business at this time.

VIII. Visitor Comments

Debbie Stone remarked that she is very happy to see how the Board of Education and the Town Council have worked together this year and how hard they have worked on the budget.

She mentioned she was proud to teach in North Branford and wants to be proud again. She stated she didn't know what the answer is but we must find out what is wrong and urged them as a group to make them proud again. She stated the Board must come up with a remedy to help all of us.

Tracy Macalitis asked if the public is notified if the Board changes their agenda. She had heard that a discussion would be on tonight's agenda about Robin Brown and she felt it would be slipped in without public opinion.

Cheryl Smith stated that if the agenda is amended a vote is taken before the agenda is changed.

Superintendent Wolfe stated the Board needed a 2/3 majority before they could amend an agenda.

Amy Norton stated she has spent almost eight years on this Board and she has never felt that anyone was trying to slip anything over on her.

The next regular Board of Education meeting is scheduled for June 15, 2005 at Totoket Valley Elementary School at 7:00 p.m.

MOTION: Moved by Cheryl Smith and seconded by Lawrence Casey to adjourn this Meeting of the North Branford Board of Education at 8:43 p.m.

**ALL VOTED AYE
MOTION PASSED 4-0**

Sincerely submitted,

Sherry Ardine
Account Clerk