

**NORTH BRANFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
November 17, 2005**

The North Branford Board of Education was called to order at 6:00 p.m. at Stanley T. Williams Elementary School. The following members attended:

Board Chairman:	Ron Haskins
Board Vice-Chairman:	Cheryl Smith
Board Members:	Lawrence Casey Marie Diamond Lisa Gagliardi Marcey Onofrio

Superintendent of Schools:	Dr. Robert K. Wolfe
Director of Business/Personnel:	Donald Winnicki

MOTION: Moved by Marie Diamond and seconded by Lawrence Casey 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 matters.

**ALL VOTED AYE
MOTION PASSED 6-0**

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

**ALL VOTED AYE
MOTION PASSED 6-0**

I. Visitors

Director of Personnel/Business:	Donald Winnicki
Director of Special Services:	Suzanne Wright
Director of Curriculum/Instruction:	Joan Follo
Principals:	Dr. David Perry, NBHS Alan Davis, NBIS Nancy Brittingham, TVES Robin Brown-Criscuolo, JHS Dr. Karen Johnson, STW

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Lisa Comcowich	Lisa Albert	Emilio Marotta
Diane Marotta	Desiree MacDonald	Dianne Vumbach
Deborah Albino	Janice Vergati	Michelle Onofrio
Heidi Kehlenbach	Andrea Alexander	Joseph Humby
Robert Darragh	Marcia Staffa	John Florio
Bernie Gagliardi, Sr.	Bernie Gagliardi, Jr.	Fred Starn
Phil Palma	Nancy Keinz	Susan Pisani
Marilyn Modzelewski	Dolina Potter	Janice DeAngelo
Laura Petrella	MaryEllen Barrett	David McMahan
Joanne Wentworth, Deputy Mayor	Michael Doody	Paul M. Proto
Claudia Faughnan	Ann B. Zimmer	Rose Angeloni
Jamie DeFelice	Elizabeth Caplan	Dee McKeown
Carol Evans	Marcy Smith	Connor Smith
Cindy Conforte	Cathy Acquaulo	Kathy Radizunas
Mike Pollio	John Bozzuto, Jr.	Mike Scalia

Lisa Gagliardi stated she would like to make a motion to add new business to tonight's agenda. She mentioned that if we were going to limit all comments from the public to the agenda then New Business should be added to the agenda.

Ron Haskins stated that the agenda would have to list what new business would be discussed.

Lisa Gagliardi stated this would give all citizens the opportunity to call the Superintendent's office and state what they would like to discuss at the Board of Education meeting under New Business. Either way there should be New Business on the agenda giving the public an opportunity to bring forward something they want addressed.

Ron Haskins stated this item could be brought up at the next Policy Sub -Committee Meeting.

Lisa Gagliardi stated that Mr. Haskins had suggested this before and she checked and there are no by-laws to run a Board of Education meeting.

Ron Haskins stated that there were and all policies were being re-done.

Cheryl Smith questioned if we would have to amend the agenda each time a different new business was covered.

Lisa Gagliardi stated no that we could just put on New Business with no sub-sets the same as we have Old Business and Unfinished Business with no sub-sets.

Cheryl Smith stated there would have to be a structured procedure.

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Cheryl Smith asked if Lisa wanted to amend the motion she made to discuss the process of adding new business to the agenda.

Lisa Gagliardi stated no that she would like the vote to be on the motion she proposed.

MOTION: Moved by Lisa Gagliardi and seconded by Marie Diamond to amend tonight's agenda to add New Business to the agenda.

RON HASKINS	NAY
CHERYL SMITH	NAY
LAWRENCE CASEY	NAY
MARIE DIAMOND	AYE
LISA GAGLIARDI	AYE
MARCEY ONOFRIO	AYE

MOTION FAILS 3-3

Lisa Gagliardi stated the motion did not fail but a tie is a no vote.

Rose Angeloni, President of NBHS Booster Club wanted to publicly thank the Rotary Club for the new facilities (concession stand and restrooms) at NBHS. She also thanked everyone in the community who helped with this project.

Lisa Albert stated she attended a meeting in Hartford representing the Coalition of Concerned Citizens from North Branford. She remarked that the agenda that the Board of Education uses is not a proper agenda and Attorney Stapelton would be willing to conduct workshops with our Board of Education members on a proper agenda.

II. Recognition

Carol Evans

The Superintendent was pleased to announce the second winner of the Giraffe Award. The Giraffe Award is given to staff members who "stick their neck out" by supporting meaningful community service.

Carol Evans, physical educator at NBIS has been a constant contributor to the town's annual food drive from the beginning – 16 years ago. She has personally run the drive in conjunction with other staff members. She is responsible for the collection of over 100,000 items being collected over this period of time – stocking the food banks in both Northford

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and North Branford.

We salute Carol and thank her for her efforts. They truly have made a difference.

Alan Davis, Principal of NBIS and Ron Haskins, Chair of the Board of Education, presented Carol Evans with her giraffe award.

III. Student Representative

Mike Scalia, student representative – NBHS reported on the following items:

NBHS Variety Show will be held on December 8th at the auditorium.

Dr. Perry hosted a breakfast for all students passing all four parts of the CAPT.

A Veteran's Day program was held at NBHS on November 11th with a Viet Nam Veteran presenting a Power Point program and explaining his experience in Viet Nam.

The Student Council is planning on sending a few members to Mississippi in order to help out in the reconstruction and aide process. Fund raising will be on going to support this project.

FAST is a freshmen mentor program with every staff member mentoring three freshmen students.

NBHS Science classes are working with North Branford Public Works to mark storm drains in North Branford.

FBLA officers – President: Valerie DelRocco, Vice-President: Heather Petriucci, Treasurer: Felecia Marrotoli, Co-Secretaries: Aubrey Cann and Michelle Morrico.

Sports

Cross-Country: Top 50% of the state meet this season for the first time in 7 years. John D'Adamo named as All Shoreline runner.

Boys' Soccer: Finished season 9-5-2. Matt Crandley # 7 in Shoreline, Dan Santacrose #10 in Shoreline, Kevin McGinly, Kevin Secor and Elliot Ross honorable- mention in Shoreline.

Girls' Soccer: Finished season 11-1-4 Girls were All-Shoreline champions.

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Field Hockey: Finished season 10-4-3 Danielle Gaudio, Jordyn Perlin and Natalie Galgano first-team All-Shoreline and Tiana Harriguchi second team All-Shoreline.

Volleyball: Finished 10-9 Felecia Marrotoli second team All-Shoreline.

Football: 9-0 record with game being played in West Haven on Saturday, November 19th against Hyde 9-0. This game will be for an undefeated season.

IV. Approval of Previous Minutes

MOTION: Moved by Cheryl Smith and seconded by Lawrence Casey to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2005 Board of Education meeting with four corrections.

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Ron Haskins, Cheryl Smith and Lisa Gagliardi stated they had read the police report.

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Lisa Gagliardi stated we would need to proceed with the termination portion of the contract.

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Lisa Gagliardi requested that since team leadership meetings are open meetings could those dates be included in Around-the –Schools as well, in the event a Board member would like to attend.

Lisa Gagliardi remarked she didn't know if the class size information could be changed in the September minutes as there were 9 classes with over 30 students in them instead of 8 classes but Dr. Wolfe stated 8 classes. She felt that the minutes infer that she was incorrect and she doesn't believe that she was. She remarked that there were 53 classes at NBHS with more than the maximum students and 14 classes with thirty students and 9 classes with over 30 students.

She stated she wanted the minutes to reflect the actual numbers base on information that was furnished following the meeting.

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MOTION: Moved by Cheryl Smith and seconded by Lisa Gagliardi to adjourn this meeting of the North Branford Board of Education at 10:05 p.m.

MOTION: Moved by Cheryl Smith and seconded by Lawrence Casey to accept the minutes of the September 15, 2005 Board of Education meeting as amended.

CHAIRMAN HASKINS:	AYE
VICE-CHAIRMAN SMITH:	AYE
LAWRENCE CASEY:	AYE
MARIE DIAMOND:	AYE
LISA GAGLIARDI:	AYE
MARCEY ONOFRIO:	ABSTAINED

MOTION PASSED 5-0-1

V. Communications

Letter from: Richard Blumenthal, Attorney General
State of Connecticut

Re: The Attorney General thanks the Board of Education for supporting Connecticut's lawsuit against the United States Dept. of Education which objects to the unfunded mandates of the *No Child Left Behind Act*.

Article from: Education Week – September 7, 2005 edition

Re: "Getting Hit on the Head Lessons – Justifying Bad Educational Practices as Preparation for More of the Same

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Article from: Education Week – September 14, 2005 edition

Re: “Beyond the Herd Mentality – The Minds That We Truly Need in the Future”

VI. Superintendent’s Report

A. Resignations - None at this time.

B. Appointments

The Superintendent has received recommendations for the following stipend positions:

STW – A/V Coordinator – Donnamarie Carboni
STW – Building Technology Leader – Patricia Darragh
NBHS – Varsity Baseball Coach – Michael Lucibello
NBHS – Fencing Coach - John Tejada

MOTION: Moved by Cheryl Smith and seconded by Lawrence Casey to approve the above-referenced stipend positions for the 2005/2006 school year to be paid in accordance with the contract between the North Branford Board of Education and the North Branford Federation of Teachers.

CHAIRMAN HASKINS:	AYE
VICE-CHAIRMAN SMITH:	AYE
LAWRENCE CASEY:	AYE
MARIE DIAMOND:	AYE
LISA GAGLIARDI:	AYE
MARCEY ONOFRIO:	AYE

MOTION PASSED 6-0

Lisa Gagliardi questioned if all stipend positions were posted in all schools.

Dr. Wolfe stated most of them were generated at building level as it would be difficult for anyone but a STW staff member to be the AV person at Stanley T. Williams School. The same as it would be hard for a staff member at STW to be a coach at the high school. He also mentioned that some positions were strictly volunteer positions.

Dr. Wolfe stated this matter could be researched and posted at all schools throughout the district if this was what the Board wanted.

Lisa Gagliardi stated that this is something the Board should look into.

C. **Leaves** – None at this time.

D. **Donation**

The Superintendent has received a letter from the Totoket Valley Playground Fundraising Committee requesting the Board to accept a donation of a new playscape and wood fiber surface area to be located on the northeast side of Totoket Valley Elementary School. Details of the playscape and safety surfacing were attached for review.

MOTION: Moved by Cheryl Smith and seconded by Lawrence Casey to approve the Totoket Valley Playground Fundraising Committee's donation of a new playscape and wood fiber surface area to be located on the northeast side of Totoket Valley Elementary School with grateful thanks.

CHAIRMAN HASKINS:	AYE
VICE-CHAIRMAN SMITH:	AYE
LAWRENCE CASEY:	AYE
MARIE DIAMOND:	AYE
LISA GAGLIARDI:	AYE
MARCEY ONOFRIO:	AYE

MOTION PASSED 6-0

E. **Field Trips**

The following three out-of-state field trip requests were approved by telephone survey conducted by the Board Chair, Ron Haskins, due to the adjournment of the October Board of Education Meeting.

Mr. Alan Davis, Principal of NBIS, requested permission for a one-day eighth grade class trip on Friday, June 2nd, 2006 to Boston, Massachusetts. The trip coordinators are Mr. Michael Votto and Mrs. Carol Papa.

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The second request was from Mrs. Rosemary Addario, social studies teacher at NBHS for a one-day trip to the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, New York on Wednesday, November 2nd, 2005.

The final request was from Mrs. Cindy Genzano, English teacher at NBHS, for a one-day trip to the United Nations in New York City on Thursday, November 3rd, 2005.

The Superintendent has received the following two requests for out-of-state field trips.

Mr. John Congo, music teacher at NBHS, is requesting permission for a one-day trip to Lincoln Center in New York City on Friday, April 7th, 2006.

MOTION: Moved by Cheryl Smith and seconded by Lawrence Casey to approve the field trip request of Mr. John Congo, music teacher at NBHS for a one day trip to Lincoln Center in New York City on Friday, April 7th, 2006.

CHAIRMAN HASKINS:	AYE
VICE-CHAIRMAN SMITH:	AYE
LAWRENCE CASEY:	AYE
MARIE DIAMOND:	AYE
LISA GAGLIARDI:	AYE
MARCEY ONOFRIO:	AYE

MOTION PASSED 6-0

Mrs. Jean Sunny, world language teacher at NBHS, is requesting permission for a three-day trip to Montreal, Canada. Details and itinerary for the trip were attached.

MOTION: Moved by Cheryl Smith and seconded by Lawrence Casey to approve the field trip request of Mrs. Jean Sunny, world language teacher at NBHS for a three-day trip to Montreal, Canada as detailed in the attached itinerary.

CHAIRMAN HASKINS:	AYE
VICE-CHAIRMAN SMITH:	ABSTAINED
LAWRENCE CASEY:	AYE
MARIE DIAMOND:	AYE
LISA GAGLIARDI:	AYE
MARCEY ONOFRIO:	AYE

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The third grade at Totoket Valley Elementary School is requesting permission for a field trip to Deerfield, Massachusetts to visit a butterfly conservatory, Magic Wings.

MOTION: Moved by Cheryl Smith and seconded by Lawrence Casey to approve the field trip request of TVES grade 3 to Magic Wings, a butterfly conservatory in Deerfield, Massachusetts.

CHAIRMAN HASKINS:	AYE
VICE-CHAIRMAN SMITH:	AYE
LAWRENCE CASEY:	AYE
MARIE DIAMOND:	AYE
LISA GAGLIARDI:	AYE
MARCEY ONOFRIO:	AYE

MOTION PASSED 6-0

F. Around the Schools

JHS

11/ 23	Thanksgiving Play – Mrs. Jones & Mrs. Pitoniak
12/5-6	Holiday Sale
12/6	School Advisory Committee meeting
12/9	Night to Care
12/12	Sister School Field Trip to Northford Ice Rink – Ms. Douglas & Miss Lovelace
12/13	NHSO Performance

STW

12/5-9	Ronald MacDonald House's "Lights of Love"
12/9	A Night to Care Program

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TVES

11/18 Adam Battlestein: grade 4 creative dramatics and movement workshops
11/22 Adam Battlestein: grade 4 creative dramatics and movement workshops
PTO Meeting, 7:00 PM
11/30 School photo retakes
12/6 PTO meeting, 7:00 PM

NBIS

11/18 Mix-It-Up Day (Character Ed. Initiative)
11/18 Hill Quest Challenge (grade 7)
11/22 Report Cards Issued
12/01 Fun with Pyramids Assembly (Grade 6)
12/02 Grade 6 PTO Dance 7:00-9:00
12/07 Progress Reports Issued
12/13 Two Winter Concerts:
5:00- Chorus, 6th Grade Band
7:00 – 7th/8th Grade Symphonic Band, Jazz Bands 1 & 2

NBHS

11/18 Report Cards
11/22 Parent Conferences 7-9 PM
11/29 Parent Conferences 7-9 PM
11/30 Parent Conferences 2-3:30 PM
12/3 SAT'S
12/5 Financial Aide Night 7-9 PM (Auditorium)
12/7 Alcohol Recovery Program 9:30-11:30 AM (studio)
12/8 Student Council Variety Show 7 PM (Auditorium)
12/9 Progress Reports
12/14 High School Winter Concert 7:30 PM (auditorium)
12/15 Renaissance Breakfast 9 AM ***Note: this is a change from calendar

Cheryl Smith questioned what Mix-Up Day at NBIS was.

Alan Davis explained it was a National Program to break down social barriers. Students interact with each other such as 6th graders eating with 7th graders, some students attending a different schedule, etc. This program is part of Character Education at NBIS where students learn respect, adversity issues, etc.

G. Rotary Centennial Project

The Rotary Club has completed their Centennial Project – North Branford Concession Stand and Restrooms. On October 21st, a reception was held for contributors to the project and keys were turned over to the Superintendent of Schools. A ribbon cutting ceremony followed at the annual Homecoming Game. The Board of Education must now accept this generous gift.

MOTION: Moved by Cheryl Smith and seconded by Lawrence Casey to accept the Concession Stand/Restroom facility constructed by the Rotary Club as their Centennial Project with deep gratitude and appreciation.

CHAIRMAN HASKINS:	AYE
VICE-CHAIRMAN SMITH:	AYE
LAWRENCE CASEY:	AYE
MARIE DIAMOND:	AYE
LISA GAGLIARDI:	AYE
MARCEY ONOFRIO:	AYE

MOTION PASSED 6-0

Dr. Wolfe remarked that Councilman Candelora was out of town tonight and could not be here but Joanne Wentworth, Deputy Mayor and a Rotary member, was attending tonight's meeting and Dr. Wolfe and the Board extended their thanks to the Rotary Club.

H. October 1 Enrollment

Enclosed for the Board's review was a copy of the October 1 enrollment. This enrollment is significant for it is on this date that an enrollment snapshot is captured for many purposes (State reports, budget formulation). This snapshot shows a total of 2516 students attending the schools.

I. NBHS Advance Placement

There are many indicators of success in the public school system - standardized test scores, graduation rate, percentage of students going on to secondary education, community service, college acceptance and advance placement courses are just a few. Attached for Board review was a summary of last spring's Advance Placement examinations.

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Dr. Wolfe mentioned that Tamre Mockus is the faculty advisor in charge of the advanced placement program.

J. CABE Award

The North Branford Public Schools has been awarded three distinguished communication awards for 2006 presented by CABE (Connecticut Area Boards of Education).

The school district's Annual Report received a first place award, while the Pocket Calendar and the Summer Brochure received honorable mention awards.

Special thanks go to all of the administrators and faculty members who contributed to these brochures.

Dr. Wolfe remarked that this is the fourteenth award in four years that North Branford has received from CABE.

Lisa Gagliardi questioned what the member fee was for CABE.

Dr. Wolfe stated between twelve and fourteen thousand dollars a year.

Lisa Gagliardi questioned what we spend each year to attend CABE functions and mentioned that they do provide legal services and it might be to our advantage to belong.

Dr. Wolfe stated that with legal services the member fee would be even higher.

Lisa Gagliardi questioned if the Board could get this information to see how much we pay compared to if North Branford was a member of CABE as we might save on legal fees.

K. 2004/2005 Strategic School Profiles

In accordance with State Law, Superintendents are required to provide a copy of the Strategic School Profile to local Boards at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education after receipt of these documents. This profile covers both regular education and special education for school year 2004-2005.

Superintendent Wolfe highlighted data contained in this report and administrators were available for any questions that the Board had.

Cheryl Smith remarked that the Strategic School Profiles were very extensively documented

and mentioned that we still seem to have library issues.

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Superintendent Wolfe stated we still have library issues with space, personnel, collections and how it will be incorporated into the curriculum. He remarked that the perfect time to work on library issues at NBIS is when the school is renovated, as some of the cost of the library issues would be eligible for reimbursement from the state.

L. Community Round-Up

The 16th Annual Community Round-Up was a huge success. Over 140 students from NBIS and NBHS braved rainy, cold conditions and collected 5,247 food items and \$1,060 to fill the two food closets in North Branford. This was the 16th year of the event, with Carol Evans, Kelli Gorman and Mark Torrente from the NBIS faculty chairing the event. In addition students at JHS, STW and TVES collected personal hygiene items for the food closets.

Dr. Wolfe mentioned that TVES, JHS and STW schools collected personal hygiene items for the North Branford Food Bank.

Dr. Wolfe thanked all staff members, students and community members who participated in the Community Round-Up with a special thanks to Alan Davis, principal of NBIS.

M. Professional Development Day

On Tuesday, November 8th, the district held a Professional Development Day for certified staff members. Professional development activities at the K-5 level focused on literacy and numeracy. Grade K- 2 teachers worked with math consultant, Lisa Doran, on differentiating instruction in the math classroom and grade 3-5 teachers worked with Principal Nan Brittingham on aligning the present math program with the new CT Mathematics Framework, the performance expectations of the frameworks and the new Connecticut Mastery Test. (CMT4). 3-5 teachers also attended a writing workshop with writing consultant, Janet Angellilo, which focused on one aspect of the writing process called revision.

Kindergarten teachers also visited the Children's Museum in New Haven. This museum makes strong connections to literacy and numeracy through the works of authors and illustrators. Interdisciplinary connections are emphasized with individual rooms designed in a manner that encourages children's play, creativity, and problem solving skills in science, math, social studies and literature. Teachers received a tour of the museum and a children's book of their choice.

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Grade 6-12 teachers participated in an inclusion/co-teaching workshop where collaboration and differentiation in the content areas was the focus.

Departmental work sessions were held where 6-12 teachers met with department heads to articulate, plan, and work on instruction and assessment activities to support teaching and learning.

In-house PowerGrade trainers provided support training to teachers requesting assistance in the implementation of this new district-wide data management and communication program.

Curriculum Development Teams met to work on curriculum revision in art, music, and health.

When not involved with a planned activity, educators worked on their selected district professional growth strand or individual professional growth goal.

The day afforded the district to make significant gains in a host of academic areas with special emphasis on mathematics. The Superintendent extends his gratitude to Joan Follo, the Professional Development Committee and building administration for their efforts.

N. Early Notification Plan

The Superintendent provided the Board with information on an early notification program for parents. This program can also be used for regularly scheduled events. The plan that is currently being used by six other school districts in the State provides opportunity for increased communication. The Superintendent detailed the rationale for such a program and gave specifics on its benefits.

Dr. Wolfe stated that this program not only could be used for emergency situations but for school closings, late bus arrivals, bus breakdowns, etc. He mentioned that this program would cost five dollars a student per year and the rate is guaranteed for three years. This program could be implemented as early as January or February and the cost would be prorated for this school year. He remarked that all parents could be notified within ten minutes of emergency and non-emergency happenings.

O. Principal Search

The Superintendent shared with the Board a proposed timeline for the search and selection of a new principal for NBHS. The Superintendent also provided the Board with a draft of a brochure that will be used to announce the vacancy. Dr. Wolfe stated the posting could be ready as early as January.

Cheryl Smith questioned if Dr. Perry received a copy of this brochure.

Dr. Wolfe stated he presented it to the Board first and all administrators would receive the brochure.

Lisa Gagliardi questioned if Dr. Wolfe would post a notice for members to serve on the Principal Search Committee. She asked if the committee would include administrators, teachers and parents.

Dr. Wolfe remarked that he would have all details at the next Board meeting.

Dr. Wolfe mentioned that Gail LeFloch, nurse at NBIS, would be leaving our school system as she has accepted a nursing job in the state of Virginia, to be closer to family members. He wished her well and stated she would be missed.

VII. Committee Reports

The Board of Education will review and take possible action on committee reports.

1. Negotiations

Discuss and take action on the Collective Bargaining agreement between the North Branford Board of Education and Local 1303-220 of Council #4, AFSCME (Nurses).

MOTION: Moved by Cheryl Smith and seconded by Lawrence Casey to accept the bargaining agreement between the North Branford Board of Education and Local 1303-220 of Council #4, AFSCME Nurses.

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CHAIRMAN: AYE
VICE-CHAIRMAN: AYE
LAWRENCE CASEY: AYE
MARIE DIAMOND: AYE
LISA GAGLIARDI: AYE
MARCEY ONOFRIO: AYE

ALL VOTED AYE 6-0

Lisa Gagliardi remarked that she would like to see all motions printed in the agenda.

2. Budget

A copy of the November 1 financial statement was attached for review.

Cheryl Smith stated the budget sub-committee met today and there were two concerns at this time. Energy cost (gas and oil) and substitutes. She remarked that we have more than usual maternity leaves this year adding to the cost of the substitute line. She also remarked about the shortage of substitute teachers.

The Superintendent provided the Board with a copy of the 2006/2007 Proposed Budget Calendar. This proposed calendar has been reviewed by the Budget subcommittee at their last meeting.

3. Buildings & Grounds

Donald Winnicki reported on a small issue at NBHS brought to his attention by staff members. He stated that there appeared to be vibrations in the floors in two rooms. Mr. Winnicki had a structural engineer look at the floor and it was reported that it didn't seem to be a structural problem but recommended additional supports. John Florio and another custodian did the installation over the weekend. The issue has been resolved.

Cheryl Smith remarked that she would like to receive an update on all our summer projects.

Lisa Gagliardi questioned if the security issues could be included in this update.

4. Curriculum

No report at this time.

5. Pension

No report at this time.

6. Policy

The Board was provided a copy of the following policies for first reading:

- Policy #P6100 – Long Range Planning
- Policy #P6110 – Retirement of Facilities
- Policy #P6120 – Architect Selection
- Policy #P6130 – New Construction – Site Selection
- Policy #P6140 - New Construction – Naming Facilities
- Policy #P9010 – Limits of Authority
- Policy #P9020 – Legal Status of the Board – Elections of the Board
- Policy #P9030 – Conflict of Interest; Compensation of Board Members
- Policy #P9040 – Organization of the Board – Organizational Meeting
- Policy #P9050 – Chair
- Policy #P9060 – Board – Superintendent Relations
- Policy #P9070 – Committee of the Whole
- Policy #P9071 – Committees
- Policy #P9072 – Organization of the Board
- Policy #P9080 – Board Meetings

The Board was provided a copy of the following policies for second reading and approval.

- Policy #P0400 – Parameters
- Policy #P0500 – Strategic Objectives

MOTION: Moved by Cheryl Smith and seconded by Lawrence Casey to approve Policy #P0400 – Parameters as submitted.

CHAIRMAN HASKINS:	AYE
VICE-CHAIRMAN SMITH:	AYE
LAWRENCE CASEY:	AYE
MARIE DIAMOND:	AYE
LISA GAGLIARDI:	AYE
MARCEY ONOFRIO:	AYE

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MOTION: Moved by Cheryl Smith and seconded by Lawrence Casey to approve Policy # P05000 – Strategic Objectives.

Lisa Gagliardi remarked that she was not comfortable with the last line of Policy #P0500 100% of our students will graduate. She felt there would be too much pressure in the school system and she would like to see the line to read strive for 100% of our students to graduate.

Cheryl Smith stated she looked at this line as a goal.

MOTION: Moved by Cheryl Smith and seconded by Lawrence Casey to approve Policy #P0500 – Strategic Objectives as amended to read we will strive to achieve 100% graduation.

CHAIRMAN HASKINS:	AYE
VICE-CHAIRMAN SMITH:	AYE
LAWRENCE CASEY:	AYE
MARIE DIAMOND:	AYE
LISA GAGLIARDI:	AYE
MARCEY ONOFRIO:	AYE

MOTION PASSED 6-0

7. ACES

Cheryl Smith stated that ACES would change the name of the CAMS School in Northford to Cooperative Alternative Magnet School of Leadership.

ACES is searching for a new Executive Director and the committee is recommending the hiring of a firm to do the search for \$25,000.

ACES is researching corporate sponsorship to save the Infant-Toddler Daycare Program.

Ms Smith mentioned that there are some Boards of Education that are asking to leave ACES.

8. Strategic Planning

Dr. Wolfe remarked that the major emphasis is on implementing high quality community service and how to recognize this service.

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9. Building Committee

Ron Haskins stated that they are in the process of choosing an architect for the renovation of NBIS.

Dr. Wolfe mentioned they hopefully would have a recommendation by the end of November.

10. Calendar Committee

No report at this time.

11. Transportation/Bus Safety Committee

No report at this time.

VIII Unfinished Business.

Lisa Gagliardi stated all Board members received a letter from Mrs. Adinolfi regarding the dance team. Lisa asked the Board to consider adopting the dance team as a bona-fide sport at NBHS as opposed to a club.

Ron Haskins questioned what the process was for adopting a sport.

Dr. Wolfe stated recommendation from the building principal and a budget request. He mentioned there were 18 sports at NBHS and cheerleading presently being funded. Other groups have requested to become a bona-fide sport such as indoor track. Superintendent Wolfe mentioned that all requests would have to be researched.

Lisa Gagliardi requested that the Board ask Superintendent Wolfe to address them with a statement as to how he will improve our school climate. She felt that the Board just extended the Superintendent's contract free and clear.

Ron Haskins and Cheryl Smith stated this would have to be a contract issue.

Lisa Gagliardi stated she is just looking for a simple statement as to how he will improve school climate and didn't think it would be a contract issue.

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Cheryl Smith stated these issues were covered at the special meeting and that was the plan.

Lisa Gagliardi stated that Superintendent Wolfe's hadn't been acted on at that time and this issue was not discussed. She mentioned that the Board told the public, over two months ago, that they would investigate the low morale in the system, vote of no confidence and other issues. She remarked that the Board has neglected to do this. To address these issues would also benefit the new Board.

Cheryl Smith mentioned she was satisfied that these items were covered at their special meeting.

Lisa Gagliardi remarked if the meeting Cheryl was talking about was the meeting with the overhead projections then that meeting was about the administrators' objectives and not the Superintendent's. There was no discussion at this meeting on low teacher morale.

Ron Haskins stated that if the Board wasn't satisfied then these issues could be addressed with the new Board.

Lisa Gagliardi stated this Board was responsible for the two-year contract extension, free and clear and a significant raise.

VIII. Visitors and Press

Heidi Kehlenbach remarked that she hoped parents would have a say in the Early Notification Plan before it is implemented. She stated that the school system has to deal with more important issues with their schools at this time (septic issues, heating issues, etc.). She remarked that this sounds like a great plan but we are a small community with a high volunteer rate. Ms. Kehlenbach questioned who voted on the plan.

Cheryl Smith remarked that it would be entered into the proposed budget, looked at and discussed.

Craig Creller stated that what is happening here at this Board meeting is a travesty and the Board is not addressing the real issues. He stated that the real issues are the Superintendent's contract being renewed with no discussion and the item not appearing on the agenda, why the October 2005 Board meeting was cancelled, the possible null and void of the September 2005 Board of Education meeting and vote of no confidence. He remarked that in the six years he's been attending Board meetings none had ever been cancelled. Mr. Creller asked Ron Haskins how he and the Board planned on dealing with these violations.

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Ron Haskins stated he would let these items run their course.

Craig Creller questioned if the Board was going to spend tax- payer money fighting a hearing they could not win to renew a controversial Superintendent's contract and pass this mess onto a new Board of Education.

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

MOTION: Moved by Lawrence Casey and seconded by Cheryl Smith to adjourn this meeting of the North Branford Board of Education at 8:25 p.m.

CHAIRMAN HASKINS:	AYE
VICE-CHAIRMAN SMITH:	AYE
LAWRENCE CASEY:	AYE
MARIE DIAMOND:	AYE
LISA GAGLIARDI:	AYE
MARCEY ONOFRIO:	AYE

MOTION PASSED 6-0

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Ardine
Account Clerk