

**NORTH BRANFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
June 19, 2008**

The June 19, 2008 meeting of the North Branford Board of Education was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Board of Education Conference Room at Totoket Valley Elementary School.. The following members attended:

Board Chairwoman:	Deborah Prunier
Board Vice-Chairwoman:	Marcey Onofrio
Board Secretary:	Nancy Lappie
Board Members:	Christopher Manna Bonnie Symansky

Superintendent of Schools: Dr. Robert K. Wolfe

Absent: John Bozzuto, Jr.

MOTION: Moved by Marcey Onofrio and seconded by Christopher Manna to adjourn to executive session as per Section 1-225 o the Connecticut General Statutes as permitted by Section 1200 (6) (a,b &c) of the Connecticut General Statutes to discuss personnel, negotiations and legal matters.

ALL VOTED AYE

MOTION: Moved by Marcey Onofrio and seconded by Christopher Manna to reconvene to public session at 7:08 p.m.

ALL VOTED AYE

Roll Call for Attendance

CHAIRWOMAN PRUNIER:	PRESENT
VICE-CHAIR ONOFRIO:	PRESENT
SECRETARY LAPPIE:	PRESENT
CHRISTOPHER MANNA:	PRESENT
BONNIE SYMANSKY:	PRESENT
JOHN BOZZUTO, JR.:	ABSENT

1. Visitors

Director of Curriculum/Instruction:	Joan Follo
Director of Special Services:	Suzanne Wright
Supervisor of Building & Grounds:	William Choti
Principals:	Michele Saulis, NBHS Alan Davis, NBIS Nancy Brittingham, TVES Shawn Parkhurst, JHS

Abigail Rose Walston	Kristen Hart	Ashley Joiner
Patti Darragh	Dr. Kris Lindsay	Scott Little
Gina Little	Beth Pacelli	Ashley Steele
Elisabeth Caplan	David McMahon	Betty LaPointe
Linda Lyon	Sheila Roberti	Kate Fleming
Janice DeAngelo	Dolina Potter	Cliff Potter
Stacey Parente	Tara Melillo	John Pries

Joanne Wentworth, Deputy Mayor

Visitor Comments

Ashley Joiner asked to read a letter concerning a North Branford staff member.

Deborah Prunier stated that this was a personnel matter and it could not and would not be discussed in public and names should not be mentioned.

Kristen Hart asked to read a letter concerning a North Branford staff member.

Deborah Prunier again stated that this was a personnel matter and would not be discussed in public and both parents could submit their letters to the Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools.

Kristen Hart stated she would not mention any names.

Deborah Prunier remarked it was still a personnel matter and could not be discussed in public.

Kristen Hart questioned if parents could discuss this matter with the Board of Education in executive session.

Dr. Wolfe stated the matter could be discussed with the Board of Education and the Superintendent without going to executive session. However, once the Board of Education is involved the teachers have rights to legal council and a variety of other things and we would have to make sure we do not violate their rights.

Deborah Prunier stated that during public session only items related to the agenda could be discussed. If anyone feels they have something that they want on the agenda they should call the Superintendent's office, before the Board meeting, to get their item on the agenda.

Superintendent Wolfe stated that personnel items could not be addressed in public or open session.

Tara Melillo stated she would have a child at STW in the fall and questioned why the front doors of the school are not locked while school is in session.

Deborah Prunier stated security issues are also a part of executive session but she remarked that the parent should talk to Dr. Wolfe about this matter.

Dr. Wolfe stated he would be happy to address the issue and mentioned that the Town Council allocated \$80,000 for security issues and North Branford also received a \$50,000 grant for replacement doors, additional cameras, key fobs, locks, etc.

The locking of front doors will not be allocated at any of our schools as the Board of Education investigated this issue. Would we hire greeters, trained ex-policemen, armed security guards, etc. The cost of this would be astronomical. He mentioned that the school system does a number of security issues that are not advertised direct link to police department, upgrade to Connect Ed., etc. We are always striving for better security and he remarked that he would be happy to speak with any parent on this matter. He remarked that a locked front door could be a false sense of security.

Christopher Manna questioned if state money was available for security issues.

Dr. Wolfe remarked that the State of Connecticut would have an additional five million dollars for security in September and we would apply for an additional grant.

II. Consent Agenda

MOTION: Moved by Marcey Onofrio and seconded by Nancy Lappie to amend tonight's Consent Agenda to include an additional appointment as recommended by the Superintendent.

Addition to Consent Agenda – June 19, 2008

The Superintendent is recommending the appointment of Ms. Kimberly Overlock to the position of math teacher at NBHS for the 2008-2009 school year to be placed at Bachelor's, Step 1, per the contract between the North Branford Board of Education and the North Branford Federation of Teachers.

CHAIRWOMAN PRUNIER:	AYE
VICE-CHAIR ONOFRIO:	AYE
SECRETARY LAPPIE:	AYE
CHRISTOPHER MANNA:	AYE
BONNIE SYMANSKY:	AYE

MOTION PASSED 5-0

MOTION: Moved by Marcey Onofrio and seconded by Nancy Lappie to accept the Consent Agenda as amended;

CHAIRWOMAN PRUNIER:	AYE
VICE-CHAIR ONOFRIO:	AYE
SECRETARY LAPPIE:	AYE
CHRISTOPHER MANNA:	AYE
BONNIE SYMANSKY:	AYE

MOTION PASSED 5-0

Superintendent Wolfe introduced the following new staff members to the Board of Education: Gina Little, special education coordinator, Beth Pacelli grade 6, one year science / social studies, Ashley Steele, grade 2, one year and Elisabeth Caplan, art NBHS.

a. Minutes

Minutes of the May 15, 2008 Board of Education meeting.

b. Resignations

The Superintendent has received a resignation from Mr. David Holland, art educator at North Branford Intermediate School effective at the end of the 2007/2008 school year.

The Superintendent has received a retirement resignation from Ms. Brenda Garrison, guidance counselor at North Branford High School effective at the end of the 2007/2008 school year. Ms. Garrison has served the children of North Branford for the past 22 years.

The Superintendent has received a retirement resignation from Mr. John Congo, music educator at North Branford High School effective at the end of the 2007/2008 school year. Mr. Congo has served the children of North Branford for the past 35 years.

c. Appointments

The Superintendent is recommending the appointment of Ms. Gina Little as special education coordinator for the 2008/2009 school year to be placed at Masters, Step 6, per the contract between the North Branford Board of Education and the North Branford Federation of Teachers.

The Superintendent is recommending the appointment of Mrs. Beth Pacelli to the position of grade 6 one-year only science/social studies teacher at North Branford Intermediate School for the 2008/2009 school year to be placed at Bachelors, Step 1, as per the contract between the North Branford Board of Education and the North Branford Federation of Teachers.

The Superintendent is recommending the appointment of Ms. Ashley Steele to the position of grade 2 one-year only at Stanley T. Williams Elementary School for the 2008/2009 school year to be placed at Masters, Step 1, per the contract between the North Branford Board of Education and the North Branford Federation of Teachers.

The Superintendent is recommending the appointment of Mrs. Elisabeth Caplan to the position of art educator at North Branford High School for the 2008/2009 school year to be placed at Bachelors, Step 1, per the contract between the North Branford Board of Education and the North Branford Federation of Teachers.

The Superintendent is recommending the appointment of Ms. Mary Beth Molloy to the position of library-media specialist at North Branford Intermediate School for the 2008/2009 school year to be placed at 6th Year, Step 1 per the contract between the North Branford Board of Education and the North Branford Federation of Teachers.

The Superintendent is recommending the appointment of Ms. Lea Mancano to the position of grade 1 teacher at Stanley T. Williams School on or about December 1st, 2008 to be placed at Bachelors, Step 1 per the contract between the North Branford Board of Education and the North Branford Federation of Teachers.

The Superintendent is recommending the appointment of Mr. Tom Jaqua to the position of .4 science teacher at North Branford High School for the 2008/2009 school year to be placed at (TBD) per the contract between the North Branford Board of Education and the North Branford Federation of Teachers.

d. Leaves – None at this time.

e. Donations – None at this time.

f. Field Trips

The Superintendent has received a field trip request from Brett Joly, world language teacher at North Branford High School. The request is for a ten-day trip in 2009 (during the April break) to Paris, France and other regions. The cost of the trip is approximately \$2,979 per student and will include all breakfasts and dinners. All costs are the responsibility of the students/parents.

III. Superintendent's Report

a. Recognition

Student Representatives

The following students have served as Student Representatives to the Board of Education for the past year:

Kathryn Gargiulo
Christopher Fraenza

The Superintendent and the Board extended a sincere thank you to these students for the time, energy and effort they gave to informing the Board of student activities. Board Chair, Deborah Prunier, presented plaques to Principal Michele Saulis who accepted them on behalf of each student in appreciation for their efforts.

b. Communications

The Superintendent shared with the Board a copy of a letter from Nancy Pugliese, J.D. Chief – Bureau of Educator Standards and Certification regarding Certification Verification Survey submitted by the North Branford Board of Education.

Superintendent Wolfe remarked that all teachers were certified in North Branford and in full compliance with the Connecticut General Statutes.

Dr. Wolfe introduced John Prins of the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education. Mr. Prins presented three communication awards to the Board of Education for the Superintendent's Annual Report, Pocket Size Calendar and the Summer Camp Brochure, Classic Toys-Great Camps.

Dr. Wolfe remarked that all administrators, directors and central office staff contributed to these projects. He extended a special thanks to Joan Follo. He mentioned that the pocket calendar was actually a suggestion from one of our staff members.

Superintendent Wolfe stated that since the year 2002 North Branford has received 26 CABA awards.

c. 2008/2009 Teacher of the Year

David Lacroix, special education teacher at Totoket Valley Elementary School, was selected as the 2008/2009 District Teacher of the Year. David is currently the Bridges teacher at Totoket Valley Elementary School. He has been a member of the faculty for two years and has been an educator for 12 years. Before coming to North Branford he served as a special education teacher at ACES where he was also nominated for ACES Teacher of the Year for the 1999-2000 school year.

David is married and has two children with his wife, Nicole. Nicole is a health educator at North Branford High School. David will represent the district in the statewide competition that culminates with an award presentation by the Commissioner of Education in November.

David LaCroix was one of four highly distinguished building representatives:

<i>NBHS</i>	<i>Heidi Ahlstrom Miller</i>
<i>NBIS</i>	<i>Danielle Ducharme</i>
<i>STW</i>	<i>Kate Fleming</i>

Congratulations to all honorees!

Superintendent Wolfe mentioned that the award presentation would be in New Britain, CT this year at Central Connecticut State University.

d. Assignment Changes

The Superintendent provided assignment changes for the 2008/2009 school year. These assignment changes involve existing staff and did not require Board of Education action.

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Jeanne Prota	Grade 2 - JHS	Grade 4 – TVES
Patty Darragh	Grade 1 - STW	Language Arts Consultant – STW (On or about December 1 st)
Barbara Tedeschi	.4 Music – TVES	.6 Music – TVES
Robert Hibson	Library Media NBIS	Grade 8 Social Studies – NBIS
Marianne Delcos	Special Education NBIS	Special Education – NBHS
Lauren Maghini	.4 Art Educator – NBHS	1.0 Art Educator – NBHS
Sharon DeGennaro	.8 Social Studies – NBHS	1.0 Social Studies - NBHS
Francine Stanio	.6 Mathematics – NBHS	1.0 Mathematics – NBHS
Lori Connelly	1.0 Mathematics – NBHS	.6 Mathematics – NBHS

e. Authority to Hire

Given the critical market conditions, it is important that the Superintendent move quickly to hire high-quality candidates for the remaining open positions for the 2008/2009 school year. The Board has traditionally given the Superintendent permission to hire during the summer and report to the Board at its next scheduled meeting on employee hiring.

MOTION: Moved by Marcey Onofrio and seconded by Nancy Lappie to approve that authority be granted to the Superintendent to hire certified personnel during the summer of 2008.

CHAIRWOMAN PRUNIER:	AYE
VICE-CHAIR ONOFRIO:	AYE
SECRETARY LAPPIE:	AYE
CHRISTOPHER MANNNA:	AYE
BONNIE SYMANSKY:	AYE

MOTION PASSED 5-0

Christopher Manna questioned who interviewed personnel before they were hired.

Dr. Wolfe remarked that there was a posting for the position, a screening process by administrators, interviews with the interview committee, administrator of building and staff members, there could be a second interview, a recommendation to the Superintendent and the Superintendent endorsing the recommendation to the Board of Education.

f. School Lunch Price Increase

Food service programs throughout the State are experiencing a spike in wholesale food prices. Much of this is driven by fuel prices. It is necessary to increase school lunch prices for the 2008/2009 school year. The last lunch price increase was in the 2005/2006 school year. Listed below are the recommended lunch prices by level:

Elementary	\$2.25	up from	\$2.00
	\$2.50		\$2.25
	\$2.75		\$2.50

MOTION: Moved by Bonnie Symansky and seconded by Nancy Lappie to approve the above-noted lunch prices for the 2008/2009 school year.

CHAIRWOMAN PRUNIER:	AYE
VICE-CHAIR ONOFRIO:	AYE
SECRETARY LAPPIE:	AYE
CHRISTOPHER MANNA:	AYE
BONNIE SYMANSKY:	AYE

MOTION PASSED 5-0

Christopher Manna questioned what happens if a student cannot afford a lunch.

Dr. Wolfe stated that we have free and reduced cost for students who meet the criteria of the federal guidelines.

Christopher Manna questioned if the student's lunch status was confidential.

Superintendent Wolfe assured him that it was.

Nancy Lappie questioned where food service obtains the food used.

Dr. Wolfe stated we have contracts and use a variety of food suppliers that meet state guidelines.

g. ACES – Educational Center for the Arts

Dr. Wolfe distributed a letter from ACES regarding five students that have been accepted into the Educational Center for the Arts. It has been the Board's practice to pay 50% of the tuition for these students. Transportation is the responsibility of parents. The total tuition rate for each student is \$7,800 for the 2008/2009 school year. The State of Connecticut offsets this amount with a grant of \$4,953 per student leaving a balance of \$2,847.00 per student. This remaining cost is shared equally with parents – leaving a per student share to the Board of Education of \$1,424.

Superintendent Wolfe remarked that he is investigating transportation options for these students. The cost of a small bus or van would be \$45,000 for the school year and this has not been budgeted. He noted that we might be able to link up with East Haven or North Haven making a bus more affordable.

The Board received a letter from one of the parents pertaining to transportation.

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MOTION: Moved by Bonnie Symansky and seconded by Nancy Lappie to approve five students from North Branford Public Schools attending the ACES Educational Center for the Arts for the 2008/2009 school year at the above noted rate.

CHAIRWOMAN PRUNIER:	AYE
VICE-CHAIR ONOFRIO:	AYE
SECRETARY LAPPIE:	AYE
CHRISTOPHER MANNA:	AYE
BONNIE SYMANSKY:	AYE

MOTION PASSED 5-0

Bonnie Symansky questioned what other districts contribute to this program.

Dr. Wolfe remarked that some districts pay the whole tuition, some pay one-half of the tuition and some districts pay nothing towards the tuition making it the parent's responsibility.

Bonnie Symansky stated this is a wonderful opportunity for our students and transportation should be investigated.

Marcey Onofrio questioned the hours spent in this program.

Superintendent Wolfe remarked that students attend NBHS for a half-day and then attend ECA from one to four o'clock. Their school day is longer than the average student's day.

h. Technology Lease Resolution

The leasing company that the Town is utilizing for the Board of Education technology lease purchase requires a resolution from the Board of Education to purchase the equipment. Enclosed for Board review is the cover letter detailing this requirement.

MOTION: Moved by Marcey Onofrio and seconded by Nancy Lappie to approve the resolution that the Board of Education authorizes the purchase of technology equipment under its 2007/2008 lease purchase in accordance with the terms and conditions of the agreement entered into by the Town of North Branford and Municipal Leasing Consultants.

CHAIRWOMAN PRUNIER:	AYE
VICE-CHAIR ONOFRIO:	AYE
SECRETARY LAPPIE:	AYE
CHRISTOPHER MANNA:	AYE
BONNIE SYMANSKY:	AYE

MOTION PASSED 5-0

i. 2009/2010 School Calendar

Enclosed for Board review was a copy of the proposed 2009/2010 school calendar. Special thanks are extended to the Calendar Subcommittee.

MOTION: Moved by Marcey Onofrio and seconded by Nancy Lappie to accept the 2009/2010 North Branford Public School calendar as submitted.

CHAIRWOMAN PRUNIER:	AYE
VICE-CHAIR ONOFRIO:	AYE
SECRETARY LAPPIE:	AYE
CHRISTOPHER MANNA:	AYE
BONNIE SYMANSKY:	AYE

MOTION PASSED 5-0

Marcey Onofrio questioned if we shouldn't go back to releasing students on half-days for teacher conferences instead of using substitutes at the elementary and middle school levels.

Superintendent Wolfe remarked that this was a Board of Education negotiated item that got early release days out of the contract. He stated that the Board paid money for this

item but the decision was up to the Board of Education. He also mentioned that substitutes are needed only for the kindergarten classes.

Marcey Onofrio asked for fellow Board member's opinions and mentioned that she had asked Donald Winnicki to research this matter.

Dr. Wolfe remarked that Don Winnicki researched the item and had conversation with the Superintendent and it was Don's opinion that we should stay with the negotiated settlement.

Bonnie Symansky stated we should stay with Don Winnicki's recommendation and questioned if we normally took snow days off the April vacation.

Dr. Wolfe stated only after five snow days were used.

Marcey Onofrio questioned if this item should be tabled.

Dr. Wolfe remarked that many parents like to know a year ahead of time the calendar schedule.

j. November 2008 BOE Meeting – Date Change

The State Board of Education is scheduled to hold its annual Teacher of the Year Ceremonies in Hartford on November 13, 2008. This is the date of the regularly scheduled November Board of Education meeting. The Superintendent is recommending that the Board change its November meeting date from November 13th to November 20th, 2008. This will allow administration and faculty to attend the Teacher of the Year Ceremony in Hartford.

MOTION: Moved by Deborah Prunier and seconded by Marcey Onofrio to approve the change of the November Board of Education meeting from Thursday, November 13, 2008 to Thursday, November 20, 2008.

CHAIRWOMAN PRUNIER:	AYE
VICE-CHAIR ONOFRIO:	AYE
SECRETARY LAPPIE:	AYE
CHRISTOPHER MANNA:	AYE
BONNIE SYMANSKY:	AYE

MOTION PASSED 5-0

k. Post High School Plans

The Superintendent provided the Board with a report on Post High School Plans. This report detailed the number of North Branford High School students going on to higher education, military service and the work force. (attached)

Christopher Manna questioned who ranks the colleges.

Michele Saulis remarked Barron's Profile of American Colleges.

Deborah Prunier thanked Michele Saulis for including the college rankings as part of the report stating she likes seeing where our students are headed for college.

l. Curriculum

Curriculum Management Cycle

As part of the Curriculum Management Cycle (CMC), the following end-of-the-year summative reports were enclosed for Board review.

- ***Music K-12 Implementation 2 Phase Report*** developed by John Congo, Department Chairperson for Music K-12
- ***Social Studies Implementation 2 Phase Report*** developed by Carrie Sabetta, grade 5 teacher and Facilitator for Social Studies K-5
- ***Business & Finance Implementation 2 Phase Report*** developed by Richard Terrill, Department Chairperson for Business 6-12

Joan Follo stated that the curriculum committee met tonight and heard from John Congo, Carrie Sabetta and Richard Terrill. She discussed parts of each curriculum and thanked all staff members who contributed to the reports and curriculum.

Language Arts

At the last regular Board of Education meeting the Board received a copy of the Language Arts Curriculum Guide for grades K-5 for their first read. The curriculum guide, grounded in national and state literacy standards and state grade level expectations, includes a K-5 pacing guide designed to help educators.

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- know what to teach by when
- use student data to make instructional decisions
- build collaborative relationships through meaningful conversations about student learning

Much appreciation was extended to the Language Arts Consultants, Betty LaPointe, Sheila Roberti, and Linda Lyon, the Language Arts Curriculum Development Team, and Principal Shawn Parkhurst for their persistence and expertise in the revision of the K-5 Language Arts Curriculum.

Joan Follo thanked Betty LaPointe, Sheila Roberti, Linda Lyon and Margaret Hrabchak.

MOTION: Moved by Nancy Lappie and seconded by Marcey Onofrio to approve the Language Arts Curriculum Guide for grades K-5 as submitted.

CHAIRWOMAN PRUNIER:	AYE
VICE-CHAIR ONOFRIO:	AYE
SECRETARY LAPPIE:	AYE
CHRISTOPHER MANNA:	AYE
BONNIE SYMANSKY:	AYE

MOTION PASSED 5-0

STORYtown

Dr. Wolfe was pleased to report to the Board of Education that the Superintendent has approved the adoption of Harcourt School Publishers language arts program STORYtown as the core instructional materials for the new language arts program. This program was recommended by the Language Arts Committee and endorsed by elementary school teachers after several years of study and work. The program has a complete on-line component for teachers, parents and students. In addition, the literature within the program is authentic. The program also contains a powerful vocabulary component, grammar and writing components. The Superintendent provided samples for Board review. The program is extremely well done graphically. This adoption is the largest single curriculum adoption in the history of the North Branford Public Schools. Special thanks to Joan Follo and Shawn Parkhurst (who chaired the Language Arts Committee) and the many staff members who served on the committee as well. The Superintendent shared exciting information about the Teacher Resource Center, which is linked to this new curriculum initiative.

Dr. Wolfe mentioned that StoryTown is an all inclusive core literacy program. This program incorporates the components of reading, writing, grammar, spelling and handwriting in a planned, organized, balanced, instructionally sound, and motivating presentation. This program also includes an on-line component where parents will have access to all materials from home. He remarked that the cost of the program to us is \$125,000 but the actual value of materials was over \$200,000. We were able to get the program for \$125,00 with some hardball negotiations.

Christopher Manna stated that his wife piloted this program in the East Haven school system and thought the program was phenomenal.

Dr. Wolfe mentioned the new Teacher Resource Center for Professional Development for K-12 teachers at the Jerome Harrison School. He remarked that Alexis Christina, interim Principal at STW, would be the coordinator for the Center. Harcourt Publishers will share in the expense of opening the center. Part of the sell for Harcourt is that occasionally they can use the center for other districts. The center will be able to accommodate thirty staff members at a time.

m. Museum School Partnership

Last summer, both Jerome Harrison and Stanley T. Williams Schools were selected to participate in a "museum schools" pilot program between the Yale Center for British Art (YCBA) in New Haven and the North Branford Public Schools. The partnership aims to enhance learning experiences for our first and second-grade students particularly in oral and written expression. This initiative embraces our already existing Visual Literacy Program, which connects art to the school's reading and writing curriculum to improve literacy development. Patricia Darragh, grade 1 teacher at STW and our Museum School Partnership liaison, presented an update of partnership's accomplishments and plans for the next school year.

Patti Darragh remarked this year was a learning year and a steering committee was formed. Every first and second grade class attended three visits to the museum.

Patti Darragh mentioned that there was teacher training at the museum to ensure those classroom teachers are as comfortable teaching in the museum as they are at school. Museum educators work with teachers devising activities and suggesting works of art that support the teaching of reading comprehension skills.

Patti remarked that twenty-two students attended North Branford Day at the museum.

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n. Summer of 2008

The 2008 North Branford Summer Camp Program has experienced very heavy, late registrations. As of this writing, there have been 2,000 registrations and advance ordering of 2,000 meals. A camp orientation meeting was held on June 11, 2008 for all staff members.

Dr. Wolfe mentioned that in 2001 there were 104 camp registrations and this year there are over 2,000 registrations.

Dr. Wolfe also mentioned the expanded relationship with the YMCA and visiting artists.

o. Certified Evaluations

In accordance with Section 10-151b of the Connecticut General Statutes the Superintendent reported the status of teacher evaluations to the local or regional Board of Education. 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, 2008.

p. Defined Contribution – Resolution

The Superintendent provided information regarding defined contribution pension plan for employees. This topic is a mandatory subject of bargaining. The Board has an obligation to entertain and respond to proposals. It is important for the Board of Education to be able to respond and create a plan that is administered by the Board of Education. The enclosed resolution is required to initiate this action. **(This item was tabled until a further meeting with the Town Manager and the Town Finance Director.)**

q. Kindergarten Registrations

As of this writing, the enrollment for kindergarten for the 2008/2009 school year is as follows:

STW – 86
JHS - 85

r. Project Sage Grant

The North Branford Public Schools will again be applying for the Project Sage Grant. 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 Application has been distributed to Board Members.

MOTION: Moved by Nancy Lappie and seconded by Marcey Onofrio to approve the Project Sage Grant for the 2008/2009 school year as submitted.

CHAIRWOMAN PRUNIER:	AYE
VICE-CHAIR ONOFRIO:	AYE
SECRETARY LAPPIE:	AYE
CHRISTOPHER MANNA:	AYE
BONNIE SYMANSKY:	AYE

MOTION PASSED 5-0

Superintendent Wolfe thanked Joe Tenczar for all his efforts in filming this week at the 8th grade promotion ceremonies, the ecumenical breakfast and the high school graduation. He was there with his students for filming and personally ran cable so the auditorium could be utilized.

Dr. Wolfe also remarked that this would be the last official Board meeting for Nancy Brittingham stating she was one of the brightest administrators he has ever worked with. He thanked her for her fourteen years of service stating she made very wise decisions and extended a sincere thank-you and wished her wonderful days in the future.

s. 2008/2009 Board of Education Budget Reductions

The Superintendent provided the Board with additional recommended reductions from the 2008/2009 budget request. This recommendation in combination with action taken at the last Board meeting will total \$500,000. The Superintendent discussed the recommended budget reductions with the Budget Subcommittee at its meeting held on June 17, 2008. (attached)

MOTION: Moved by Marcey Onofrio and seconded by Nancy Lappie to add-back the .4 music position at NBHS and further reduce the 2008/2009 budget by \$160,667 to be achieved through teacher turnover and \$43,823 through reduction of funds dedicated to In School Suspension.

CHAIRWOMAN PRUNIER:	AYE
VICE-CHAIR ONOFRIO:	AYE
SECRETARY LAPPIE:	AYE
CHRISTOPHER MANNA:	AYE
BONNIE SYMANSKY:	AYE

MOTION PASSED 5-0

IV. Committee Reports

a. Negotiations

Deborah Prunier asked the Superintendent to get in touch with two firms for the Superintendent search and set a meeting for Wednesday, June 25th or Thursday June 26th at 6:30 p.m.

Dr. Wolfe remarked that this meeting must be posted 24 hours in advance. If a firm is chosen in executive session it must be announced in public session.

The Director of Personnel and Business, Donald Winnicki, has a three-year contract with a rollover provision. Mr. Winnicki's current contract runs through June 30, 2010. It is recommended that an additional year be added with a new ending contract date of June 20, 2011 making this a full three- year contract.

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MOTION: Moved by Marcey Onofrio and seconded by Bonnie Symansky to approve a one-year extension making the contract of Mr. Donald Winnicki July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2011.

CHAIRWOMAN PRUNIER:	AYE
VICE-CHAIR ONOFRIO:	AYE
SECRETARY LAPPIE:	AYE
CHRISTOPHER MANNA:	AYE
BONNIE SYMANSKY:	AYE

MOTION PASSED 5-0

b. Budget

No report at this time.

A copy of the June 1 financial statement is attached for Board review.

c. Buildings & Grounds

No report at this time.

d. Curriculum

No report at this time.

e. Pension

No report at this time.

f. Policy

The Board of Education was provided the following policy for second reading and approval:

Policy #P5110 Professional Standards for Administrators

MOTION: Moved by Bonnie Symansky and seconded by Marcey Onofrio to approve Policy #P5110 – Professional Standards for Administrators as submitted.

CHAIRWOMAN PRUNIER:	AYE
VICE-CHAIR ONOFRIO:	AYE
SECRETARY LAPPIE:	AYE
CHRISTOPHER MANNA:	AYE
BONNIE SYMANSKY:	AYE

MOTION PASSED 5-0

Christopher Manna stated the last policy meeting was cancelled and has to be rescheduled.

Bonnie Symansky suggested July 16, 2008 at 7:45 a.m.

The policy committee agreed to this date and time.

g. ACES

Nancy Lappie stated the last meeting of the school year was a clean up meeting. She mentioned that Strategic Planning was the basis of this meeting and the next meeting would be September 11, 2008 . Nancy Lappie questioned if another Board member was interested in becoming her alternate.

g. Strategic Planning

Dr. Wolfe stated the administrative team would meet with Dr. Howard Fedema on June 20, 2008 to set plans for the next school year.

h. Building Committee

Deborah Prunier stated that lockers for the NBIS portables were purchased, conduits and concrete footings were installed.

Dr. Wolfe stated 230 lockers were purchased for \$6,000 and could be sold for scrap metal when they are no longer needed.

Deborah Prunier stated that the NBIS project is three weeks ahead of schedule.

i. Calendar Committee

No report at this time

j. Transportation/Bus Safety Committee

Christopher Manna remarked that there was a minor bus accident on May 27, 2008.

Dr. Wolfe stated that a driver in a pick-up truck crossed the centerline hitting the bus carrying four Lyman Hall students. The accident happened in Wallingford and was under the jurisdiction of the Wallingford police department. There were no serious injuries.

l. Communication

No report at this time.

V. New Business

Related only to items removed from the Consent Agenda.

Christopher Manna suggested that since names were mentioned in the beginning of the tape on a personnel matter that the tape should be edited.

All Board of Education members agreed with him.

The Superintendent requested that Joe Tenczar edit the name to not include names of personnel.

Deborah Prunier remarked that Nancy Brittingham would be truly missed and she thanked Nancy for all her support when she became the Board Chair.

VI. Visitors and Press

No visitor comments at this time.

XIV. **The next regular Board of Education meeting is scheduled for July 17, 2008 at Totoket Valley Elementary School.**

XV. **Adjournment**

MOTION: Moved by Deborah Prunier and seconded by Nancy Lappie to adjourn this meeting at 8:52 p.m.

ALL VOTED AYE

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Ardine
Account Clerk