

MINUTES

NORTH HALEDON BOARD OF EDUCATION WORKSHOP MEETING

March 14, 2018

6:00 PM

The Meeting of the NORTH HALEDON Board of Education was held on Wednesday, March 14, 2018 at 6:00 PM in the Memorial School Cafeteria.

Present:

Board President Anthony Griffo
Vice President Peter TenKate
Board Member Chirag Badami
Board Member Louis Colli
Board Member Heather LaCognata
Board Member Lucy DeNova
Board Member Michele Manning
Board Member Joseph Mannino
Board Member Jessica Leto

I. Call to Order by President Griffo

Meeting called to order by President Griffo at 6:10 pm.

There were 17 members of the public present.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

Also present: Mr. Nicholas Coffaro, Superintendent of Schools

Ms. Debra Andreniuk, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

IV. Open Public Meeting Notice

The New Jersey Open Public Meeting Law was enacted to insure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies, at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon. The notice requirements of the "Open Public Meetings Act" of the State of New Jersey have been satisfied by the inclusion of the date, time, place and purpose of this Workshop/Action Meeting in a legal advertisement in the Hawthorne Press (January 18, 2018), The Record (January 12, 2018) and The Star Ledger (January 20, 2018) with copies posted at the North Haledon Municipal Building, Memorial and High Mountain Schools. The Notice was also filed with the Borough Clerk of North Haledon, posted on the District's website and sent to those requesting that such a noticed be mailed to them.

V. Review of Preliminary 2018-2019 Budget

A budget is a plan for using money. A financial blueprint. It provides an estimate of revenues and expenses for a specified period of time. Just like a construction blueprint it is subject to change along the way as needs change. Building of budget is a team effort. It starts with all staff submitting budget requests to both Mrs. Tait and Mrs. Mazzola, Mrs. Lind and myself. We also had meeting with Scott and Fernando to discuss technology and John Maguire to discuss facilities.

Once we received all requests then the four of us along with Mr. Coffaro sat down and went over the requests and classified the "wants" and the "needs". I then sat down and drafted the preliminary budget. I had to take out some of the items requested as there is not enough revenue to cover all of them. I then met with Mr. Coffaro again and reviewed the preliminary budget. We then met with the finance committee and

reviewed the preliminary budget. It is preliminary because the state aid figures have not been released yet so there may be revisions necessary depending on the final figures. I also just want to emphasize that while the largest part of our budget revenue which is the tax levy is capped at 2%, there is no cap on increases to our expenditure side. Increases range from 1.5% to 15% and we have no control over that.

Review of Preliminary 2018-2018 budget

1. The budget as it stands maintains the following current items.
 1. Current levels of staffing with the anticipation of making a PT staff member FT and adding a new PT aide.
 2. All current programs required for instruction have also been maintained.
 3. Current maintenance contracts we have in effect with vendors for HVAC systems and controls, maintenance of kitchen systems.
1. New Items included in the Budget
 - a. Discovery ED Social Studies (technology improvement)
 - b. Refinish gym floor Memorial School
 - c. Replace 10 Access points (e-rate reimbursable)
 - d. Website redesign do to obsolete software of current website
 - e. Cost savings by switching PR & GAAP software to new vendor
 - f. Second day for homework club
 - g. Enhancement to dental coverage for all employees
 - h. Mrs. Lind has been working very diligently on reducing our OOD Sp Ed costs. After evaluation of all OOD students by review of education plans and visits to all OOD placements as of now we will be bringing one OOD placement back into district. She is also working to keep current students in district by putting additional things into place here rather than the student having to go out of district.
 - i. We are also looking at possible shared service agreements with other districts that will allow efficiency of operations and a cost savings to us.
 - j. We have been advised that there will be a 12%-15% increase in our health care coverage so those costs have been included as well.
 - k. Depending on funding provided by NHEF we may be able to continue with chrome book initiative
1. New Governor's Budget Address was moved to March 13 (from February 27) which in turn moved the Budget Submission date to County office for approval to March 29 (from March 20)
 - a. Budget has to be approved for submission to County office at March 28 BOE meeting
 - b. Public Hearing on Budget will be Wednesday April 25 BOE meeting

Discussion/Comments:

Mr. Coffaro added that state aid figures are released tomorrow and if any additional monies are available adding a SAC will be a priority. SAC stands for Student Assistance Counselor.

Ms. DeNova asked if we are using the excess surplus amount as added revenue and not tax relief and what the \$223,589 is being used for. Ms. Andreniuk replied that yes it is being used for revenue and for the most part it is blended in the budget to cover expenses. Ms. DeNova commented that she felt the monies should have been used for tax relief.

Ms. DeNova asked why the tax levy for debt service increased by \$27k. Ms. Andreniuk explained that the principal on the debt service increased \$60k while the interest decreased only \$32k hence the increase of \$27k.

Ms. DeNova commented that compared to last year it seems that OOD costs are less due to 2 students. Can this be explained? Ms. Andreniuk answered yes that one student is moving out of our district and another is coming back into district to be educated.

Ms. DeNova commented that OT/PT expenses seemed to have increased. Why is that? Ms. Andreniuk explained that in an effort to keep students in district and to service returning student extra services are required to meet their education plans.

Ms. DeNova asked why are legal expenses being reduced \$10k? Ms. Andreniuk replied that based on the current year's spending that it is not necessary to budget \$45k in legal expenses.

Ms. DeNova commented that budgeted transportation costs have increased over last year. Ms. Andreniuk replied that the bus owned by the district was eliminated last summer. That was not figured into the 2017-2018 budget and therefore it was necessary to add additional transportation costs due to extra route.

Mr. Colli commented that he was not aware we provided music lessons at MS and asked who received them. Ms. Andreniuk replied that she believed students in the band received them and that the music lessons expenditure needed to be moved to HMS line. It was in MS line in error.

Mr. Colli asked what does Mr. Donow do for us and why is he listed twice in the budget? Ms. Andreniuk replied that Mr. Donow is our Treasurer of School monies and he is only listed once in the 2018/19 budget. The account numbers have been changed so it is a little confusing to read.

Mr. Colli asked why do pay Manchester Regional for busing? Do we pay to bus students to high school? Ms. Andreniuk replied that we pay Manchester Regional because they coordinate our busing to Eastern Christian and all of our Aid in Lieu that we have to pay. No we do not pay to bus students to high school.

VI. Approval of Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the minutes from the Board Ethics Training held on February 6, 2018 and the Regular Meeting and Executive Meeting held on February 21, 2018.

VII. Correspondence

None

VIII. Superintendent's Report

1. Student Recognition

- Certificate presentation
- Patrick Bunal... Grade 6 (Geography Bee- State)
- Brooke Talsma... Grade 7 (Youth Art Month- State)
- Doneya Docherty... Grade 8 (Youth Art Month- State)

1. Walk-Out

- Today, HMS assembled in the gymnasium for the nation-wide "Walk-Out."
- We will perform this event annually (around the same date of 3/14), but will change the name of the event.
- We should be proud of our students for their leadership today during the Walk-Out. There were speeches by students, as well as all students signing a banner that indicated #17 as to the number of lives who were killed during the Florida school shooting. Our staff in its entirety provided heightened supervision, while Ms. Colleen Faasse represented our police department.
- An inspirational day on many levels. I thank our HMS school principal, Ms. Mazzola, our entire HMS staff for their leadership, our Police Department for their watch, and most of all... I thank our student body as they were the role models today.

1. County Superintendent Visitation

- Met with me on Monday, 3/12
- Meet and Greet (new...Dr. Christopher Irving)
- Personally congratulated us as to High Performing District recognized by DOE via QSAC
- Dialog as to district history, as well as our happenings now
- Visionary and Hands-on leader for our county (wants to meet our board)

1. Merit Pay for School Superintendent

- Superintendent driven goals (5) that are met and achieved would be 14.9% of salary.
- We have \$22,000 in budget if I reach all 5 goals and board approves achievement in full.
- Process: Superintendent creates, County approves, Board acknowledges approved goals through resolution. June 2018... Superintendent provides goals to Board. If met and achieved, Board approves goals and amount awarded. Resolution sent to county for approval of payment.
- Only submitting two goals (resolution on agenda) and if achieved and approved, full amount would be \$10,040. I will for-go the remaining \$12,000 of my merit pay to be placed back in budget as additional surplus. You're welcome...

1. Security Meeting

- Occurred on Wednesday, February 21st.
- In attendance: Myself along with Board President (Mr. Griffo), Mayor George, Police Chief Bracco, Captain Darby, and our

Supervisor of B&G (Mr. Maguire).

- Dialog included bolstering security measures to our facilities, as well as discussion as to policy and procedures. Cannot discuss facility upgrades yet, but soon all will be made aware. And this assistance will be instrumental as we continue to bring the safest and healthiest learning environments to our students and staff.

1. Calendar

- Our current school year calendar will be discussed in new business portion of our agenda.

1. Dates to remember:

- Grade 8 Graduation will be Tuesday, 6/19.
- Grade 4 Move-up Ceremony will be Friday, 6/15 with Clap-out the last day of school on Friday, 6/22.
- Memorial School Science Fair is Monday, 6/19 at 6:30 in the Memorial School Gym
- LEAD Graduation Ceremony will be Tuesday, 3/27 at 6:30 in the High Mountain School Gym
- Passaic County Youth Art Month Gallery will showcase art work from students around the county. We have art work being displayed at the Hawthorne Library from March 4th to the 21st during library hours. There will be a closing reception on March 21st from 6-8pm for student artists, their parents and teachers. Please take a hard copy form that is located on back table.
- On Wednesday, 3/28 both myself and Ms. Lind will be meeting with the new county Director of Education, Dr. Nicholas Vancheri. He will be visiting our district on this day.

1. And finally...

- For all you Math party animals... today was Pi Day.
- The day was filled with exciting math events and activities led by our teachers.
- The day was also filled with pizza pies and pies in the face.
- And yes, I did participate to get hit in the face and my line was pretty long (not sure if this is good or bad). This was a fundraiser so I think I broke the bank! Upsetting, though, the pies were not flavored. Was hoping for a nice coconut creme... next year.

A. Enrollment

- Memorial- 365
- HMS- 279
- Total in district- 644

B. HIB Report

- February 2018
- 2-cases to report
- Both Unsubstantiated

IX. Presentations

None

X. Representative's Report

Committee	Members	Reports
Board of Recreation	Ms. Manning	Business as usual. Basketball is wrapping up and volleyball has started.
Borough Council	Ms. Leto	Council discussed school safety measures and the roles of the North Haledon police dept. Next meeting is March 21.

Planning Board	Ms. LaCognata	Planning board is still discussing the development on Belmont Ave.
PCSBA/NJSBA	Ms. DeNova	The next PCSBA meeting will be held on Thursday, March 29th @ Maggiano's in Hackensack. This will be a joint meeting with the Bergen County SBA and there will be a legislative representatives in attendance.
N.R.E.S.C.	Ms. DeNova	None

XI. Petitions of Citizens on Agenda Items Only

Randy George: Mr. George commented that he requested that we not use the excess surplus as tax relief. Mr. George asked in regards to the excess surplus that is included in 2018/19 budget is the same amount going to be available for next year's budget? This is dangerous if amount available is not the same. Disappointed that it is included as a general amount and not used for something specific. Ms. Andreniuk replied that no most likely the same amount will not be available as surplus for the next budget but that we should be working to have an amount that can be comparable from year to year. Keeping the extraordinary aid and the non public transportation that we receive every year to apply to excess surplus should help to accomplish this.

Mr. George commented that the door must be left unlocked. He stated we are in violation of Open public meetings act. Mr. Griffo replied that he had spoken to Mr. George regarding this and Mr. George said that security would be provided at the door but no one was available this evening because it was short notice.

Mr. George asked if we have waivers for items for like medical and pension expenses? Ms. Andreniuk replied yes we do. Due to the anticipated increase to medical benefits of 15% we have an additional \$59k available as medical waiver.

Mr. George asked Mr. Griffo what the tax impact was to the citizens. Mr. Griffo replied that he can not give that information out yet as it has not been discussed with the whole board and he feels they should have the numbers first.

A. Motion to Open the Floor

The motion was made by Board Member Manning and seconded by Board Member LaCognata, and with a unanimous roll call vote, the motion carried.

B. Motion to Close the Floor

The motion was made by Vice President TenKate and seconded by Board Member Manning , and with a unanimous roll call vote, the motion carried.

XII. Finance

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby approves motions: A) Approval of District Claims; B) Approval of Transfer of Funds for February 28, 2018; C) Acceptance of Monthly Financial Reports for February 28, 2018; D) Approval of 2018-2019 North Haledon School District Budget; E) Approval of Maximum Travel Expenditure; F) Approval of Superintendent Merit Goals

Discussion/Comments:

None

A. Approval of District Claims

Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Business Administrator, the Board of Education approves the attached lists of claims for March in the total amount of \$ xxxxxx be approved for payment, as follows:

i. General Operating Fund (Funds 10,11&12)	\$ xxx,xxxxxx
ii. Special Revenue Fund (Fund 20)	\$ xxxxxxxx
iii. Capital Projects Fund (Fund 30)	\$ x.xx
iv. Debt Service Fund (Fund 40)	\$ x.xx
v. Enterprise Fund (Fund 60)	\$ xx,xxxxxx

B. Approval of Transfer of Funds for February 28, 2018

Resolve that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Business Administrator, the Board of Education approves the transfer of funds in accordance with the attached list of adjustments for the month of February 28, 2018. The Board also authorizes the Superintendent to make interim transfers and report them at the next Board Meeting.

C. Acceptance of Monthly Financial Reports for February 28, 2018

Resolve that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Business Administrator, the Board of Education accepts the Board Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports for the month ending February 28, 2018 and has determined that they are in agreement; Furthermore, resolved that, the Board of Education acknowledges receipt of the Board Secretary's certification, as noted below:

Pursuant to N.J.A.C.6A-16.10(c)3 and 4, I certify that as of February 28, 2018, no budgetary line item account has obligations and payments which in total exceed the amount appropriated by the North Haledon School District Board of Education, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 18A 22-8 and 18A 22-8.1

Furthermore resolve that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A 23A-16.10(c), the Board of Education certifies that as of February 28, 2018, after the review of the Board Secretary's monthly financial report, appropriation section, and upon consultation with appropriate district officials, and to the best of our knowledge no major account fund has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A 23A-16.10(b), that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the school year and that in accordance P.L.2004 Ch.73, budgetary transfers cumulatively in excess of 10% that require the approval of the Commissioner of Education are listed below and the required approval by the Executive County Superintendent of Schools has been requested above.

D. Approval of 2018-2019 North Haledon School District Budget

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Business Administrator, that the Board hereby approves the proposed North Haledon School District Budget for the 2018-19 school year as follows:

GENERAL EXPENSE BUDGET	\$ xxxxxxxx.00
SPECIAL REVENUE BUDGET	\$ xxxxxxxx.00
DEBT SERVICE BUDGET	\$ xxxxxxxxxx.00
TOTAL	\$ xxxxxxxxxx.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the revenue required for this budget shall include:

GENERAL FUND TAX LEVY	\$ x,xxxxxxxx00
DEBT SERVICE TAX LEVY	\$ xxxxxxxxxx.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board authorizes the Business Administrator, to submit the proposed budget to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools, in the form prescribed by the New Jersey Department of Education, for review and approval, and that upon said approval, the Business Administrator shall cause the budget to be advertised and posted as required by statute and code, in preparation for the Public Hearing on the proposed 2018-19 Budget, to be held at the regular meeting of the North Haledon Board of Education on April 25, 2018 at 7:00 pm, in the Cafeteria of Memorial School.

E. Approval of Maximum Travel Expenditure

WHEREAS, the North Haledon School District Board of Education recognizes school staff and Board members will incur travel expenses related to and within the scope of their current responsibilities and for travel that promotes the delivery of instruction or furthers the efficient operation of the school district; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.1 et seq. requires Board members to receive approval of these expenses by a majority of the full voting membership of the Board and staff members to receive prior approval of these expenses by the Superintendent of Schools and a majority of the full voting membership of the Board; and

WHEREAS, a Board of Education may establish, for regular district business travel only, an annual school year threshold of \$150 per staff member where prior Board approval shall not be required unless this annual threshold for a staff member is exceeded in a given school year (July 1 through June 30); and

WHEREAS, travel and related expenses not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.1 et seq., but deemed by the Board of Education to be necessary and unavoidable as noted on the approved Board of Education Out of District Travel and Reimbursement Forms;

now THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves all travel not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.1 et seq. as being necessary and unavoidable as noted on the approved Board of Education Out of District Travel and Reimbursement Forms; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves travel and related expense reimbursements in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.2(b), to a maximum expenditure of \$ 00,000 for all staff and board members.

F. Approval of Superintendent Merit Goals

Resolve that upon the recommendation of the Business Administrator, the Board of Education approves the attached superintendent's merit goals for the 2017-2018 school year. The goals must be submitted to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval.

XIII. Personnel

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby approves motions: A) Approval of Substitute Teachers; B) Approval of Home Instruction Speech Therapy; C) Approval of Home Bound Instruction; D) Approval of Master of Arts in Educational Leadership (MAEL) Administrative Internship Agreement; E) Approval of Maternity Leave; F) Approval of Home Instruction; G) Approval of Part-Time Instructional Aide

Discussion/Comments:

Ms. DeNova asked if home instruction takes place during the school day ? Mr. Coffaro replied no after the school day is over.

A. Approval of Substitute List

Resolve that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the attached list of substitutes for the 2017-2018 School Year.

B. Approval of Home Instruction Speech Therapy

Resolve that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves Home Instruction Speech Therapy for Student ID#1610 by Jessica VanDyke, for two (2) hours per week beginning on February 27, 2018 through June 30, 2018 at \$95.00 per hour.

C. Approval of Home Instruction

Resolve that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves Home Instruction for Student #1610 by AnnMarie Murphy, for ten (10) hours per week for School Year 2017-2018 at \$50.00 per hour.

D. Approval of Master of Arts in Educational Leadership (MAEL) Administrative Internship Agreement

Resolve that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the Master of Arts in Educational Leadership (MAEL) Administrative Internship Agreement between Corrie Bouma, a MAEL candidate from Ramapo College and North Haledon School District. Ms. Bouma will complete a 300-

hour field based internship at High Mountain School starting Spring Semester 2018 through Spring Semester 2019. Ms. Michele Mazzola will act as Administrative Internship Mentor for Ms. Bouma.

E. Approval of Maternity Leave

Resolve that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves maternity leave for Kristina Meyers ("Meyers"). Meyers will be granted a paid leave of absence using accumulated sick time from April 19, 2018 through and including May 18, 2018, in connection with the anticipated birth date of her child on April 21, 2018. During this period, Meyers will use 21.5 accumulated sick days.

Be it further resolved at the end of her presumptive period of disability, Meyers shall be granted a 12 week child-rearing leave of absence under the Family Medical Leave Act and NJ Family Leave Act which shall extend from May 21, 2018 through October 19, 2018. This leave shall be provided without pay.

Be it further resolved that Meyer's anticipated return to work day shall be October 22, 2018.

F. Approval of Home Instruction

Resolve that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves Home Instruction for Student #1662 by Kim Tanis, for five and a half (5.5) hours per week and Daniel O'Nove, for four and a half (4.5) hours per week starting February 28, 2018 at \$50.00 per hour.

G. Approval of Part-Time Instructional Aide

Resolve that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Ms. Amanda Dougherty, Part-Time Instructional Aide at a rate of \$16.81 per hour not to exceed 25 hours per week and starting on or about March 19, 2018 for the 2017-2018 School Year.

XIV. Policy

XV. Facilities & Services

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves motion: A) Approval of District Facilities Use

Discussion/Comments:

Ms. DeNova commented that she wasn't aware that the STEM Club was sponsored by the PTO.

A. Approval of District Facilities Use

Resolve that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby approves the following use of district facilities subject to non-conflicting events.

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Times</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
Borough of North Haledon	April 4, 2018	6:30-10:00pm	HMS - Multi Purpose Room	Public Meeting on Proposed Amendment to Redevelopment Plan
North Haledon School District	March 26, 2018	6:00-7:00pm	Memorial - Library	PARCC University - Parent Informational Session
PTO	3/14/18, 3/15, 3/21, 3/22, 3/28, 3/29, 4/11, 4/12, 4/18, 4/19, 4/25, 4/26, 5/2,	3:00-4:30pm	HMS - Science Lab	STEM Club

	5/3, 5/9, 5/10, 5/16, 5/17, 5/23, 5/24			
B&GClub of Hawthorne	March 14, 2018	6:00-7:30pm	HMS - Cafeteria	Cooking Club: K-4th Grade

XVI. Curriculum

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves motion: A) Approval of Additional Math Literacy Skills (MLS) K-4 Curriculum; B) Approval of Travel, Conference, Workshops & Related Expenses; C) Approval of Services

Discussion/Comments:

None

A. Approval of Additional Math Literacy Skills (MLS) K-4 Curriculum

Resolve that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the additional Math Literacy Skills Curriculum for grade level K-4.

B. Approval of Travel, Conference, Workshops & Related Expenses

Resolve that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves reimbursement and expenses previously approved by the Superintendent for the following staff development, training, workshops, conferences and/or seminars as they are directly related to and within the scope of the participant's duties and are critical to the instructional needs and/or efficient operation of the district. The travel expenses are justified and within the guidelines established by the New Jersey Department of Education accountability regulations.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Participant</u>	<u>Workshop</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Fee</u>	<u>Sub Needed</u>	<u>Other Costs</u>
3/1/2018	Antonella Lind, Michele Mazzola, Fernando Hache	PARCC Training	Whippany, NJ	No Cost	No	Mileage & Tolls
4/19/2018	Melissa Tait, John Maguire	Eastern DataComm - Safety & Security	Summit, NJ	No Cost	No	Mileage & Tolls
3/22/2018	Melissa Tait, John Maguire	Bergen Country School Safety & Security	Maywood, NJ	No Cost	No	Mileage & Tolls
4/27/2018	John Mcguire	Utilizing Technology to Achieve Sustainability in School	Union, NJ	No Cost	No	Mileage & Tolls

C. Approval of Services

Resolve that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves Platt Psychiatric Associates to perform student evaluation services for Student ID#1662 in the amount of \$750.00.

XVII. Petition of Citizens

Members of the public may speak once for a maximum period of three minutes by the clock during this portion of the meeting. The public may speak on any topic during their five minutes. If a member of the public raises a question, all questions should be directed to the Board President. Depending on the nature and complexity of the question, it may or may not be answered during the meeting and, if so, only after the member of the public has completed their comments or reached their allotted time. We also recognize that everyone has the freedom to speak but advise you that anything said in public may have legal ramifications. There is no protection regarding statements made by the public. Please state your name, address, and if applicable, group affiliation and sign in before you begin.

Discussion/Comments:

Mr. Keith Salvaino: Mr. Salvaino asked Mr. Griffo what is the goal of the budget? Mr. Griffo replied that probably everyone would have a different answer but we have to include the "given" expenditures and then we look at what at priority items for what is left. Try to have a project from year to year and to perhaps increase surplus for facility items. But the main goal is that the expenses need to be student driven.

A. Motion to Open the Floor

The motion was made by Board Member Leto and seconded by Vice President TenKate, and with a unanimous roll call vote, the motion carried.

B. Motion to Close the Floor

The motion was made by Board Member LaCognata and seconded by Board Member Manning , and with a unanimous roll call vote, the motion carried.

XVIII Old Business

None

Discussion/Comments:

None

XIX. New Business

Mr. Coffaro addressed the fact that we have gone beyond our three (3) allotted snow days. His suggestion was that since we have 186 student days including the 3 snow days that we are now at the mandate of 180 student days that we leave the calendar alone and not make up any days even though the teachers are at 184 days and their contract states 186 days.

Discussion/Comments:

Mr. Colli commented that the district he works for is having teachers return after the last day of school but with out the students. He suggests we think about that.

Ms. LaCognata commented that the district she works for is making both teachers and students make up the days during spring break and we should do the same.

Mr. Ten Kate commented that his wife is a teacher as well and she is being held to contract and has to make up days.

Mr. Griffo suggested Mr. Coffaro check with surrounding towns to see how they are handling their calendars.

XX. Future Meeting and Important Dates

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March 28, 2018	Regular Meeting	7:00pm
April 11, 2018	Workshop Meeting	7:00pm
April 25, 2018	Regular Meeting	7:00pm
May 9, 2018	Workshop Meeting	7:00pm

XXI. Executive Session

WHEREAS C231, P.L. 1975, also known as the Open Public Meetings Act, authorizes a public body to meet in executive or private sessions under certain, limited circumstances; and

WHEREAS, said law requires the Board to adopt a resolution at a public meeting before it can meet in such as executive or private session;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NORTH HALEDON BOARD OF EDUCATION that:

1) The Board has determined that it is necessary to meet in Executive Session on March 14, 2018 at 7:21 p.m. to discuss:

1. matters considered confidential by federal law, state statute or court rule;

2) The Board will make public the matter(s) discussed if and when confidentially in no longer required.

3) The Board will take action pursuant to said discussion at a public meeting.

XXII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

The motion was made by Board Member Manning and seconded by Board Member Leto, and with a unanimous roll call vote, the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

DEBRA ANDRENIUK

Board Secretary