

**WALLINGFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING
BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM – SHEEHAN HIGH SCHOOL
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2012**

MINUTES

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The Operations Committee Meeting was called to order by Mr. Brooder at 9:37 P.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

M. Brooder, J. Cei, C. Mansfield, J. Marrone, C. Miller, R. McKay

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

S. Menzo, E. Cohn, J. Guarino, R. Backus, M. Deptula, R. Mancusi, P. DeFilio

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES DATED SEPTEMBER 10, 2012

The minutes of the Operations Committee Meetings dated September 10, 2012 were reviewed and accepted as presented.

BOARD OF EDUCATION FINANCIAL REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2012

Dr. Menzo presented the Board of Education Financial Report for September 2012. The forecast for contingency is \$140,000. Salaries are forecasted to have a balance of \$637,781. There are more people on maternity leaves and leaves of absence. Benefits are forecasted to have a deficit \$145,533 because of changes in plan participation and an increase in paraprofessionals taking insurance benefits. Mr. Cei asked what percent of paraprofessionals have elected to take the medical insurance. Dr. Menzo will send him the information. The projected balance at year end is \$871,427.

The consensus of the Operations Committee was to send the Board of Education Financial Report for September 2012 to the full Board for approval.

SPECIAL EDUCATION FINANCIAL UPDATE

Mr. Mancusi, Pupil Personnel Services Director, provided an update on the costs for outside evaluations and consultants. For fiscal year 2011/2012, 62 evaluations were conducted. The

cost was \$84,555. Last year the Board of Education had standing contracts with psychiatrists and a neuropsychologist. There are no contracts for this year. They will continue to have outside evaluations as needed. For the month of September they have had 7 outside evaluations at a cost of \$13,525.

Expenditures for outside consultations for 2011/2012 were \$189,984. Mr. Mancusi stated the estimated expense for this year is \$79,070. This will result in savings of \$110,914. The hours for Connecticut Behavioral Health at ARTS/Harvest Park have been reduced from 6 hours per week to 2 hours per week. Connecticut Behavioral has worked with staff training them to provide the services to students. Throughout the district, the hours for outside consultations have been reduced due to the increased internal capacity throughout the district.

NEGOTIATIONS UPDATE

Jan Guarino provided an update on negotiations. They are in mediation with the Food Service employees. The next meeting is scheduled for November 6th. The custodians' contract ended on September 30, 2012. Negotiations started in October. The Nurses' contract passed and is effective July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2015.

The contracts that will be coming up for negotiations this year are: Information Technology, Managers, Paraprofessionals and Secretaries.

Dr. Menzo gave an update on the bleachers at Lyman Hall that were vandalized.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Brooder adjourned the Operations Committee Meeting at 10:08 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Patricia DeFilio