

**WALLINGFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING
WITH TOWN COUNCIL
HUBCAP WALLINGFORD – 128 CENTER STREET
TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2014**

MINUTES

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The Special Operations Committee Meeting was called to order by Mrs. McKay at 5:45 P.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

K. Castelli, J. Cei, K. Hlavac, J. Marrone, R. McKay, C. Shortell

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

S. Menzo, S. Parkhurst, L. Winters, M. Deptula, S. Wong, R. Mancusi, P. DeFilio

TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

V. Cervoni, C. Fishbein, T. Laffin, J. LeTourneau, C. Mansfield, R. Parisi, L. Russo, J. Sullivan, V. Testa

Mayor Dickinson was also present at the meeting

DISCUSSION OF THE 2014/2015 BUDGET

Dr. Menzo and Mrs. McKay shared a PowerPoint presentation explaining accomplishments in the Strategic Plan since 2010 to meet the Wallingford Board of Education's goals. Wallingford 100 is 100% community involvement for 100% student engagement to reach a 100% graduation rate.

Dr. Menzo listed educational reform from 1950 to present day. He stated that school systems are required to do much more with limited time and funding. The 2014/2015 Board of Education Recommended Budget is \$95,231,505. The Board of Education is requesting an increase of \$3,976,394 which is a 4.36% increase over the current budget.

In addition to the recommended budget request, the Wallingford Board of Education is requesting an additional Capital Expenditure Request of \$500,000 for the Lyman Hall Athletic Complex. Mrs. McKay stated that many school districts in our DRG (District Reference Group) have both an Operations/Instructional Budget and a Capital Expenditure Budget. This allows for greater transparency, provides for coordinated town-wide long-term planning, and offers opportunities for collaboration and potential cost savings. She added that the Board/Council Liaison is Karen Hlavac.

Dr. Menzo stated that funding from grant awards to the Wallingford Board of Education in 2012/2013 was \$224,235. In 2013/2014, the grant awards were \$776,272. These grant awards are due to the hard work of staff across the district.

He also pointed out that \$170,325 was received this year thanks to many businesses and members of the community.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. McKay adjourned the Special Operations Committee Meeting at 6:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Patricia DeFilio