

**WALLINGFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
INSTRUCTIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday – March 20, 2013
VO-AG Community Room
Lyman Hall High School**

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Menzo started the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

K. Castelli, C. Mansfield, J. Marrone, R. McKay, C. Miller

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

E. Cohn, J. Guarino, B. McCully, S. Menzo

II. DISCUSSION

A. Creating Common Community Core Values and Beliefs – Facilitators: Al Terzi, FoxCT News Anchor and Tony Terzi, FoxCT News Reporter

Dr. Menzo started the meeting with thanking our sponsors – MidState Medical Center, Anthem Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Quest Diagnostics, Component Engineers, Gale Development Services and White Way Cleaners – who have been very kind and generous this year to the Wallingford Public Schools through providing donations which has allowed the district to have an Innovation Team. He also thanked members from the Wallingford Public Library, the YMCA , Dry Dock and other local businesses for attending the evening’s discussion. He acknowledged Board of Education members present and Wallingford Town Council members. He thanked the students from The Cook’s Table at Lyman Hall High School and the Farms Country Club for providing the sandwiches and wraps for supper. Dr. Menzo introduced the meeting facilitators Al Terzi and Tony Terzi and the Innovation Team members: Jan Murphy, Kate O’Donnell and Patty Pursell.

Dr. Menzo stated the purpose for this meeting is for all participants is to come to consensus on a common set of core values for the entire community. It is the hope that these core values will be adopted by other community groups and organizations so there is a common language and a common goal to move the entire town forward. These core values will be aligned with the school district’s mission, vision, beliefs and strategic plan. A core value is a characteristic that is special to our community and will guide us in our decision making. Unlike a mission, vision, or beliefs, we do not design core values; they represent our foundational beliefs. There are four characteristics of a core value: 1.) It must be strongly held. 2.) It must be widely held. 3.) The core value must have stability over time. 4.) The core value must not vary significantly among different sectors of the community.

After brainstorming an initial list of values was created. Then through a gallery walk voting process, a list of nine core values was produced. They are as follows: Respect, Perseverance, Sense of Belonging, Health, Wellness and Safety, Community Involvement and Engagement, Integrity, Embrace Diversity, Lifelong Learning, Personal Responsibility and Imagination. Dr. Menzo will work with volunteers to draft a final statement that will be shared with the entire community. Once the core values are in place, they will be incorporated in our district and school mission & vision statements.

V. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Betsy McCully
Assistant Superintendent's Secretary