

**WALLINGFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
INSTRUCTIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday – October 6, 2014
Board of Education Conference Room
Hall-Elton Building**

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairperson Shortell called the meeting to order at 6:47 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

K. Castelli, K. Hlavac , J. Marrone, R. McKay, C. Miller, C. Shortell, M. Votto

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

C. Lavalette, R. Mancusi, S. Menzo, S. Parkhurst

II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Instructional Committee Meeting minutes of September 2, 2014 were accepted as presented.

III. CURRICULUM

A. Approval of Lyman Hall High School Trip to Yamaha Cup Marching Band Competition in New Jersey on November 1, 2014

The unanimous consensus of the Board was to send the proposed approval of Lyman Hall High School Trip to Yamaha Cup Marching Band Competition in New Jersey on November 1, 2014 to the Board of Education for action at its next meeting.

B. Approval of Lyman Hall High School Trip to Disney World's On Stage Music Performance Program at Disney World, Florida – April 8-12, 2015

The unanimous consensus of the Board was to send the proposed approval of Lyman Hall High School Trip to Disney World's On Stage Music Performance Program at Disney World, Florida – April 8-12, 2015 to the Board of Education for action at its next meeting.

C. Approval of Sheehan High School Trip to World Language Program in Quebec, Canada – April 22-25, 2015

The unanimous consensus of the Board was to send the proposed approval of Sheehan High School Trip to World Language Program in Quebec, Canada – April 22-25, 2015 to the Board of Education for action at its next meeting.

IV. REVIEW

A. Review of the Strategic Plan Belief, Mission and Vision Statement

Dr. Menzo stated this Strategic Plan Belief, Mission and Vision draft is based on the work done this summer. The belief statement is grouped by categories which address the core values that have been established. The Vision Statement was revised to read as follows: *WPS, in collaboration with our families and community, will provide a safe, healthy and supportive environment that ignites an enduring passion for excellence in every learner, so that each becomes a life-long contributor to the*

local, national, and global communities. This document is still a work in progress and the Board will see it again at future meetings. Dr. Menzo would like any additional feedback sent to him by October 17th.

V. POLICY

A. Proposed Adoption of Revised Policy: Board Members' Conflicts of Interest or Nepotism - 9270

Dr. Menzo stated the revisions to this policy align with the Town of Wallingford Personnel Rules and Regulations. Mr. Votto stated the first statement in section II. Nepotism – will be changed to read as follows: *The Board of Education permits the employment of qualified relatives of Board of Education members as long as such employment does not, in the sole opinion of the Board of Education, create actual or perceived conflicts of interest.* Mr. Marrone stated he feels this proposed policy is too liberal and that the current language is appropriate.

Dr. Menzo noted this revision deserves additional review by the policy committee, where they will have an opportunity to discuss and present an alternative draft before any action can be taken on moving it forward.

B. Proposed Adoption of Revised Policy: Student Conduct on School Transportation – 5131.1

Mr. Parkhurst stated this revision involves the district's duty to maintain order, discipline, safety and security and finds that it is appropriate to provide for the use of video camera surveillance in its school buses.

The unanimous consensus of the Board was to send the proposed adoption of revised policy: Student Conduct on School Transportation – 5131.1 to the Board of Education for action at its next meeting.

C. Proposed Adoption of Revised Policy: Suspension and Expulsion - 5114

Mr. Parkhurst stated the revision to this policy is mandated by state law and addresses a student's record of suspension. Whenever a student is suspended, notice of the suspension and the conduct for which the student was suspended shall be included on the student's cumulative record. The new law now states the following: *Such notice shall be expunged from the record if the student graduates from high school or at the time the offense occurs if the occurrence is prior to grade 9.*

The unanimous consensus of the Board was to send the proposed adoption of revised policy: Suspension and Expulsion – 5114 to the Board of Education for action at its next meeting.

D. Proposed Adoption of Revised Policy: Nondiscrimination – 0521

Mr. Parkhurst stated the revision to this policy is mandated by state law. The addition is as follows: *The District shall promote nondiscrimination and an environment free of harassment based on an individual's race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, marital status or age or because of the race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, national origin, disability, marital status or age of any other persons with whom the individual associates.*

The unanimous consensus of the Board was to send the proposed adoption of revised policy: Nondiscrimination – 0521 to the Board of Education for action at its next meeting.

V. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Vice Chairperson Shortell adjourned the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Betsy McCully, Assistant Superintendent's Secretary