

**WALLINGFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS – TOWN HALL
45 SOUTH MAIN STREET, WALLINGFORD
MONDAY, JUNE 22, 2015**

Mission

To inspire, educate and support all students as they discover and pursue their personal best.

Vision

Wallingford Public Schools, with families and community, will distinguish itself with innovative teaching and learning experiences in a safe and supportive environment. Our goal is to ignite passion for learning and excellence in every student so that each becomes a life-long contributor to the local and global communities.

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. McKay, Chairman of the Board, called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

The Clerk of the Board, Betty Napolitano, called the roll.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

BOLAT, CASTELLI, CEI, HLAVAC, MARRONE, MCKAY, SHORTELL, VOTTO

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

MENZO, PARKHURST, LAVALETTE, VEILLEUX, DEPTULA, MANCUSI, NAPOLITANO

STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

Michaela Mendygral, Student Board representative from Mark T. Sheehan High School, came before the Board to give her report as listed below.

- The end of the 2014-2015 school year came to a well-deserved end for the students at Sheehan.
- Seniors graduated on June 19th in a wonderful ceremony. They experienced a live concert from Mayor Dickinson with his version of "Shut Up and Dance." The 200 plus graduates each received their diplomas without a hitch on a beautiful summer night.
- The Sheehan baseball team was also honored at the ceremony for their wonderful season since they won their class championship. The support shown from all students was overwhelming and proved the spirit of Sheehan's students in their last sporting event for the season.
- Both Sheehan and Lyman Hall were in attendance for Project Graduation which went until 4:00 in the morning at Wallingford's Park and Recreation. There was help from parents of students and volunteers in the community. The event was truly memorable for all involved.
- Sheehan's Student Council has chosen Isabella Fazzina as the 2015-2016 President so you will be seeing her next fall.

Kimberly Flynn, Student Board representative from Lyman Hall High School, was not available to give a report.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Performance of Aida with Students from Sheehan High School

Dr. Menzo called Paige Sperry before the Board to introduce Cassandra Doll, Samuel Urban, and Samantha Lopez who were in the Sheehan High School play *Aida*. She announced that the song they would be performing is "A Step Too Far" from *Aida*.

Dr. Menzo stated that this is the first year that Wallingford entered the contest and they not only won the Best Choreography Award but also won the Best Contemporary Performance award. He explained that usually the choreography is done by professionals but the students arranged their own choreography.

Recognition of Moran Track & Field Middle School Champions

Dr. Menzo called Coaches Donna Neary and Steve Scursso before the Board to present certificates to the students from Moran for winning the 2015 Track and Field State Champions in the 8th Annual Middle School competition which took place in Manchester, CT. Students who received certificates were: Alexa Alchimio, Clarisse Aminawung, Samantha Barone, Leah Best, Elisabeth Brown, Catalina Camolli, Katherine Cappetta, Lexi Carim, Sydney Carim, Allyssa Cassella, Caorlyne Comstock, Olivia Comstock, Kyra Connolly, Molly Donegan, Olivia Dubuc, Marley Esch, Rayna Esch, Alexandra Guido, Julia Hillinski, Sarina Kapoor, Hayleigh Lagase, Amelia Mansfield, Julia Mansfield, Magnolia McComish, Kelly Musante, Jordyn Nickerson, Samantha Nickerson, Victoria Gambardella, Emma Oliano, Romane Rigoland, Gretchen Seibt, Eliana Tolentino, Allison Villano, Grace Waldron, Kinsley Wallace, Savannah Wells, Hannah Dale, Shannon Sauter, Zoe Shields, and Skylar Stowik.

Recognition of Mark T. Sheehan Baseball Team

Dr. Menzo called the head coach, Matt Altieri, before the Board to call the members of the Mark T. Sheehan Baseball Team, to receive certificates. The team won the 2015 CIAC Class M Baseball Championship against the Montville team. He called the Assistant coaches, Vin Morgillo, Dom Lombardozzi, Jim Ferraro, and P.J. Grant before the Board. Team members presented with certificates were: Zach Hart, Brandon Rentas, Turner French, Christ Gerzabek, Mike Moscato, Pete Abate, Anthony DePonte, Sal Gozzo, Paul Gozzo, Nolan Cloutier, Stephen Carrano, James Judenis, Kyle Brennan, Tyler Daly, Sam Humphrey, James Michaud, James Sperrazza, Damon Savenelli, Tim Doty, and Jake Gawlak.

Recognition of Steve LaFlamme from Holiday Cinemas

Naomi Corso came before the Board on behalf of Holiday Cinemas to accept the certificate of appreciation for presenting the Wallingford Public Schools video "I Am Proud". Dr. Menzo reported that he hopes to have another video out in the fall.

Recognition of Vicky Reed for service to CAS-CIAC

A representative from the Connecticut Association of Schools (CAS) came before the Board and presented a special award to Vicky Reed, Principal of Highland Elementary School, for her contributions to various committees and dedication to CAS.

QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

There were no questions brought before the Board.

MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF APPOINTMENT OF CANDIDATE(S) TO TEACHING POSITION(S) AT 7:48 P.M.

MOTION: MARRONE, SECOND BY VOTTO

VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF APPOINTMENT OF CANDIDATE(S) TO TEACHING POSITION(S) AT 7:48 P.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

BOLAT, CASTELLI, CEI, HLAVAC, MARRONE, MCKAY, SHORTELL, VOTTO

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MENZO, PARKHURST, LAVALETTE

MOTION TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:55 P.M.

MOTION: VOTTO, SECOND BY SHORTELL

VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:55 P.M.

The regular meeting reconvened at 7:56 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: MARRONE, SECOND BY VOTTO

VOTE: Motion to accept Consent agenda items 7.1 – 7.17 as listed below

- Approval to Accept Board of Education Minutes dated May 27, 2015
- Approval to Accept Special Board of Education Minutes dated June 8, 2015
- Approval to Accept Special Board of Education Minutes dated June 15, 2015
- Approval to Accept Special Board of Education - Expulsion Minutes dated June 15, 2015
- Approval to Accept Special Board of Education Minutes dated June 17, 2015
- Approval to Accept the Board of Education Financial Report for May 2015
- Approval to Accept the Cafeteria Financial Report for May 2015
- Approval to Accept GIFT from 3M Company to Lyman Hall High School a wide variety of Office supplies
- Approval to Accept GIFT of a Monetary donation of \$1,500 for the WPS Preschool Video Learning Initiative from the Wallingford Education Foundation
- Approval to Accept GIFT of \$500 from the Allstate Foundation Helping Hands Grant to the Wallingford Board of Education
- Approval to Accept GIFT of 39.5 Cm. Viola and Case to Sheehan Music Department from Elisabeth Kaestner, West Cornwall, CT Value \$625.00
- Approval of Proposed Adoption of New H.S. Course: Advanced Topics in Mathematics(EEP)
- Approval of Proposed Adoption of New H.S. Course: Advanced Algebra with Financial Applications (EEP)
- Approval of Proposed Adoption of New H.S. Course: Communications 1-2 (EEP)
- Approval of Proposed Adoption of New H.S. Course: Communications 3-4 (EEP)
- Approval of Parental Consent Form for Students Participating in Yale University's Social Robotics Lab Study
- Approval to Accept to Not Participate in the Healthy Food Certification Program

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

There were no items removed from the Consent Agenda

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Votto thanked 3M Company, Allstate Foundation, and Elizabeth Kaestner for their donations and reported that a thank you note was received from Wallingford Senior Center for Dr. Menzo's attendance at the Men's Breakfast group.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A.C.E.S. Representative

Mrs. Hlavac gave her report. "The ACES Governing Board met on June 11, 2015. The new Assistant Executive Director, Tim Howes, was introduced and retirees were honored. The evaluation of the Executive Director, Thomas Danehy, took place. The Governing Board granted a salary increase of 3%. Other considerations in the compensation package included a doctoral stipend, an increase in annuity and a change in the number of vacation days from 2.08 per month to 2.5 days per month with a maximum carryover of 50 days. The following budgets were approved: Early Childhood, Extension Therapy, ACES Governing Board, Executive Director, Office of Assistant Executive Director for Programs and Curriculum, Office of Assistant Executive Director for Personnel and Special Services, Office of Assistant Director for Finance and Operations, Program Development and Information and Marketing services. The Governing board approved the Steering committee agreements for the Edison Magnet School (TEMS) and the Wintergreen Magnet School (WIMS). There were language changes and the documents will come to our Board for approval. The Governing Board voted to renew the Food Service Management Contract with Chartwell and approved the agreement for child nutrition, community eligibility. Whitney North and Mill Road School will provide breakfast and lunch to their populations without the need for application due to the number of students eligible for free and reduced lunch. The Governing Board granted the Executive Director, Thomas Danehy and Assistant Executive Director, Tim Howes, signing authorization for State Grants/Contracts, Child Nutrition Program Contracts and Designation of Agents. The Governing Board approved the Professional Development Evaluation and Support Plan. Presentation and approval of the three year Technology Plan occurred. The Nominating Committee report was presented and the slate candidates approved. Summer school starts on July 1st. Proclamations were given to retiring Governing Board members. The Mill Road School Playground will be named in honor of Alicia Clapp a retiring Governing Board Member with twenty years of service. Meeting dates for the next year were reviewed and the meeting was adjourned."

Wintergreen Magnet School Steering Committee

Mr. Parkhurst reported there was no meeting this month. The next meeting is scheduled for September.

School to Career Representative/Business ThinkTank

Dr. Menzo reported that the meeting this month was postponed for lack of attendance.

PTAC Update

Dr. Menzo reported that the committee met last Tuesday. He stated there was representation by every school in the district. He commended the sub-committees for doing such a great job. There was discussion about the next steps for next year. There will be a Bus Safety Initiative presentation in July. He thanked Tammy Raccio, President of the PTAC, for all she did to make it a great year.

Lyman Hall Athletic Complex Improvement Committee

Mr. Deptula reported that he met with Luke McCoy who reviewed the plans and is working on some changes. He said the plan is to begin the project in July.

Plan of Conservation Development

Mr. Bolat reported there will be a meeting this Thursday and will report at the next Board meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business brought before the Board.

INSTRUCTIONAL COMMITTEE

APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF CANDIDATES TO TEACHING POSITIONS

MOTION: CEI, SECOND BY SHORTELL

VOTE: I make a motion that the Board of Education approve the appointment of the following candidates to teaching positions for the 2015-2016 school year, contingent upon proper Connecticut certification, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools:

Dag Hammarskjold Middle School

Amanda Lynn	-	Math
Genevieve Ivanoff	-	Math

BOARD CONSIDERATION TO RESCIND THE NON-RENEWAL OF TEACHING CONTRACTS IN THE WALLINGFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION

In my capacity as Superintendent of Schools, I recommend that the Wallingford Board of Education rescind the nonrenewal of the teaching contracts for the following named individuals, and that the Board authorize me to offer them contracts for full-time teaching positions for the 2015-2016 school year:

RESCINDING NON-RENEWAL LIST

2014/15

SCHOOL	NAME
Lyman Hall	Catherine Nuzzo
	Robert Brewster
	Patrick Kozloski
	Alan Riggs
	Stephanie Lavado
	Angel Santiago
	Matthew Middagh
	Kaitlyn Kopylec

	Jeremy Walz
	Samantha Rudewicz
M.T. Sheehan	Jennifer Churma
	David Palmer
	Melissa Boyce
	Christina Brozyna
	Rachel Mane
	Cynthia Frank
	Johann Rene
	Louis Petrucci
	Amanda Prescott
	Jason Sorensen
	Corri Davies
	Erica Forselius
	Jamie Canny
Dag Hammarskjold	Cristina Rivera
	Vanessa Amaral
	Kathleen Marino
	George Bikakis
	Andrea Valley Paskiewicz
	Kristin Robyn
	Jessica Suarez
	Tara Hill
Moran	Elizabeth Baker
	Stefanie Sonstrom
	Kathryn Greasley
	Michelle Wolfrum
	Jason Morosky
Moses Y. Beach	Trisha Ricci
Cook Hill	Megan Lemieux
	Alexa Mainella
	Anna Maria O'Brien
Highland	Michael Green
	Suzanne Sullivan
Parker Farms	Megan Robinson
	Shelley LaBree

	Julia Dunn
	Karisa Lagana
	Mary Orłowski
Pond Hill	Jacqueline Valentine
Stevens	Beth McLellan
	Kristen Balsamo
	Cathleen Flaherty
	Racquel Requena
	Tiffany Stoessel
Yalesville	Eleanor Kirkpatrick
	Rosalind Salz
Adult Education	Robert Lombardi
Curriculum	Melissa Tagliatela
	Kimberly Moore
	Christine Cotton
	Oxana Hudson
	Allayne Sundt
EEP	Michael Lavoie
	Tara Williams
Pupil Personnel	Regina Kosior
	Christine Hall
	Emily Banach
	Chelsea Polletta
	Daryl Ostapowicz
	Brian Maglione
	Erin Berthold
	Amy Corvi
	Christopher Foglio
	Lindsey Kupec
	Chelsea Reilly
	Kristen Wynus
	Kathryn Davis
	Tanya Granger
	Elizabeth Hess
	Karen Hutchings

	Mary Ann Kasperson
	Rebecca Miklus
	Reilly Tabor
	Jennifer Wolff
	Christine Fredyna
Special Area	Nathan Milbrandt
	Christopher Vece
	Christine Amarone
	Sara Fallahi
	Kimberly Hardy
	Julie French
	Melissa Hernandez

BOARD APPROVAL TO RESCIND THE NON-RENEWAL OF TEACHING CONTRACTS IN THE WALLINGFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MOTION: CEI, SECOND BY CASTELLI

VOTE: I make a motion that the Board of Education rescind the nonrenewal of the teaching contracts of the following named individuals and authorize the Superintendent of Schools to offer them contracts for full-time teaching positions for the 2015-2016 school year:

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	Kaitlyn Kopylec
	Jeremy Walz
	Samantha Rudewicz
M.T. Sheehan	Jennifer Churma
	David Palmer
	Melissa Boyce
	Christina Brozyna

	Rachel Mane
	Cynthia Frank
	Johann Rene
	Louis Petrucci
	Amanda Prescott
	Jason Sorensen
	Corri Davies
	Erica Forselius
	Jamie Canny
Dag Hammarskjold	Cristina Rivera
	Vanessa Amaral
	Kathleen Marino
	George Bikakis
	Andrea Valley Paskiewicz
	Kristin Robyn
	Jessica Suarez
	Tara Hill
Moran	Elizabeth Baker
	Stefanie Sonstrom
	Kathryn Greasley
	Michelle Wolfrum
	Jason Morosky
Moses Y. Beach	Trisha Ricci
Cook Hill	Megan Lemieux
	Alexa Mainella
	Anna Maria O'Brien
Highland	Michael Green
	Suzanne Sullivan
Parker Farms	Megan Robinson
	Shelley LaBree
	Julia Dunn
	Karisa Lagana
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BOARD CONSIDERATION OF THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS REGARDING THE TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT OF SEVENTEEN (17) SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS IN THE WALLINGFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS AS OF THE END OF THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR

SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATION

I recommend that the Board of Education vote to terminate, as of the end of the 2014-2015 school year, the employment of **seventeen** substitute teachers in the Wallingford School System, whose names are listed below and that the above referenced list be included as part of the minutes of this Board meeting:

- Scott Abrams**
- Amanda Adams**
- Amy Clark**
- Ellen Cooper**
- Nora DeFrancesco**
- Amanda Foley**
- Kathryn Krol**
- Zachary Martowski**
- Jaime Murphy**
- Kimberly Noel**
- James Russell**
- Stephanie Sgro**
- Sandra Stickler**
- Elaine Villano**
- Sandra Vincelette**
- Mary Wendell**
- Michael Zaffino**

The recommendation is for the following reasons:

Under the Teacher Tenure Law, Section 10-151, et seq. of the Connecticut General Statutes, the definition of “teacher” under that law includes any certified professional employee working for at least 90 days in a teaching position. The specific substitute teachers I am recommending for termination fall within this definition of “teacher”. Under the Teacher Tenure Law, anyone who is a “teacher” becomes subject to the statute’s provisions regarding the employment, non-renewal and termination. Accordingly, it is necessary that these “teachers” should have their employment concluded or terminated as of the completion of the 2014-2015 school year so that we will be free to determine our needs and utilization of substitutes for the coming school year. This action should not affect our utilization of the services of substitute teachers for the coming 2015-2016 school year consistent with our prior policies and practices.

Finally, I also recommend that I be authorized and instructed to communicate notice of this action in writing to the individuals affected by this action and to respond for the Board of Education to any appropriate request which may be forthcoming from them or their representative, or as otherwise required.

BOARD ACTION REGARDING THE SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION TO TERMINATE THE EMPLOYMENT OF SEVENTEEN (17) SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

MOTION: CEI, SECOND BY VOTTO

VOTE: I make a motion that the Board of Education approve the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools regarding the termination of employment of the **seventeen (17)** substitute teachers in the Wallingford School System whose names are listed below and that the above referenced list be included as part of the minutes of this Board meeting:

**Scott Abrams
Amanda Adams
Amy Clark
Ellen Cooper
Nora DeFrancesco
Amanda Foley
Kathryn Krol
Zachary Martowski
Jaime Murphy
Kimberly Noel
James Russell
Stephanie Sgro
Sandra Stickler
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Sandra Vincelette
Mary Wendell
Michael Zaffino**

And, further move that the Superintendent of Schools be directed to communicate this action in writing to those individuals and that the Superintendent of Schools be authorized to respond on behalf of the Board of Education to any requests which may be forthcoming from them and /or their representative or as otherwise required.

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APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF RETIREMENT, WITH REGRET, OF SUSAN ECONOMOPOULS, EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2015

MOTION: CEI, SECOND BY SHORTELL

VOTE: Unanimous approval that the Board of Education accept, with regret, the retirement of **Susan Economopoulos**, effective June 30, 2015.

Susan Economopoulos has been a teacher at Dag Hammarskjold Middle School since 1988. She has taught Grade 7, Compensatory Education and Intervention.

Presentation of Proposed Adoption of Revised Policy: Instructional Materials – IIA

Mr. Parkhurst presented the policy and explained that the word “approved” was removed.

Presentation of Proposed Adoption of Revised Policy: Textbook Selection – IIAA

Mrs. Parkhurst presented the policy and explained that the change made is highlighted. There was discussion amongst the Board to take off the 50% and change “course’s content” to unit of study.

Presentation of Proposed Adoption of Revised Policy: Requests for Reconsideration of Instructional Material – IIAF

Mr. Parkhurst reported that the only change in the highlighted wording in the policy was to remove the word “approve”.

Presentation of Proposed Adoption of Revised Regulation: Requests for Reconsideration of instructional Materials – IIAF-R

Mr. Parkhurst said everything except Part 1 and Part II was removed from this policy. He also explained that the form attached to this policy would be used for anyone who wasn’t satisfied with the first report to the principal. Board members will reach out to Mr. Parkhurst with suggestions to change the form and they will be added to the Friday Board packet for review.

Presentation of Proposed Adoption of Revised Policy: Curriculum Development and Adoption – IF

Mr. Parkhurst reported that in Part 1 the word approval was removed.

Presentation of Proposed Adoption of Revised Policy: Curriculum Documents –IFE

This policy had no changes made to it since it was first presented.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Report on Operations Committee meeting

Mr. Bolat reported that at the June 8th meeting there was approval of the minutes, consensus was reached on the financial report, the transfer authority, the 2015-16 budget and to not have the Healthy Food Certification program.

Approval to Accept 2015-2016 Budget in the amount of \$96,502,187

MOTION: BOLAT, SECOND BY HLAVAC

VOTE: A roll call vote was made

**Affirmative: BOLAT, CASTELLI, CEI, HLAVAC, MARRONE, MCKAY, SHORTELL,
VOTTO**

Motion passed

Approval of Transfer Authority to the Superintendent of Schools

MOTION: MCKAY, SECOND BY SHORTELL

VOTE: Unanimous approval to accept the Transfer Authority to the Superintendent of Schools

ADMINISTRATION

Dr. Menzo gave his Administrative Report as listed below.

- The two graduations were successful and he was sad to say goodbye to Mr. Bryant
- He will be meeting at the HUBCAP on Wednesday with a representative from Senator Chris Murphy's office
- He will be taping a segment on PBS at HUBCAP with the first student who went public with her business. He said the incubator concept is taking flight.
- He attended the Wallingford Center ad hoc committee meeting and assisted with a SWOT analysis for the parking in downtown Wallingford. After looking at the opportunities and threats the action will go to the PODC Committee.
- He participated with CCSU collaboration meeting for Para educators to help them move forward to get teaching certification. He reported that about 25 Para educators were there
- He received notice today about a pilot project from the New England Consortium's League of Innovative Schools "I Walk Through" program. He said the cost is usually \$1200 per school but the district will pay only \$350 per school with two schools free. The district will pay half of the cost now and the other half in the spring.
- An Administrative Retreat at Lyman Hall is scheduled for June 25th.
- He will be hosting a business opportunity with the University of Hartford and Middlesex Community College on July 14th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday, 7/27/15 Board of Education

Town Council Chambers

7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. McKay adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Secretary

Mike Votto