

**WALLINGFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
COMMUNITY ROOM – VO-AG DEPARTMENT
LYMAN HALL HIGH SCHOOL
POND HILL ROAD, WALLINGFORD
February 27, 2012**

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

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Roxane McKay at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

BROODER, CASTELLI, MANSFIELD, MARRONE, MCKAY, REYNOLDS, VOTTO
Cei entered at 7:03 p.m.
Miller was absent due to injury

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

MENZO, COHN, GUARINO, BACKUS, DEPTULA, WINTERS, BURKE, NAPOLITANO

STUDENT-BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

Natalie Venice, Student Board representative from Lyman Hall High School, came to the podium to give a report since Alex Lynde was unavailable.

- ◆ The LHHS Basketball team has made it to the SCC Semi Finals
- ◆ The boys swim team won for the first time in 10 years against Sheehan
- ◆ The indoor track team qualified and made it to the State level.
- ◆ Students are in the process of selecting courses for next year
- ◆ CAPT testing begins next week
- ◆ Student Council is preparing and planning to host another Blood Drive next month.

Jillian Ditota, Student Board representative from Mark T. Sheehan High School, came before the Board to give a report since Kathryn Peel was unavailable.

- ◆ The seniors were measured for their cap and gowns a few weeks ago.
- ◆ This morning we had a special homeroom where students are placed in small groups And discuss important topics such as bullying or reflect on previous assemblies. This month's topic was Pictures on Facebook.
- ◆ We are all looking forward to the annual Poetry Slam performed by Ms. Maiocco's Creative writing classes. The students prepare poems and then break into groups to Compete against each other. This is always an exciting assembly for us to see the Creativity of fellow students.
- ◆ March 6th starts the CAPT testing for sophomore students. They have been preparing for the last two years.
- ◆ Some faculty members have been preparing for a 2012 Project Graduation Faculty Slam. Sheehan and Lyman Hall faculty members will be playing a basketball game. The proceeds will go to Project Graduation.
- ◆ Katie has started preparing for March's Cancer Awareness month which was started by Last year's President, Audrey Kelley. We will be making bracelets for the student body to buy. All donations will be given directly to the Cancer Foundation. This is a great way to raise cancer awareness among the student body.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

RECOGNITION OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO ACHIEVED ADVANCE LEVEL ON THE CAPT

Dr. Menzo called Chairman Roxane McKay and Principal of Sheehan High School, Rosemary Duthie to the podium to present the certificates and pins. He began by saying that the students receiving the certificates rose to a challenge of achievement by reaching the advanced level on the CAPT which is not any easy assessment. He congratulated the students and parents for their hard work to reach this level.

Students who received the certificates at Sheehan were: Nicholas Bartek, Devyn Brewster, Rachael Carnale, Lyndsay Crescenti, Timothy Earley, Michael Espada, Jose Estrada, Amy French, Marissa Gadacy, Asia Hutchins, Michael Kakalow, Marisa Lenti, Nicholas Marek, Kristen McNally, Jenna Montefiore, Lauren Moscato, Vandan Patel, Alexander Salazar, Austin Scelzo, Noelle Shepard, Joseph Skulski, Rachael Spina, Anthony Stasulli, Emma Stilson, Gabriel Umbehr, and Mallorie Urban.

Dr. Menzo called Assistant Principal, Cindy Lavalette, from Lyman Hall to the podium to call the students to receive certificates. She called Claire Benham, Julia Blanchard, Harrison Bradley, Laura Brooke, Katie Brown, Joseph Burns, Lauren Clark, Anthony Desantis, Alexis Farkash, Katherine Fiorillo, Jennifer Messier, Stephen Munzi, Keara O'Connor, Abigail Page, Jacob Struble, and Elizabeth Zorn.

QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

There were no questions brought before the Board.

MOTION TO MOVE OPERATION COMMITTEE ITEMS 13.1 TO AFTER ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: CASTELLI, SECOND BY REYNOLDS

VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL TO MOVE OPERATION COMMITTEE ITEMS 13.1 TO AFTER ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION TO MOVE EXECUTIVE SESSION TO AFTER AGENDA ITEM 11 – OLD BUSINESS

MOTION: CASTELLI, SECOND BY REYNOLDS

VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL TO MOVE EXECUTIVE SESSION TO AFTER AGENDA ITEM 11 – OLD BUSINESS

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: MARRONE, SECOND BY REYNOLDS

VOTE: Unanimous approval to accept items 7.1-7.11 as listed below.

- Approval to Accept Special BOE **Minutes** dated January 17, 2012
- Approval to Accept **Minutes** dated January 19, 2012
- Approval to Accept Cafeteria Financial Report – January 2012
- Approval to Accept Board of Education Financial Report – January 2012
- Approval to Accept Transfer from Account #100B-Contingency to Account #613A – Supplies – Custodial \$80,000
- Approval to Accept Transfer from Account #100B – Contingency to Account #739A – Non-Instructional Equipment – New \$16,000
- Approval to Accept Proposed Adoption of New Policy Reporting of Child Abuse and Neglect – 5141.4
- Approval to Accept Proposed Adoption of New Policy Security Check/Fingerprinting – 4112.5/4212.5
- Approval of Mark T. Sheehan H.S. Core Values and Belief Statement, and 21st Century Expectations for Student Learning
- Approval of Physical Education and Wellness High School Course Outline
- Approval for C.R.E.W. (Community Revitalization Efforts of Wallingford) to take a trip to Alabama to work with Habitat for Humanity.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

No items were removed from the Consent Agenda

A revised motion was made as listed below.

MOTION TO MOVE OPERATION COMMITTEE ITEMS 13.1 AND 13.2 TO AFTER ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: CASTELLI, SECOND BY REYNOLDS

VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL TO MOVE OPERATION COMMITTEE ITEMS 13.1 AND 13.2 TO AFTER ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**Report on Operations Committee Meeting**

Mr. Brooder reported that the meeting had one main focus which was the budget. He explained that according to the financial report there is a surplus. He announced that the Board worked diligently to arrive at the Budget numbers.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF THE 2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$90,188,048.**MOTION: BROODER, SECOND BY MCKAY**

Mr. Cei offered a brief summary of the Budget. He stated that last year Wallingford received one time money from the Federal Recovery Act and this year we will not receive it. He explained that the recurring costs that we have every year are salaries, benefits, utilities, transportation, maintenance, and special education. He said part of the Federal Stimulus money was used this year and it there was a million and a half used last year to fund this years budget. He stated that 1.5% of that is what the increase in the budget is. Therefore, only 2.4% is really the increase in the budget

Dr. Menzo reported that just to get us through with the recurring costs it has to be at least a 2.4% increase.

Kathy Castelli explained that the teachers union took a freeze this year and the budget increase is only to sustain the recurring expenses. She said this budget does not include an increase for salary increases for teachers.

A roll call vote was made.

AFFIRMATIVE: BROODER, CASTELLI, CEI, MANSFIELD, MARRONE, MCKAY, REYNOLDS, VOTTO

VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL OF THE 2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$90,188,048.

Chairperson, Roxane McKay, had to leave the meeting and turned it over to Co-Chairperson, Joseph Marrone to finish.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Votto reported that a thank you note was received from Mrs. Norma Joe Shore and the Pascale family.

COMMITTEE REPORTS**A.C.E.S. Representative**

Mrs. Castelli reported that at the A.C.E.S. Steering Committee meeting the 2012 – 2013 budget for each program was approved with increases below the level of 3%. She explained that there has been an increase in the handicapped students. She stated that there was discussion about SALES, the scientific approach program to independent and life skills programs. She said there were two programs – standard and intensive.

Wintergreen Magnet School Steering Committee

Mrs. Cohn reported that she attended the meeting on January 25th at Wintergreen Magnet School. She stated that the principal's report included a slide show of Wintergreen activities for the month of January. She announced that there will be an increase in tuition of 3% which breaks down to approximately \$336.00 per student. She said the budget will be voted on this week, Wednesday, 29th. She said the budget did include a staff cut of 1.35. She said there are a total certified staff of 51.4 and a non-certified staff of 11. She stated that discussed the two versions of the calendar and they voted on the calendar for 2012-2013.

Building Committee Representative for Vo-Ag Building Project

Dr. Menzo reported that they had one meeting and the project is coming to a close.

School to Career Representative

Mr. Cei reported that there was no meeting last month.

Diversity in Action Committee Representative

Mrs. McKay was unavailable and no report was made.

Report from Roof Project Committee Representative

Mr. Marrone reported that the last meeting was primarily to revised the bid documents. He went on to say that the town attorney attended that meeting also to give advice on the language. He announced that the next meeting scheduled for March 1 has been cancelled.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was brought before the Board.

MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:30 P.M. FOR DISCUSSION OF CANDIDATES FOR TEACHING POSITIONS AND DISCUSSION OF CANDIDATE FOR HEAD COACH POSITION

MOTION: VOTTO, SECOND BY BROODER

VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:30 P.M. FOR DISCUSSION OF CANDIDATES FOR TEACHING POSITIONS AND DISCUSSION OF CANDIDATE FOR HEAD COACH POSITION

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

BROODER, CASTELLI, CEI, MANSFIELD, MARRONE, MCKAY, REYNOLDS, VOTTO

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MENZO, GUARINO, COHN

MOTION TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:40 P.M.

MOTION: VOTTO, SECOND BY BROODER

VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:40 P.M.

The regular meeting reconvened at 7:41 p.m.

INSTRUCTIONAL COMMITTEE

APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF CANDIDATES TO TEACHING POSITIONS

MOTION: CEI, SECOND BY MANSFIELD

VOTE: Unanimous approval that the Board of Education approve the appointment of the following candidates to teaching positions for the 2011-2012 school year, contingent upon proper Connecticut certification, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools:

Elementary Level

Christopher Vece - Instrumental Music

Rock Hill School

Eleanor Kirkpatrick - Grade 4

APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF CANDIDATE TO HEAD COACH POSITION

MOTION: CEI, SECOND BY MANSFIELD

VOTE: Unanimous approval that the Board of Education approve the appointment of the following candidate to a head coach position for the 2011-2012 school year, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools:

Mark T. Sheehan High School

Christopher Dailey - (Boys') Tennis

APPROVAL OF LEAVE OF ABSENCE, FOR MICHELE DWYER, FROM FEBRUARY 10 – MARCH 20, 2012, BE APPROVED, WITHOUT PAY AND BENEFITS

MOTION: CEI, SECOND BY MANSFIELD

VOTE: Unanimous approval that a *leave of absence for **Michele Dwyer** from February 10 – March 30, 2012, be approved, without pay and benefits, and in accordance with the provisions of the current teachers' contract.

*The leave of absence is personal and confidential. (**Michele Dwyer** has been on a medical leave through February 9, 2012 and is requesting a leave of absence from February 10 – March 30, 2012.)

APPROVAL OF LEAVE OF ABSENCE, FOR BRENDA PAGE, FROM FEBRUARY 9 – APRIL 30, 2012, BE APPROVED, WITHOUT PAY AND BENEFITS

MOTION: CEI, SECOND BY MANSFIELD

VOTE: Unanimous approval that a *leave of absence for **Brenda Page** from February 9 – April 30, 2012, be approved, without pay and benefits, and in accordance with the provisions of the current teachers' contract.

*The leave of absence is personal and confidential. (**Brenda Page** has been on a medical leave through February 9 (a.m.), 2012 and is requesting a leave of absence from February 9 (p.m.) through April 30, 2012.

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION OF AMY WORONICK, EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2012

MOTION: CEI, SECOND BY MANSFIELD

VOTE: Unanimous approval that the Board of Education accept the resignation of **Amy Woronick**, effective June 30, 2012.

Amy Woronick has been a special education teacher at the middle and high school levels since August, 2008.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL TO ACCEPT DISTRICT CALENDARS FOR THE 2012-2013 AND 2013-2014 SCHOOL YEARS

Mrs. Guarino asked the Board whether or not they want to take the Friday before the Winter holiday as a half day or leave it as it as a full day. There was some discussion and the Board voted on the calendars as presented.

MOTION: CEI, SECOND BY MANSFIELD

VOTE: Unanimous approval that the Board of Education approve the district calendars for the 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 school years.

ADMINISTRATION**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

Dr. Menzo gave his administrative report as listed below.

- He attended the PTO meeting in the Drama/Lecture room at 4:15 yesterday.
- He attended the Latino Night at the Senior Center where food was offered by the Spanish Club from Lyman Hall High School.
- The seniors will be invited to attend the dress rehearsal on March 20th for a performance by Sheehan High School students of Grease. He said the district would provide a bus.
- He announced that the CMT/CAPT assessments will be administered next week and encouraged parents to have the students get a good night's sleep, a good breakfast and come prepared.
- On March 31st he will help build the garden that Mrs. Wong, Food Service Director, has agreed to help build with the support of Home Depot.
- He is reaching out to businesses in the community to partner with the school district and will be visiting some of the businesses.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday, 3/05/12 Instructional Committee
Monday, 3/12/12 Operations Committee

Board Conference room

7:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday, 3/19/12 Board of Education

Drama/Lecture Room

8:00 p.m. Drama/Lecture room

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Marrone adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Secretary

Mike Votto