

**WALLINGFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
 DRAMA/LECTURE ROOM
 MARK T. SHEEHAN HIGH SCHOOL
 142 HOPE HILL ROAD, WALLINGFORD
 January 17, 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 7:05 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, MILLER, REYNOLDS,
 VOTTO**

Cei was absent due to illness

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

MENZO, COHN, BACKUS, DEPTULA, WONG, WINTERS, NAPOLITANO

STUDENT-BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

Alex Lynde, Student Board representative from Lyman Hall High School, came to the podium to give his report

- ◆ Lyman Hall has begun to make detailed plans for the school spirit video. They hope to film it sometime in mid-March between the end of the winter sports season and the beginning of the spring sports season. Senior class has been heavily involved in the planning process.
- ◆ Lyman Hall students are organizing a soldier drive that they hope to hold in all the schools across the district with the help of the student councils. They hope to run the drive sometime in early spring.
- ◆ Student Council is looking into buying a new soundboard and a net set of speakers to be used at events such as Pep Rally and Graduation.
- ◆ The State Department will be conducting a formal review of the Vo-Ag Department in the coming weeks.
- ◆ 8th Grade parents night will be this Thursday evening. Parents will be given valuable information about the transition to high school and will be able to ask any questions they might have.
- ◆ Mid-terms begin on Monday.

- ◆ Course recommendations for students in Grades 9-11 will begin the week after mid-terms. Teachers will recommend to their students to take classes in which they feel those students will have the best chance of succeeding while continuing to challenge themselves in the classroom.
- ◆ The Lyman Hall Ice Hockey Team defeated cross-town rival Sheehan High School in our game on Saturday. The score was 4-2.

Katie Peel, Student Board representative from Mark T. Sheehan High School, came before the Board to give a report.

- ◆ Students are preparing for mid-term exams from Monday, January 23rd to Thursday, 26th.
- ◆ Guidance Counselors visited the 8th grades at Moran Middle School in order to discuss the opportunities available as a Sheehan High School student.
- ◆ Tomorrow, the 8th graders will be visiting Sheehan for an Orientation Program. Katie, along with other seniors, will present myths about high school and explain the daily life of a high school student during the orientation. These students will return in February and will be able to visit classrooms and have another tour.
- ◆ Report cards will be sent out at the end of January and the juniors will begin selecting their course schedule for next year.
- ◆ The seniors will be measured for cap and gown orders in February which is exciting for us.
- ◆ Mrs. Sperry, a music teacher has just released the cast of the musical, Grease, which will be performed in March.
- ◆ Unfortunately, the hockey team lost to Lyman Hall on Friday. However, both boys and girls basketball team won against Shelton last week.
- ◆ Student Council will have events with the Sunshine Kids to raise money for cancer research.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

There were no awards presented at this meeting.

QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

There were no questions brought before the Board.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: MARRONE, SECOND BY MILLER

VOTE: Unanimous approval to accept items 7.1-7.8 as listed below.

Approval to Accept Special BOE **Minutes** dated December 12, 2011

Approval to Accept **Minutes** dated December 12, 2011

Approval to Accept **Minutes** dated January 3, 2012

Approval to Accept **Board of Education Financial Report** for December 2011

Approval to Accept **Cafeteria Financial Reports** for November and December 2011

Approval of Proposed Adoption of Revised Policy IGBH - Migrant Students

Approval of Proposed Adoption of New Policy – Pre-school Special Education 6171.2

Approval of Proposed Adoption of English Language Learners Addendum for District Improvement Plan

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

No items were removed from the Consent Agenda

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to report.

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

Mrs. Castelli reported that she attended the orientation at ACES. She stated that the task force appointed by Governor Malloy completed a study about whether to have Connecticut Technical high schools remain funded by the state. The results were that the State will remain as the operating entity. The full report is available online on the Governor's website. The other task Governor Malloy requested of the RESCs was to look into regional transportation and uniform school calendars to try to find a cost saving. That would mean every school would work under the same school calendar year and coordinate transportation accordingly. She said there are a lot of contractual issues to be considered.

Wintergreen Magnet School Steering Committee

Mr. Votto said there has been no meeting recently. He reported that the next scheduled meeting is on January 25th.

Building Committee Representative for Vo-Ag Building Project

Dr. Menzo stated that he will reach out to the Building Project chairperson to see if there is any information that needs to be passed along.

School to Career Representative

Mr. Miller reported that there hasn't been a meeting since the last one he reported on. He announced that there will be a meeting on Monday, January 23rd at 3:00 p.m. in the Board Conference room.

Diversity in Action Committee Representative

Mrs. McKay reported that the meetings take place on the first Thursday of each month at 3:15 p.m. She said that there was a meeting in January. She announced that the Celebrity Reading Day is scheduled for April 27th. The committee is looking for a new chair and looking to recruit more new members, set new goals and objectives. She reported that the next meeting is February 2nd.

Report from Roof Project Committee Representative

Mr. Marrone reported that he missed the last meeting and asked Mr. Deptula to report.

Mr. Deptula reported that he met with the architect to discuss square footage.

Dr. Menzo announced that a joint Roof Building Committee and Board of Education has a meeting scheduled and will be open to the public on Thursday, January 19th. There will be motions to approve the architectural drawings which will be submitted to the State.

He went on to say that we are in the process of filing the ED049s and will submit the ED042s next. There was a Prep meeting to see what was missing and reviewed the plans. The next meeting to discuss the review process will take place on January 31st. He announced that Lyman Hall and Sheehan will be completed in two phases between this summer and the next summer of 2013-14. Stevens, Dag and Moran will be completed this summer in Phase 1. He said with the placement of hot tar the life span is longer then 20 years. The hot tar will be done by August 1st.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was brought before the Board.

INSTRUCTIONAL COMMITTEE

PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED ADOPTION OF NEW POLICY REPORTING OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT – 5141.4

Mrs. Cohn noted that on page three, number six it explains that “All employees of the Board of Education to comply with the following procedures in connection with the suspected abuse or neglect, as defined below, of any mentally retarded person over the age of 18.” She explained that we only have a mandate to report it but not to investigate it.

Dr. Menzo announced that there will be training for child abuse on February 8, 2012. At this training session there will be discussion about this.

There was discussion about who should report it and when they should report it.

Mr. Votto expressed a concern about policies followed by procedures. This was followed by discussion about policies and procedures.

PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED ADOPTION OF NEW POLICY SECURITY CHECK/FINGERPRINTING – 4112.5/4212.5

Mrs. Cohn said this document is pretty straight forward as is.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**Report on Operations Committee Meeting**

Mr. Brooder reported that there was a meeting on Tuesday, January 16th. There was a budget overview for the workshops that will start at 8:00 a.m. at the Vo-Ag Community room on Saturday, January 21st. If the Board needs more time they will meet again on the 25th. He said the financial reports were reviewed and there is still a surplus.

ADMINISTRATION**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

Dr. Menzo gave his administrative report as listed below.

- ◆ He met with ACEs administration to discuss our budget and get budget numbers early in the process by February 3rd. He said if they could share transportation it would save the district over \$60,000. We also talked about some need for a space this summer while the roof project is being completed.
- ◆ He visited High Roads in four of the programs. They are looking to move. We are trying to collaborate with them for professional development.
- ◆ Had business meetings with some of the businesses to discuss the Innovation Program with various levels of funding.
- ◆ He requested that if Board members had questions about the budget to please get them to him by 9:00 on Wednesday for the Budget meeting on Saturday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thursday, 1/19/12	Special Board meeting	6:30 p.m.	Drama/Lecture room
Saturday, 1/21/12	Special Operations Committee	8:00 a.m.	Vo-Ag LHHS
Wednesday, 1/25/12	Special Operations Committee	6:00 p.m.	(if needed)
Monday, 2/6/12	Instructional Committee	7:00 p.m.	Board Conf. Room
Monday, 2/13/12	Operations Committee	7:00 p.m.	Board Conf. Room

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday, 2/27/12 Board of Education

Drama/Lecture Room

7:00 p.m. Drama/Lecture room

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. McKay adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Secretary

Michael Votto