

**WALLINGFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
 DRAMA LECTURE ROOM
 SHEEHAN HIGH SCHOOL
 HOPE HILL ROAD, WALLINGFORD
 MONDAY, APRIL 22, 2013**

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

Mrs. McKay asked everyone to remain standing for a moment of silence for friends and families that were touched by the Boston tragedy and all that has been going on.

ROLL CALL

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

**CASTELLI, CEI, MANSFIELD, MARRONE, MCKAY, MILLER, REYNOLDS,
 VOTTO**

ABSENT – BROODER

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

MENZO, COHN, BACKUS, MANCUSI, DEPTULA, WONG, NAPOLITANO

Mrs. McKay announced that she would be moving item 12.3 up on the agenda for the presentation from the Teacher Evaluation Committee.

STUDENT-BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

Mackenzie Mendygral, Student Board representative from Sheehan High School, came to the podium to give a report.

- We have kicked off the spring sport season
- All sports teams are doing well as we welcome a new sport to Sheehan – boys Lacrosse
- In gym classes on April 11 they had Breast Cancer Awareness Day
- Many enjoyed our April vacation or day off this year to start off the spring season
- With the new season came a new marketing period where seniors and juniors aim for higher grades to impress their colleges
- Today being Earth Day, Sheehan kids participated in helping save the earth with the mural on the lunch wall
- The Sheehan community thrives to better the world with prevention and awareness

Edith Classen, Vice President of Student Council from Lyman Hall High School, came before the Board to give her monthly report since Jeff Zakrezewski was not available.

- All spring sports teams are off to a good start
- Blood Drive of the year is coming up – they've beat Sheehan by one pint – Lyman Hall had 199 units and Sheehan had 198 units drawn and Lyman Hall is the number one school district
- Key Club competed at the New England Regional Competition a few weeks ago and won a few categories
- Our teachers and students are preparing for the AP exams coming up
- *Once Upon a Mattress* musical will be presented on May 2-4th
- planning field day, talent show and vo-ag fair
- May 11 Junior Prom
- May 24 Senior Prom
- May 29 registration for voting

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Recognition of Students who received the SCASA Awards

Dr. Menzo stated that these students were chosen based on their leadership, scholarship and citizenship in the district. He explained that the students received awards at the South Central Area Superintendents' Association Award Recognition Program and luncheon in March at the Laurel View Country Club. He explained that parents, guidance and principals were also invited to attend the luncheon. He called students to the podium to present them with a certificate and a pin. Recipients were: Hannah Cullagh – Moran; Hannah Levesque – Dag; Lauren Moscato and Timothy Earley – Sheehan; Stephen Munzi and Kaitlyn Makepeace – Lyman Hall.

He announced that Kaitlyn Makepeace also received the SCASA Scholarship.

Recognition of Matthew Jacques for Accomplishment in the Artism Program

Dr. Menzo called Matthew Jacques to the podium and read:
"Matthew has been attending the Artism program offered through the Southern Connecticut State University Center of Excellence on Autism Spectrum Disorders since the spring of 2011. Artism is a highly structured art education program for young adults with ASD. The program consists of 90-minute weekly sessions each academic semester in which multiple art themes and/or mediums (e.g., self-portrait, print making, pencil blending) are taught by Megan Rudne Hoffecker, who is a certified art teacher. The sessions are held in an art classroom in Earl Hall on the campus of SCSU and all materials are prepared and provided. While themes and materials are pre-determined, specific subject areas for artwork may be tailored to each participant's individual interests. Each lesson is task analyzed, which allows participants to work at their own rates and attend to one part of the lesson at a time. Through participation in Artism, participants learn new art techniques and have the opportunity to engage in social interactions with peers.

Saturday, March 23rd was the Annual Northeast Regional Conference on Autism. Matthew's acrylic painting of West Rock State Park that he created in the Artism program was selected to digitally reproduce and distribute as an award at the Conference. Matthew has been invited to attend the awards ceremony at the Conference and to personally hand out the awards that bear the image of his painting. Through selection of

his artwork to represent the SCSU Center of Excellence on Autism Spectrum Disorders, Matthew has been recognized for his participation in the Artism program and for his excellent skills in acrylic media. We are absolutely delighted to have Matthew participate in the Artism program and represent the Center at the Conference awards ceremony.”

Recognition of Dan Baum for State Champion 1st Place in 55 Meter Hurdles

Dr. Menzo called Dan Baum to the podium to recognize him for his accomplishment as State Champion with first place in the 55 meter hurdles. He presented him with a certificate and a pin.

Recognition of Michaela Mendygral for State Champion 1st Place Throw in Shot Put Class M Schools

Dr. Menzo called Michaela Mendygral to the podium to present her with a certificate and pin for her accomplishment as State Champion First Place Throw in Shot Put Class M Schools.

Recognition of Students in FCCLA Competition

Dr. Menzo called Sharon Drossopoulos, Food Service teacher at Lyman Hall High School, to the podium to talk about the competition. She explained that there were about 25 categories to choose from and the students had to choose the category that they wanted to compete in. She explained that in the Culinary Arts competition they had one hour and ten minutes to prepare a meal. She explained that they were recognized by the well-known chefs for their safety, sanitation and teamwork skills. In the Focus on Children category they worked collaboratively with the ICE-T program implementing food, nutrition and exercise practices. The Food Innovations program had to create a convenient, nutritional snack bar for ages 18 and up. They made a snack bar of cranberries and almonds. In the Chapter Service Project Display they were project managers for the Lyman Hall's Winterfest where they distribute toys to children, have trees, food and games. The students who received certificates were: Krista Bacchiocchi, Jenn Kelleher, Rob O'Byrne, Renee Bourassa, Dalmary Otero, Claire Hines, Alicia Pelletier, Sydney Mooney, Marissa Carbone, and Melissa Devoe.

Dr. Menzo and Roxane McKay thanked the students for their hard work that makes the Wallingford School District proud of them. Mrs. McKay said one of the fun things that the Board gets to do is to see what the students have been doing.

Teresia O'Hala explained what ICE-T program is about. She reported that each day the students go to different job sites to see what they like and what they are good at.

QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

Jenny Cabral came to the podium to say that she has started a petition for parents to sign if they would like to have all day kindergarten. She came to the podium to ask where the all-day kindergarten stands right now.

Dr. Menzo explained that the full day kindergarten is not on the radar right now since there is no data right now since no assessment has been done and a structure would need to be built upon. He also commented that the schools don't have the space right now either.

PRESENTATION BY TEACHER EVALUATION COMMITTEE REGARDING TEACHER EVALUATION PLAN PROPOSAL FOR 2013-2014 AND ACTION TO ACCEPT PLAN PROPOSAL

Dr. Menzo introduced the four members from the Teacher Evaluation Committee who came to the Board to present the Teacher Evaluation Plan for 2013-2014. They were Dulcey Worth, Ken Daly, Kristina Kiely, and Vicky Reed. They explained that SEED is Connecticut's System for Education Evaluation. They explained that this is a one year commitment right now and the plan can be modified in 2014-2015. This plan has been piloted and instead of creating their own evaluation plan they based theirs on the State model. They went on to explain how the plan works.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE TEACHER EVALUATION PLAN PROPOSAL FOR 2013-14

MOTION: MARRONE, SECOND BY MILLER

A Roll call vote was made

**AFFIRMATIVE: CASTELLI, CEI, MANSFIELD, MARRONE, MCKAY,
MILLER, REYNOLDS**

NEGATIVE: VOTTO

**VOTE: APPROVAL TO ACCEPT THE TEACHER EVALUATION PLAN
PROPOSAL FOR 2013-14**

Motion passed

MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION CONCERNING POTENTIAL LEASE OF REAL ESTATE FOR CENTRAL OFFICE AT 8:57 P.M.

MOTION: CASTELLI, SECOND BY MARRONE

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR
DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION CONCERNING POTENTIAL
LEASE OF REAL ESTATE FOR CENTRAL OFFICE AT 8:57 P.M.**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MENZO, COHN, FLINTER

MOTION TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 9:30 P.M.

MOTION: VOTTO, SECOND BY REYNOLDS

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION
AT 9:30 P.M.**

Regular meeting reconvened at 9:31 p.m.

APPROVAL TO ACCEPT POTENTIAL LEASE OF REAL ESTATE FOR CENTRAL OFFICE

MOTION: VOTTO, SECOND BY CASTELLI

VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL TO ACCEPT POTENTIAL LEASE OF REAL ESTATE FOR CENTRAL OFFICE

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: MARRONE, SECOND BY MILLER

VOTE: Unanimous approval to accept items 7.1 – 7.15 as listed below.

- Approval to Accept BOE **Minutes** dated March 11, 2013
- Approval to Accept Special BOE **Minutes** dated March 11, 2013
- Approval to Accept Special BOE **Minutes** dated March 18, 2013
- Approval to Accept Special BOE **Minutes** dated March 19, 2013
- Approval to Accept Board of Education **Financial Report** for March 2013
- Approval to Accept Board of Education **Cafeteria Financial Report** for March 2013
- Approval to Accept **Transfer** from Account # 641A Textbooks to Account # 739A New Instructional Equipment \$1,100
- Approval to Accept **GIFT** of \$5,000 to Sheehan High School Music Department from Robert Dwyer, 6 Shire Drive, Wallingford \$5,000
- Approval to Accept **GIFT** of Donation to I.C.E. T. Transition Program for trip to Rocking Horse Ranch from Wallingford Wishing Well \$500
- Approval to Accept **GIFT** of Sun Conure and Cage to Lyman Hall High School Vo-Ag Technology class from Mr. Anthony Papa \$500
- Approval to Accept **GIFT** of \$1,720 to Cook Hill School Library from Theresa Klimczak Memorial Donations, c/o Ben Klimczak, Yalesville \$1,720
- Approval to Accept **GIFT** of \$750 to Sheehan Athletic Department Football Club from Verizon Foundation in recognition of the volunteer effort of Keira Merrill \$750
- Approval to Accept **GIFT** of school supplies to Sheehan High School from 3M Supplies for Schools \$1500
- Approval to Accept Eagle Scout Project
- Approval to Appropriate an Additional \$50,000 for Intercom Upgrades

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

No items were removed from the Consent Agenda

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Votto thank the people who donated gifts and reported that they were \$5,000 to Sheehan High School Music Department from Robert Dwyer; to I.C.E. T. Transition Program for trip to Rocking Horse Ranch from Wallingford Wishing Well \$500; a Sun Conure and Cage to Lyman Hall High School Vo-Ag Technology class from Mr. Anthony Papa \$500; \$1,720 to Cook Hill School Library from Theresa Klimczak Memorial Donations, c/o Ben Klimczak, Yalesville; Sheehan Athletic Department Football Club from Verizon Foundation in recognition of the volunteer effort of Keira Merrill- \$750 and

school supplies to Sheehan High School from 3M Supplies for Schools \$1500. He also reported that there were thank you notes from the school libraries for the books donated to them in the Board members names; the family of Amanda Cartier, the family of Bonnie Stec and the family of Jan Murphy.

Mrs. McKay read the proclamations into the minutes as listed below.

Proclamation for National Teacher Day

**National Teacher Day
May 7, 2013**

WHEREAS, teachers open children's minds to the magic of ideas, knowledge, and dreams; and
WHEREAS, teachers lay the foundation for good citizenship and keep American democracy alive and strong; and
WHEREAS, teachers fill many roles, as listeners, explorers, role models, motivators, counselors and mentors; and
WHEREAS, teachers continue to influence us long after our school days are only memories.

Now, therefore,

I, Roxane McKay, serving as Chairperson of the Board of Education,
Do hereby officially proclaim Tuesday, May 7, 2013 as **National Teacher Day**

I urge that we observe this day by taking time to recognize and acknowledge the impact of teachers on our lives.

Signed this twenty-second day of April, 2013
Roxane McKay

Proclamation for School Nurse Day

**PROCLAMATION
SCHOOL NURSE DAY
MAY 8, 2013**

WHEREAS, through their skill and expertise, our town's school nurses help to foster a healthy, nurturing community in which our children can learn and grow; and
WHEREAS, the nature of their profession calls on their ability to take on roles beyond that of health provider – acting as teacher, confidante, mentor and friend to the students of Wallingford; and

WHEREAS, the overwhelming dedication school nurses show to their profession and the children they care for stands as a testament to their commitment to the success and wellness of Wallingford's future generations; now

THEREFORE, I, Roxane McKay, Chairperson, Wallingford Board of Education, in honor of Wallingford school nurses' outstanding contributions to our schools, do hereby officially proclaim **Wednesday, May 8, 2013, as SCHOOL NURSE DAY**

I urge all residents to support and commemorate the contributions of our Town's school nurses and dedicate our own efforts to improving the health and welfare of Wallingford's students.

Signed this twenty-second day of April, 2013
Roxane McKay

Mrs. McKay also announced that on behalf of the Board of Education and Central Office, we will be providing special dessert at each school on Tuesday, May 7, 2013 to show our appreciation.

Dr. Menzo reported that Kathy Neelon has been awarded the Association of School Nurses of Connecticut Administrator of the Year Award.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A.C.E.S. Representative

Mrs. Castelli said the budgets for all ACES schools were completed. She said the tuitions went up 3% to less than 3% for all schools. She stated that ACES budget is approved by the Governing Board. The budget is based on the number of estimated students for the next year. She said they were able to save significant savings on the medical plans of around \$500,000. She also announced that Thomas Edison Magnet school was on the Channel 3 Cool Schools program last week for the Winter Science Series. She said a Think Tank committee has been created to think about what else they should be doing to make the schools better and they have reached out to the districts with a survey asking what they can do better.

Wintergreen Magnet School Steering Committee

Mr. Votto reported that the minutes of the meeting are in the packet. He said some points he would like to highlight are they are going to do a Smart Balance assessment in grades seven and eight, they are putting a Literacy initiative in place; the calendar for next year is attached along with the budget.

Building Committee Representative for Vo-Ag Building Project

Dr. Menzo said the next thing we'll hear about is the letter from the State with the wording change.

School to Career Representative

Mr. Miller reported that there hasn't been a meeting recently. The next meeting is on Wednesday, May 1st at Sheehan High School at 8:00 a.m.

Report from Roof Project Committee Representative

Mr. Marrone reported the minutes from the last meeting are in the packet. He said they are opening bids tomorrow and April 26 at 2:00 p.m.

PTAC Update

Dr. Menzo reported that there was a meeting two weeks ago where they reviewed the budget. He said the next meeting is on May 6th prior to the Instructional Committee meeting.

Lyman Hall Athletic Complex Improvement Committee

Mr. Deptula said there were only two bidders for the architect. He reported that BSC group uses Silver Petrucelli.

Dr. Menzo said they should plan next year in 2014 for the track. There was discussion about the RFP and the State grant.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Miller said that on April 2nd there was a senior prom at the Senior Center and everyone had an enjoyable time.

INSTRUCTIONAL COMMITTEE

In my capacity as Superintendent of Schools, I recommend that the Wallingford Board of Education nonrenew the teaching contracts of the following named individuals at the end of the 2012-2013 school year in accordance with the provisions of the Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-151, and that the Board authorize me to furnish written notice of the action:

SUPERINTENDENT'S NONRENEWAL RECOMMENDATION

In my capacity as Superintendent of Schools, I recommend that the Wallingford Board of Education nonrenew the teaching contracts of the following named individuals at the end of the 2012-2013 school year in accordance with the provisions of the Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-151, and that the Board authorize me to furnish written notice of the action:

**NON-RENEWAL LIST
2012/13**

SCHOOL	NAME
Lyman Hall	Alise Knickerbocker**
	Kathryn Dal Zin
	Emily Picard
	Tamara Cheyette-Cohen
	R. Eric Stratmann
	Catherine Shortell
	Robert Brewster
	Melissa Boyce
	Patrick Kozloski
	Alan Riggs
	Diana Tseperkas

M.T. Sheehan	Michele Dwyer*
	Daniel Wostbrock
	Vincent Sarullo
	Jennifer Churma
	Christina Cavallaro
	Rachel Clukey
	Cynthia Frank
	Susan Hudson
	Christina Ireland
	Denise Payton
	Johann Rene
Dag Hammarskjold	Christine Rich
	Paul Santagata
	Cristina Cardona
	Yvarlene Carrion
	Vanessa Ciaffaglione
	Michelle DiMauro
Moran	Julie Thomas
	Katherine Azzinaro
	Elizabeth Baker
	Stefanie Sonstrom
Cook Hill	David Palmer
Highland	Susan LaKose
Parker Farms	Brittany French
Pond Hill	Dana Blasczyk
Rock Hill	Megan Robinson
Stevens	Stephanie Desjardins
	Melissa Stango-Herald
Yalesville	Eleanor Kirkpatrick
	Salz, Rosalind
Adult Education	Michael Lavoie
	Robert Lombardi
Curriculum	Melissa Tagliatela
	Kimberly Nash
Pupil Personnel	Melissa Benevento
	Brian Roman
	Lauren Finnegan

	Andrea Flanders
	Kaitlyn Damato
	Regina Kosior
	Christine McCabe
	Beth McLellan
	Emily Banach
	Zoe Dolan
	Chelsea Polletta
	Daryl Ostapowicz
	Duane Samuel
	Brian Maglione
Special Area	Nathan Milbrandt
	Christopher Vece
	Christine Amarone***
	Kathleen Marino****

I am making this recommendation for these nonrenewals because of possible anticipated budget cuts for the 2013-2014 school year.

You should know that the above named teachers have been advised that I intend to make this recommendation. If the Board of Education takes action on my recommendation, the teachers have the right under Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-151 to request the reasons for the Board's action to nonrenew their contracts of employment.

Further, I also recommend that I be authorized and instructed to communicate notice of this action by the Board to the affected teachers and to respond for the Board to the affected teachers and to respond for the Board to any appropriate requests that may be forthcoming from the teachers or their representatives as provided in the Teacher Tenure Law.

APPROVAL OF SUPERINTENDENT'S NONRENEWAL RECOMMENDATION

MOTION: CEI, SECOND BY MANSFIELD

VOTE: Unanimous approval that pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-151, the Wallingford Board of Education nonrenew the teaching contracts of the following named individuals at the end of the 2012-2013 school year as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools:

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	Cristina Cardona
	Yvarlene Carrion
	Vanessa Ciaffaglione
	Michelle DiMauro
Moran	Julie Thomas
	Katherine Azzinaro
	Elizabeth Baker
	Stefanie Sonstrom
Cook Hill	David Palmer
Highland	Susan LaKose
Parker Farms	Brittany French
Pond Hill	Dana Blasczyk
Rock Hill	Megan Robinson
Stevens	Stephanie Desjardins
	Melissa Stango-Herald
Yalesville	Eleanor Kirkpatrick
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	Christine Amarone***
	Kathleen Marino****

I further move that the Superintendent of Schools be directed to communicate this action of the Board in writing to the affected teachers and that the Superintendent be authorized to respond on behalf of the Board to any requests for a hearing, if required by law, or for other information which may be forthcoming from the teachers or their representatives pursuant to applicable provisions of the Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-151; and that the Superintendent be directed that any response for a hearing, if a hearing is required by law, indicate that such hearing is to be before the Board of Education.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Report on Operations Committee Meeting

Mr. Miller reported that the last meeting was on April 8th. He said the financial report was reviewed along with the cafeteria financial. He said there was discussion about the appropriation of \$50,000 for the intercom upgrades.

ADMINISTRATION

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Dr. Menzo gave his administrative report as listed below.

- He asked Randy Backus, Information Technology Director, who explained that there are 800 computers in the district of which 250 are budgeted for repairs and updates next year because they are five years old. There are also 550 machines that are four years old or less that will not be updated.

- He stated that we have received over \$90,000 over the past year in donations. Last year it was only \$30,000. Since 2004 a million dollars has been donated to the school system.
- He thanked all the companies listed for their donations: Walmart, Kevin Buono; John McGuire; Jerry Ollano; Tom Collette; Matt Bailey; Ron Hansen; Paul Gambardella; Lori Cooke Marra; Anthony DeFilio; Jon Kaplan; Gary Fappiano; Chris Porter; Dan Sullivan; and Dave Gannon.
- He announced that Paul Flinter received a donation for Adult Education Scholarships of \$2500 from Liberty Bank
- He stated that 3M company has donated \$25,000 for the Planetarium
- The PEGPITIA Grant gave us \$154,000 for video conferencing at 13 sites.
- He announced that Junior Achievement selected 10 students from each high school and a teacher from each high school. He said 38 students applied.
- He met with Middlesex Community College to enlist them with help for students to learn some Chinese before they go to China next year
- He said a committee is exploring a partnership with Australia for travel in the future.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday, 5/6/13

Instructional Committee

Board Conference room

7:00 p.m.

Monday, 5/13/13

Operations Committee

7:00 p.m.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday, 5/20/13

Board of Education

Vo-Ag Community Room

7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. McKay adjourned the meeting at 10:17 p.m.

Secretary

Mike Votto