

**WALLINGFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
AUDITORIUM
MARK T. SHEEHAN HIGH SCHOOL
142 HOPE HILL ROAD, WALLINGFORD
MAY 16, 2011**

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

Chairperson Tom Hennessey called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m. in the Mark T. Sheehan Auditorium.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

BROODER, CASTELLI, CEI, FORD, HENNESSEY, MARRONE, MCKAY, MILLER VOTTO entered at 7:10 p.m.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

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

STUDENT-BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

Haley Nisson & Sarah McManama, Student Board representatives from Lyman Hall, came before the Board to give their report.

- ◆ 184 AP tests were administered within the past two weeks
- ◆ The Elks Club honored the National Honor Society students from both high schools at a dinner on May 5th
- ◆ The annual Varsity Scholar awards held on May 12th with 35 scholars honored this year
- ◆ Lyman Hall hosted Relay for Life this past Friday
- ◆ The Junior Prom took place on Saturday May 14th
- ◆ From May 19th to the 21st Lyman Hall's production of Oliver will be going on.
- ◆ On June 1st the Ag Ed Awards will take place
- ◆ On June 3rd the Music department will be putting on their annual POPS concert
- ◆ SATS will be held at Lyman Hall on Saturday, June 4th
- ◆ On June 7th there will be a bloodmobile and also Spring Sports Awards Night
- ◆ June 9th is Underclassmen Awards night
- ◆ Senior Night will be held on June 17th
- ◆ Graduation is scheduled for June 23rd.

Audrey Kelley, Student Board representatives from Mark T. Sheehan, came before the Board to give her report.

- ◆ The Junior Class sponsored their Junior Prom at Cascade with the theme being “A Night in the City”.
- ◆ Sheehan had an important assembly today on anti-bullying that delivered a great message to the student body.
- ◆ This week the creative writing classes will be hosting the Poetry Slam which is a big hit where students get to share their personal poems
- ◆ Academically, AP testing just ended with many students participating in these tests.
- ◆ The seniors are looking forward to many exciting events for them including the senior outing, senior prom, ice cream social and senior night.
- ◆ Student Council is sponsoring their third Cancer Awareness Day. This month is focusing on melanoma and skin cancer.
- ◆ The child development course is also having their day care this month which has been a great success.
- ◆ Everyone is looking forward to the busy end of the year.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Dr. Menzo began by introducing the Town Council members, Bob Parisi, Chair and Vincent Cervoni.

Mayor Dickinson came before the Board to say a few nice words to the students who are receiving awards.

PRESENTATION OF CABE STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARDS

Dr. Menzo explained that the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education Leadership Awards are being presented tonight to student leaders again this year. The students presented with Leadership awards are: Annamaria DiCesare and John Aurora from Lyman Hall, Mary Solomon and Christian Collette from Mark T. Sheehan and Joelle MarkAnthony and Robert Hacku from Moran Middle School

RECOGNITION OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO ACHIEVED SCORES OF DISTINCTION ON THE SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT TEST

Principal Rosemary Duthie was called to the podium to present the Mark T. Sheehan High School students with SAT certificates. Students who received the SAT certificate from Mark T. Sheehan were: James Anziano, Tricia Bartel, Emma Bishop, Jesse Brint, Christian Collette, Daniel Connolly, Scott Czaja, Jessica DeMaio, Stephanie DeMaio, Jeffrey Devince, Daniel Duffy, Meaghan Fischer, Emily Fraulo, Alicia Gansley, Rosalind Garcia, Dana Grzesik, Kelli Johnson, Christopher Kobierowski, Melanie Krol, Stephanie Langan, Joseph Lee, Alexandra Losi, Michaela Mele, John Oliveto, Kelly Petit, Michael Racine, Eric Richter, Rebecca Sanderson, Mary Solomon, John Somers, Kelsy Tiedemann, Kristine Victor, Emily Viola and John Wodatch.

David Bryant, Principal of Lyman Hall High School came to the podium and called students to present SAT certificate. Students who received the SAT Awards from Lyman Hall were: Lindsey Clark, Allen Copas, Derek Faust, Rebecca Furgalack, William Graeb, Stephanie Groves, Matthew Hick, Elizabeth Keith, Anna Keogh, Kevin Kutys, Quishuo Li, Jaime Loomis, Nicholas Maddona, Noah Morgenstein, Samantha Pelletier, Caulder Poronsky, Paul Raffile, Samantha Sholtes and Alexander Zakrzewski.

COMMENDATION OF THE 2010-2011 STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

**R E S O L U T I O N
WALLINGFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

WHEREAS, the Wallingford Board of Education recognizes the importance of student representation in matters pertaining to the school; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to encourage continued participation and commend outstanding contributions of student representatives; and

WHEREAS, SARAH MCMANAMA, Co-President of the Lyman Hall High School Student Assembly, has represented the Lyman Hall High School students outstandingly at Board of Education meetings during 2010 - 2011;

BE IT RESOLVED, THEREFORE, that the Board of Education on this Sixteenth day of May, in the year 2011, hereby commends and thanks Sarah McManama for her service, and takes this opportunity to congratulate her parents, Mr. & Mrs. James McManama , and her school advisors, Marty Barracato and Veronica Scharpf, for their encouragement, support and guidance.

by the nine members of the Wallingford Board of Education.

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WHEREAS, the Wallingford Board of Education recognizes the importance of student representation in matters pertaining to the school; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to encourage continued participation and commend outstanding contributions of student representatives; and

WHEREAS, HALEY NISSON, Co-President of the Lyman Hall High School Student Assembly, has represented the Lyman Hall High School students outstandingly at Board of Education meetings during 2010 - 2011;

BE IT RESOLVED, THEREFORE, that the Board of Education on this Sixteenth day of May, in the year 2011, hereby commends and thanks Haley Nisson for her service, and takes this opportunity to congratulate her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Nisson , and her school advisors, Marty Barracato and Veronica Scharpf, for their encouragement, support and guidance.

by the nine members of the Wallingford Board of Education.

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WHEREAS, the Wallingford Board of Education recognizes the importance of student representation in matters pertaining to the school; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to encourage continued participation and commend outstanding contributions of student representatives; and

WHEREAS, AUDRA KELLEY, President of the Mark T. Sheehan High School Student Assembly, has represented the Sheehan High School students outstandingly at Board of Education meetings during 2010 - 2011;

BE IT RESOLVED, THEREFORE, that the Board of Education on this Sixteenth day of May, in the year 2011, hereby commends and thanks Audra Kelley for her service, and takes this opportunity to congratulate her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Jim Kelley, and her school advisors, Dominic Lombardozzi and Mark Smolley, for their encouragement, support and guidance.

by the nine members of the Wallingford Board of Education.

COMMENDATION OF THE HIGHEST RANKING SCHOLAR FROM LYMAN HALL HIGH SCHOOL

**R E S O L U T I O N
WALLINGFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

WHEREAS, the attainment of high scholastic achievement should be encouraged and acknowledged; and

WHEREAS, the attainment of the highest ranking scholastic average is an outstanding honor that should be fully appreciated and commended; and

WHEREAS, DEREK FAUST, a graduating senior of Lyman Hall High School in Wallingford, has achieved the highest academic standing for four years of his high school education;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wallingford Board of Education wholeheartedly unites in congratulating Derek Faust for his noteworthy and, indeed, remarkable accomplishment and wishes his success in his future endeavors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that on this sixteenth day of May, in the year 2011, Derek Faust is hereby officially honored

by the nine members of the Wallingford Board of Education.

COMMENDTION OF HIGHEST RANKING SCHOLAR FROM MARK T. SHEEHAN HIGH SCHOOL

**R E S O L U T I O N
WALLINGFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

WHEREAS, the attainment of high scholastic achievement should be encouraged and acknowledged; and

WHEREAS, the attainment of the highest ranking scholastic average is an outstanding honor that should be fully appreciated and commended; and

WHEREAS, STEPHANIE DEMAIO, a graduating senior of Mark T. Sheehan High School in Wallingford, has achieved the highest academic standing for four years of her high school education;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wallingford Board of Education wholeheartedly unites in congratulating Stephanie DeMaio for her noteworthy and, indeed, remarkable accomplishment and wishes her success in her future endeavors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that on this sixteenth day of May, in the year 2011, Stephanie DeMaio is hereby officially honored

by the nine members of the Wallingford Board of Education.

*A recess was called by Chairperson Hennessey at 7:40 p.m.
The regular meeting reconvened at 7:45 p.m.*

QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

There were no questions from the audience.

MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF CANDIDATES FOR DIRECTOR OF ADULT EDUCATION AND ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF MORAN AT 7:46 P.M.

MOTION: MCKAY, SECOND BY FORD

VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF CANDIDATES FOR DIRECTOR OF ADULT EDUCATION AND ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF MORAN AT 7:46 P.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

BROODER, CASTELLI, CEI, FORD, HENNESSEY, MARRONE, MCKAY, MILLER, VOTTO

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MENZO, COHN, GUARINO

MOTION TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:50 P.M.

MOTION: MCKAY, SECOND BY FORD

VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:50 P.M.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: FORD, SECOND BY CASTELLI

VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL TO ACCEPT ITEMS 7.1 – 7.13 AS LISTED BELOW

- Approval to Accept Minutes dated April 25, 2011
- Approval to Accept Minutes dated May 2, 2011
- Approval to Accept Financial Report for April 2011
- Approval to Accept Cafeteria Financial Report for April 2011
- Approval of Graduation Candidates from Lyman Hall High School *Pursuant to Completion of All Graduation Requirements*
- Approval of Graduation Candidates from Mark T. Sheehan High School *Pursuant to Completion*
- Approval of Recipient of the Yale-Brown Scholarship
- Approval of Proposed Adoption of New Policy ECD – Hazardous Material in Schools
- Approval of Proposed Adoption of New Policy EEAD – Records and Reports: Transportation
- Approval of Proposed Adoption of Revised Policy IGAHA – District Wellness
- Approval of Proposed Adoption of New Policy IGBH – Migrant Students
- Approval of Proposed Adoption of New Policy IGC – Programs for Limited English Proficient Students
- Approval of Proposed Revision Statement of Core Beliefs and Expectations for Student Learning

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

There were no items removed from the Consent Agenda

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Votto reported that there was no correspondence

ACES Representative

Mr. Hennessey reported that since he was unable to attend the meeting, Mrs. Castelli went in his place.

Mrs. Castelli reported that the meeting was very informative. She explained that there was a presentation of data overviews, the Strategic Plan was reviewed, there was a revision to the school tuitions and WIMS and TEMS both had reductions in the cost of benefits. She also stated that WIMS was selected as one of ten schools profiled for a federal grant. She said they would be awarded \$140,000 to use to teach students in ecology and the environment.

Wintergreen Magnet School Steering Committee

Mr. Votto stated that the WIMS Steering Committee meeting was cancelled and the next meeting is scheduled for May 25th.

Building Committee Representative for Vo-Ag Building Project

Mrs. Ford reported that there was nothing to report.

School to Career Representative

Mr. Miller explained that the Committee met today and discussed the Capstone Project. He reported that there was discussion about how the curriculum can be revised for global languages. He explained that the business partners will be coming in to work with students. He announced that the next meeting will take place in September.

Diversity in Action Committee Representative

Mrs. McKay reported that the Celebrity Reading Day went very well and it was a rewarding experience. She explained that the Committee is working with the Professional Development Committee to introduce training for the teachers by the Anti-Defamation League for anti-bullying.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was brought before the Board.

INSTRUCTIONAL COMMITTEE**REVIEW OF ANNUAL TEACHER'S EVALUATION REPORT**

Mrs. Guarino explained that the district is required to report on the Annual Teacher's Evaluation Report each year. She reported that there were 69 Non-tenured teachers, 517 tenured teachers and 22 Administrators who have been evaluated. She went on to say that there were 29 trained cooperating teachers who worked with student teachers and 23 mentor teachers who worked with first, second and third year teachers at the elementary, middle and high school level. She explained that the district is in the right place with professional development to match up with the new legislation that is being passed in the State in July 2013.

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF RETIREMENT, WITH REGRET, OF HELENE DECATALDO, EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2011

MOTION: CEI, SECOND BY MARRONE

VOTE: Unanimous approval that the Board of Education accept, with regret, the retirement of **Helene DeCataldo**, effective June 30, 2011.

Helene DeCataldo has been with the Wallingford Public Schools since 1998. From August, 1998 to June, 2010, she was a teacher in the Talented and Gifted Program and from August, 2010 to the present, she has been a fifth grade teacher at Rock Hill School for a total of **thirteen years** of service in the Wallingford Public Schools.

Carrie LaTorre, Principal of Rock Hill Elementary School, came before the Board to say a few nice words about Helene.

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF RETIREMENT, WITH REGRET, OF CAROL DESJARDINS, EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2011

MOTION: CEI, SECOND BY MARRONE

VOTE: Unanimous approval that the Board of Education accept, with regret, the retirement of **Carol Desjardins**, effective June 30, 2011.

Carol Desjardins has been with the Wallingford Public Schools since 1979. From September, 1979 to June, 1981, she was a second grade teacher at Cook Hill School and from September, 1981 to the present, she has been a sixth grade teacher at Dag Hammarskjold Middle School for a total of **thirty-two years** of service in the Wallingford Public Schools.

Ann Cocchiola, Principal of Dag Hammarskjold, came before the Board to say a few kind words.

APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR OF ADULT EDUCATION

MOTION: CEI, SECOND BY MARRONE

VOTE: Unanimous approval that the Board of Education approve the appointment of **Paul Flinter** to the position of Director of Adult Education effective as of a mutually agreed upon date.

Mr. Flinter came to the podium to say a few words.

APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF MORAN MIDDLE SCHOOL

MOTION: CEI, SECOND BY MARRONE

VOTE: Unanimous approval that the Board of Education approve the appointment of **Richard Napoli** to the position of Assistant Principal of Moran Middle School effective as of a mutually agreed upon date.

Mr. Napoli came to the podium to say a few words.

Dr. Menzo and Mr. Hennessey extended words of welcome to Mr. Napoli.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

REPORT ON OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

Mr. Brooder reported that he was unable to attend the Operations Committee meeting But Chet Miller was able to chair that meeting. Mr. Miller went on to report that the cafeteria report and the financial report were reviewed. He said Ms. Winters also reviewed the audit report. He said there was discussion about some practices that will be changed in the future.

REPORT ON BUILDING USE COMMITTEE MEETING

Ms. Winters explained that there was the last meeting on May 9th of the full committee. She reported that the committee reviewed revisions that were made to the policies and regulations and these would go to the Board at the next Instructional Committee meeting in June. She said these changes were made according to CABA policies and from other area towns. She said they developed a checklist to be used by both the applicant and the custodian to walk through the field both before and after use of the field to protect the school district in case there is any damage. She explained that after presentation at the Instructional Committee meeting it will go to the full Board in either June or July.

Mr. Votto explained that before these policies were update there were meetings with custodians and the park and recreation department and got a good idea of what was going on with the fields, the costs and other information to help with the process.

APPROVAL TO ACCEPT 2011-2012 BUDGET FOR \$86,793,733

Dr. Menzo explained how the budget figure was arrived at and there was discussion among the Board members.

MOTION: BROODER, SECOND BY FORD

A roll call vote was made.

**AFFIRMATIVE: BROODER, CASTELLI, CEI, FORD,
HENNESSEY, MARRONE, MCKAY, MILLER, VOTTO**

VOTE: Unanimous approval to Accept the 2011-2012 Budget for \$86,793,733

APPROVAL OF UNENCUMBERED FUND BALANCE USE FOR PHASES I, II & III

There was discussion about what is included in the unencumbered fund balance
Use for Phases I, II, & III

MOTION: BROODER, SECOND BY CASTELLI

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL OF UNENCUMBERED FUND BALANCE
USE FOR PHASES I, II & III**

ADMINISTRATION**Administrative Report**

Dr. Menzo gave his report as listed below.

- ◆ He attended the Sheehan Varsity Scholars
- ◆ He was part of the Elks Awards Ceremony for Elementary and Middle School students
- ◆ He will be attending the drama production "Oliver" at Lyman Hall on Thursday
- ◆ He will be attending the Professional Development for teachers on May 27th
- ◆ He announced that there will be professional development for teachers on June 24th and 27th.
- ◆ He attended the PTAC meeting last week where there was discussion about what PTAC should be.
- ◆ He is working with a couple of teachers on a promotional video about the district.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday, 6/06/11	Instructional Committee
Monday, 6/13/11	Operations Committee
Monday, 6/20/11	Teacher Mentor Reception
Thursday, 6/23/11	Last Day of School High School Graduation

Board Conference Room

7:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday, 6/20/11	Board of Education
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Drama/Lecture Room

7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Tom Hennessey adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

Secretary

Mike Votto