

**WALLINGFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
 DRAMA/LECTURE ROOM
 MARK T. SHEEHAN HIGH SCHOOL
 142 HOPE HILL ROAD, WALLINGFORD
 October 17, 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

Roxane McKay, Acting Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

CASTELLI, MARRONE, MCKAY, MILLER, VOTTO

ABSENT – CEI – work related

HENNESSEY – work related

FORD – work related

BROODER

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

**MENZO, GUARINO, ESPOSITO, BACKUS, DEPTULA, LAUTIER, WONG, WINTERS,
 NAPOLITANO**

STUDENT-BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

Alec Lynde, Student Board representative from Lyman Hall High School, came before the Board to give his report.

- ◆ October 12 – PSATs were administered to sophomores and freshmen
- ◆ October 12 – Lyman Hall's Freshmen Leadership Conference was held with seniors from Humanities classes participating
- ◆ October 19, 20, and 27th the Eighth grade students from Dag will be going to Lyman Hall for tours with members of the Student Council leading them.
- ◆ Student Council elections for sophomores, juniors and seniors took place on October 5th.
- ◆ Student Council elections for freshmen took place on October 12th with some issues with the microphone during the speeches.
- ◆ The School Spirit Committee postponed holding the mascot try-outs since not enough people signed up

- ◆ The Spirit Video committee has created a proposal for Mr. Bryant for his approval in order to move forward with the project. He said they hope to include clubs, sports and extracurricular activities to participate.
- ◆ The Community Day Committee has begun to prepare letters to the elderly to be sent out by the end of the week. There will be sign-ups to participate during lunch waves during the next two weeks.
- ◆ He told Dr. Menzo how sorry he was to hear about the Yankees losing in the first round of playoffs. He also said the Student Council is looking forward to having Dr. Menzo at their next meeting on October 25th.

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

- ◆ Last week the sophomores and juniors took the PSATs while the freshmen had a special assembly on the importance of being involved in the community.
- ◆ An Invisible Children Assembly about the need for help in Africa has sparked the desire to help them. Students at Sheehan have made an Invisible Children club to raise money for those who are less fortunate in Africa.
- ◆ Other new clubs offered this year are Global Guardians, Amnesty International, and the Philosophy Club.
- ◆ Sheehan will be holding a can drive during the month of November and also a Community Leaf Raking Day on Veterans Day.
- ◆ We look forward to Spirit Week from November 17th to November 23rd. This week is the most exciting because all students are involved and show their spirit for Sheehan.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

There were no awards presented.

QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

There were no questions brought to the Board.

MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:10 P.M. FOR DISCUSSION OF CANDIDATE TO HEAD COACH POSITION AND DISCUSSION OF RATIFICATION OF TENTATIVE AGREEMENT ON REPONER ON WAGES FOR THE 2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR FOR FOOD SERVICE UNION

MOTION: VOTTO, SECOND BY CASTELLI

VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:10 P.M. FOR DISCUSSION OF CANDIDATE TO HEAD COACH POSITION AND DISCUSSION OF RATIFICATION OF TENTATIVE AGREEMENT ON REPONER ON WAGES FOR THE 2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR FOR FOOD SERVICE UNION

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

CASTELLI, MARRONE, MCKAY, MILLER, VOTTO

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

**MENZO, GUARINO, ESPOSITO, WINTERS, BACKUS, LAUTIER, WONG,
NAPOLITANO**

MOTION TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:25 P.M.

MOTION: VOTTO, SECOND BY CASTELLI

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION
AT 7:25 P.M.**

Regular meeting reconvened at 7:26 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: VOTTO, SECOND BY CASTELLI

VOTE: Unanimous approval to accept items 7.1-7.4 as listed below.

Approval to Accept **Minutes** dated September 19, 2011
Approval to Accept **Board of Education Financial Report** for September 2011
Approval to Accept **Cafeteria Financial Report** for September 2011
Approval to Accept **GIFT** of bike rack for students from Glenn Swanson, KBE Building
Corporation, Farmington, CT \$785.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

There were no items removed from the Consent Agenda

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A.C.E.S. Representative

Mr. Hennessey was not available to give a report although he attended the meeting.

Wintergreen Magnet School Steering Committee

Mr. Votto reported that he gave a packet of information to Board members in their Board packets. He said there was an extra professional development day because of the hurricane when students were not in school. He also said that the calendar was adjusted because of the hurricane. He reported that enrollment is good.

Building Committee Representative for Vo-Ag Building Project

There was nothing to report.

School to Career Representative

Mr. Miller reported that he was not at that meeting.

Dr. Menzo reported that they are trying to recruit new members. He said there was some discussion about strategic planning and the new requirements with success plans and common core standards. He reported that if there is anyone who would like to become a member on this committee they can contact him. He announced that the next meeting is in November.

Diversity in Action Committee Representative

Mrs. McKay reported that she attended the first meeting of the school year. She said it was well attended and a new chair and leadership has been appointed. She reported that they are looking for new projects to hold. She said one idea is to have a central data base for all nationalities that are represented in the district and have a cheat sheet in the principal's office. She said it would include translators, anything that would help them and resources to transition.

Report from Roof Project Committee Representative

Marc Deptula, Director of Maintenance, reported that a decision was made on what type of roof to install. He said it would be a two-ply, built up, hot mop, hot asphalt. He said this would be the most durable. He explained that the PCB testing has been completed at a cost of \$44,000. The asbestos testing was also completed.

Dr. Menzo explained that the next meeting is this Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Conference room. The next meeting with the Town Council is next Tuesday and one of the several items on the agenda is implementation of the solar green technology.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business brought before the Board.

INSTRUCTIONAL COMMITTEE

Dr. Menzo explained that if Board members have any additional questions they can contact him, since the policies presented below were discussed at the Instructional Committee meeting. He went on to say that if there should be further discussion it can be brought to the next Instructional Committee meeting.

PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED REVISIONS TO POLICY JFCB – BULLYING
PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED REVISIONS TO POLICY JO – STUDENT
RECORDS
PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED REVISIONS TO POLICY GB –
NONDISCRIMINATION
PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED REVISIONS TO POLICY GBA – RECRUITMENT
AND SELECTION OF STAFF
PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED REVISIONS TO POLICY JB – EQUAL
EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES
PRESENTATION OF NEW POLICY 6171 – SPECIAL EDUCATION

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION, OF LAUREN AMATURO, EFFECTIVE AS AS OF A MUTUALLY AGREED UPON DATE.

MOTION: MARRONE, SECOND BY VOTTO

VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION OF LAUREN AMATURO, EFFECTIVE AS OF A MUTUALLY AGREED UPON DATE.

Lauren Amaturò has been a resource and alternative education teacher since January, 2011.

APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF CANDIDATE TO HEAD COACH POSITION

MOTION: MARRONE, SECOND BY MILLER

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:

Lyman Hall High School

Robert Brewster - (Girls') Softball

RATIFICATION OF TENTATIVE AGREEMENT ON REOPENER ON WAGES FOR THE 2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR FOR FOOD SERVICE UNION

MOTION: MARRONE, SECOND BY MILLER

VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL THAT THE TENTATIVE AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE REOPENER ON WAGES FOR THE 2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR FOR THE FOOD SERVICE UNION BE RATIFIED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND SUBMITTED TO THE TOWN FOR THEIR APPROVAL AND RATIFICATION.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Report on Operations Committee Meeting

Mr. Brooder was not available to give a report.

Dr. Menzo reported that there was approval of the monthly financial report, the monthly cafeteria report and discussion in the beginning stages of looking at projections for the budget.

ADMINISTRATION

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Dr. Menzo gave a report as listed below.

- ◆ At the last Instructional Committee meeting there was discussion about the CAPT reports for the middle and high Schools.
- ◆ At the Instructional Committee meeting in October the Common Core State Standards were discussed. He said in 2014 there will be a pilot to test the Common Core Standards. The middle school teachers and high school math teachers will receive training on the Common Core in November. He reported that he would like to have a presentation for the community and get the PTACs, PTOs, and Wallingford Education Foundation involved.
- ◆ On November 7th the elementary CMT reports will be presented to the Board
- ◆ There was discussion about bullying

Janice Lautier talked about the School Climate Survey.

- ◆ He announced that the budget process has started with the 3 year strategic plan budget and the sustained budget.
- ◆ He announced that the Wallingford Education Foundation is holding a presentation at Lyman Hall on November 3rd by author Ann Zemke about her book “They Named me Marjorie”.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Board Conference Room

Monday, 11/07/11	Instructional Committee	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, 11/14/11	Operations Committee	7:00 p.m.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Drama/Lecture Room

Monday, 11/21/11	Board of Education	7:00 p.m.
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ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. McKay adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Michael Votto Secretary