

**WALLINGFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION  
DRAMA/LECTURE ROOM  
MARK T. SHEEHAN HIGH SCHOOL  
142 HOPE HILL ROAD, WALLINGFORD  
December 12, 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**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Tom Hennessey at 6:15 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

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

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

**BROODER, CASTELLI, CEI, FORD, HENNESSEY, MARRONE, MILLER, VOTTO**  
McKay was absent due to illness

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**STUDENT-BOARD REPRESENTATIVES**

**Natalie Venice, Student Board representative from Lyman Hall High School**, came before the Board to give her report since Alec Lynde was not available.

- ◆ Winter sports are just beginning and the teams look very good and are ready.
- ◆ Congratulations went out to the Sheehan girls on their victory in the Powderpuff
- ◆ She announced that she is very proud of the boys and their win at the Thanksgiving game.
- ◆ National Honor Society collected almost 5,000 cans for Holiday for Giving
- ◆ The Fall Sports Banquet was hosted by the Food Service students
- ◆ The first Blood Drive of the school year is scheduled for December 13<sup>th</sup> and is being sponsored by the Student Council
- ◆ The Winter Concert is scheduled for Wednesday, December 14, 2011
- ◆ Evening conferences will be held on December 21<sup>st</sup>.
- ◆ She said Happy and safe holidays to everyone!

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

- ◆ The National Honor Society held a toy drive to help the families in need of Christmas presents. Today was the last day to donate.
- ◆ Tomorrow the New England Math League is representing Sheehan during second period to determine our rank among other schools.
- ◆ This Thursday Mr. Snyder and I will be leading a tour of the school of the OCR on-site review.
- ◆ Dr. Menzo will be visiting our Student Council meeting after school and we're looking forward to it.
- ◆ The Sheehan Band will have its annual Winter Concert on Thursday.
- ◆ Parent-teacher conferences are scheduled for before vacation.
- ◆ A Blood Drive will be held on December 23<sup>rd</sup>. The committee hopes to donate 78 pints with the help from 150 volunteers.
- ◆ Drama students have been preparing for the entertaining Variety Show next week.
- ◆ After break the students will begin preparing for midterms and the eighth graders will visit Sheehan for an orientation.
- ◆ She said "Thank you and Happy Holidays!"

**PRESENTATION OF AWARDS**

**RECOGNITION OF THOMAS P. HENNESSEY AND VALERIE FORD**

Mr. Hennessey called Dr. Menzo to the podium to recognize the two Board members who have completed their years of service on the Board of Education. He went on to say that it is an honor to recognize a fellow Board member who has a lot of history. He said some kind words about Valerie Ford.

Dr. Menzo presented Mrs. Ford with a set of boy and girl bookends and flowers. He also stated that an inscription will be placed on a Cook Hill Elementary School library shelf for Mrs. Ford and one will be placed at Lyman Hall High School for Mr. Hennessey. He explained that Tom Hennessey would be receiving a set of bookends also.

Board members took turns saying a few kind words about both Valerie Ford and Tom Hennessey.

Mr. Votto also recognized Janice Lautier, Pupil Personnel Director, who will also be leaving in December.

**QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION**

There were no questions brought before the Board.

**MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:15 p.m. FOR DISCUSSION OF CANDIDATE FOR TEACHING POSITION**

**MOTION: VOTTO, SECOND BY MILLER**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:15 P.M. FOR DISCUSSION OF CANDIDATE FOR TEACHING POSITION**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT IN EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**BROODER, CASTELLI, CEI, FORD, HENNESSEY, MARRONE, MILLER, VOTTO  
McKay was absent due to illness**

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT IN EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**MENZO, COHN, GUARINO**

**MOTION TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:20 P.M.**

**MOTION: VOTTO, SECOND BY MILLER**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION  
AT 7:20 P.M.**

*Regular meeting reconvened at 7:21 P.M.*

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION: VOTTO, SECOND BY FORD**

**VOTE: Unanimous approval to accept items 7.1-7.12 as listed below.**

- Approval to Accept **Minutes** dated November 12, 2011
- Approval to Accept **Minutes** dated November 30, 2011
- Approval to Accept **Board of Education Financial Report** for November 2011
- Approval to Accept **GIFT** of Assortment of Supplies from Kelli M. Novak, Community Affairs of 3M Corporation Marketing & Public Affairs to Stevens School  
\$5,912
- Approval to Accept **GIFT** of \$20,000 from Wayne Barneschi/Trail of Terror to C.R.E.W.  
(Community Revitalization Efforts of Wallingford) \$20,000
- Approval to Accept **GIFT** of \$10,000 from the Wallingford Toyota to Stevens Elementary School \$10,000
- Approval to Accept Proposed Revisions to Policy JFCB-Bullying
- Approval to Accept Proposed Revisions to Policy JO – Student Records
- Approval to Accept Proposed Revisions to Policy GB – Nondiscrimination
- Approval to Accept Proposed Revisions to Policy GBA – Recruitment and Selection of Staff
- Approval to Accept Proposed Revisions to Policy JB – Equal Educational Opportunities
- Approval to Accept Proposed New Policy 6171-Special Education

**ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA**

No items were removed from the Consent Agenda

**CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence to report. Mr. Votto reported that there were gifts Received of an assortment of supplies from Kelli M. Novak, Community Affairs of 3M Corporation Marketing & Public Affairs to Stevens School in the amount of \$5,912. Also, a gift of \$20,000 from Wayne Barneschi/Trail of Terror to C.R.E.W. (Community Revitalization Efforts of Wallingford) and \$10,000 from Wallingford Toyota to Stevens Elementary School.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A.C.E.S. Representative**

Mr. Hennessey announced that there was a farewell to two people who are leaving ACES. He said there was discussion about the RESC Alliance and the final report from the audit.

**Wintergreen Magnet School Steering Committee**

Mr. Votto said there has been no meeting recently.

**Building Committee Representative for Vo-Ag Building Project**

Mrs. Ford reported that there has been no meeting.

**School to Career Representative**

Mr. Miller reported that the group had a meeting we several companies from the Wallingford area to give direction to the committee to restructure itself to help students from sixth grade and on.

**Diversity in Action Committee Representative**

Mrs. Wong reported that the DIA is looking for a co-chair.

**Report from Roof Project Committee Representative**

Mr. Marrone reported that a joint Building Committee and Board of Education will be meeting and will be open to the public.

**OLD BUSINESS**

No old business was brought before the Board.

**INSTRUCTIONAL COMMITTEE**

**APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF RETIREMENT OF BARRY O'NEILL, EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 30, 2011**

**MOTION: CEI, SECOND BY MARRONE**

**VOTE:** Unanimous approval that the Board of Education accept, with regret, the retirement of **Barry O'Neill**, effective December 30, 2011.

**Barry O'Neill** has been with the Wallingford Public Schools since 2004. From September, 2004 to the present, he has been an assistant principal at Lyman Hall High School for a total of **seven years** of service in the Wallingford Public Schools.

Mr. Bryant, Principal at Lyman Hall High School, came before the Board to say a few kind words.

**APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION****MOTION: CEI, SECOND BY MARRONE****VOTE:** Unanimous approval that the Board of Education accept, with regret, the resignation of **Leigh Gaetano**, effective January 20, 2012.

**Leigh Gaetano** has been with the Wallingford Public Schools since 2008. From August, 2008 to the present, she has been an elementary classroom teacher for a total of **three and one-half years** of service in the Wallingford Public Schools.

**APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF CANDIDATE TO TEACHING POSITION****MOTION: CEI, SECOND BY MARRONE****VOTE:** Unanimous approval that the Board of Education approve the appointment of the following candidate to a teaching position for the 2011-2012 school year, contingent upon proper Connecticut certification, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools:**Moran Middle School**

Katherine Azzinaro - Grade 6 Spanish

**PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED ADOPTION OF REVISED POLICY IGBH – MIGRANT STUDENTS AND PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED ADOPTION OF NEW POLICY PRE-SCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION – 6171.2**

Mrs. Cohn reported that the State passed a new policy regarding migrant students. She said that this policy will better align with legislation. She also reported that the Pre-school education policy will allow the district to work closely with Birth to 3.

**OPERATIONS COMMITTEE****Report on Operations Committee Meeting**

Mr. Brooder reported that there was a meeting on December 5, 2011. He said the committee is monitoring the surplus in the budget. He said there is a surplus because of the excess savings in the heating costs.

**ADMINISTRATION****ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

Dr. Menzo gave his administrative report as listed below.

- ◆ He said the district is in the final phases of the sustained services and strategic plan.
- ◆ He said he will be meeting with students in both high schools regarding the budget.
- ◆ He announced that the budget workshops will be held at the Vo-Ag Community room.
- ◆ He recognized Janice Lautier for her retirement from the school district.
- ◆ He wished everyone a Happy Holiday and said there will be no school on January 2nd

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Tuesday, 01/03/12	Special BOE Meeting	5:00 p.m.
	Instructional Committee	immediately following
Monday, 01/09/12	Operations Committee	6:00 p.m. – Vo-Ag
		Community room
Thursday, 01/19/12	Spec. BOE/Joint Bldg. Comm.	
Saturday, 01/21/12	Special Operations Comm.	8:00 a.m. – Vo-Ag
		Community room

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**Drama/Lecture Room**

<b>Tuesday, 01/17/12</b>	<b>Board of Education Meeting</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
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**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Hennessey adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

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**Secretary**