

**WALLINGFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
DRAMA/LECTURE ROOM
MARK T. SHEEHAN HIGH SCHOOL
142 HOPE HILL ROAD, WALLINGFORD
September 20, 2010**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson, Tom Hennessey, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

The acting Clerk of the Board, Betsy McCully, called the roll.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

**Absent – Cei – out of town on business
Ford**

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

MENZO, COHN, GUARINO, WINTERS, BACKUS, LAUTIER, WONG, MCCULLY

STUDENT-BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

Haley Nisson, Student Board representative from Lyman Hall, came before the Board to give her report.

- Freshman orientation was on August 24th
- Mr. Bryant outlined the expectations for freshman from September 9 through September 10
- The fall sport and band competition season has opened
- Saturday night was the 50th reunion for the class of 1960. It went very well and the class enjoyed the tour around the school
- Coming up:
 - Open House on September 21st
 - Annual Marching Band competition on October 2nd
 - Lyman Hall is hosting SATs on October 9th
 - Lyman Hall is hosting the ACT on October 13th

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

- Sheehan had fall sports season open this week
- Three of the teams, Field Hockey, Volleyball and Football, all won
- Sheehan is hosting Open House on September 21st.
- Freshmen parents will attend a parent meeting in the auditorium to learn more about Sheehan
- Guidance counselors will go to each English class to inform them about the upcoming year
- Seniors have been called to the Guidance office to talk to their Counselor about what they plan to do once they graduate. Guidance is also offering many meetings with colleges from in and out of state.
- On October 8th Mrs. Colwick is sponsoring a blood drive for all students over 17 to donate blood.
- Sheehan keeps many opportunities open for students to get involved including Key Club, Spanish Club, Pokémon Club and Math Team.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

There were no awards presented at this meeting.

QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

Carolyn Hall, 7 Wooding Road came before the Board to ask about the first Open House and asked if parents had to attend the second Open House.

Dr. Menzo explained that there was a meet and greet where parents could informally meet the students teachers and there would be an open house for parents to learn about the teachers' expectations and curricular initiatives for the year.

MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION OF CANDIDATES FOR TEACHING POSITIONS AT 7:15 P.M.

MOTION: MCKAY, SECOND BY MILLER

VOTE: EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION OF CANDIDATES FOR TEACHING POSITIONS AT 7:15 P.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MENZO, COHN, GUARINO, LAUTIER, DUTHIE, MCCULLY

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

MOTION: MCKAY, SECOND BY MILLER

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

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: MCKAY, SECOND BY MILLER

VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL TO ACCEPT ITEMS 7.1-7.9 AS LISTED BELOW

- Approval to Accept **Minutes** dated August 16, 2010
- Approval to Accept **Financial Report** for July 2010
- Approval to Accept **Financial Report** for August 2010
- Approval to Accept **Cafeteria Financial Report** for July 2010
- Approval to Accept **Cafeteria Financial Report** for August 2010
- Approval to Accept **Transfer** from Account #611A-Instructional Supplies to Account #642A-Library Books \$6,000
- Approval to Accept Graduation Candidates from Lyman Hall Summer School upon Completion of All Graduation Requirements
- Approval of Proposed Adoption of New High School Courses: Food Science 1, 2, 3 & 4
- Approval of Proposed Elementary (Grades 1-5) Information Technology Curriculum Draft

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

There were no items removed from the Consent Agenda.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Votto reported that there was a thank you note from the McDonnell family.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A.C.E.S. Representative

Mr. Hennessey reported that the first meeting of the year was held last Thursday. He said the Committee talked about the second year of the implementation of the Strategic Plan. He said he would distribute that report to the Board members. He reported that an Executive Session was held to discuss some salaries that needed to be negotiated. He announced that they talked about the Employee of the Year and the Teacher of the Year. He said he was nominated to sit on their Leadership Committee.

Wintergreen Magnet School Steering Committee

Ellen Cohn reported on the March 31st meeting minutes. She reported that at that meeting there was discussion about the budget, approved the calendar for the school year and spent some time discussing the operation of the school.

Tom Hennessey reported that Wintergreen has a new principal this year. He announced that Mr. Votto will be on the Steering Committee.

Building Committee Representative for Vo-Ag Building Project

Mr. Hennessey reported that there are still some issues with the floors at the new Vo-Ag Building. He explained that the committee is looking to accept a stipend from the architectural firm that made the error on the flooring. He requested that Mr. Vitali come to a meeting to discuss this issue.

School to Career Representative

Mr. Miller reported that there has been no meeting this year.
Dr. Menzo reported that the first meeting will be in October.

Diversity in Action Committee Representative

Mrs. McKay report that the first meeting will take place on October 7th.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business brought before the Board.

INSTRUCTIONAL COMMITTEE

Presentation by Dr. David L. Katz, MD on *Nutrition Detectives and ABCs for Fitness*

Dr. Menzo introduced Dr. David L. Katz and said he is here to present information about a grant that we are participating in collaboration with Yale Research Center. He reported that tonight Dr. Katz will focus on *Nutrition Detectives* and will talk about *ABC for Fitness* a little. He explained that *Nutrition Detectives* is a program that will teach students about nutrition, how to read labels and about the benefits of physical activity. Dr. Menzo explained that the Physical Education teachers would receive training from Dr. Katz.

Dr. Katz explained that this is a research grant for implementing and collecting data in the real world. He said we want people to eat healthy, be active, have more vitality and lose weight. He explained there is a growing problem of childhood obesity and diabetes. He said *Nutrition Detectives* is a food label literacy program. He said there are five clues that fit on a refrigerator magnet that students can use when they help grocery shop. He reported that the program also teaches kids why they should care about nutrition. He suggested that the *ABCs for Fitness* can be included in the school day by maybe little five minute bursts of physical activity for the students to refresh them. He explained that both these programs are free. He reported that with these programs there has been an increase in improved fitness and no deterioration in

academic time but there has been a decrease in Ritalin use. He explained the procedures for reporting and for measuring success in the program.

Dr. Menzo explained the concerns about using the BMI. There was discussion regarding this issue.

Mrs. McKay asked what the five clues are. He listed the five clues for her and gave the website address where more information could be found at nuval.com.

Mr. Hennessey suggested holding a meeting with Dr. Katz to introduce him to other groups of people.

New England Association of Secondary Schools (NEASC) Update for Sheehan High School

Dr. Menzo reported that the report is included in the packets for the Board's information.

APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF CANDIDATES TO TEACHING POSITIONS

MOTION: MARRONE, SECOND BY MILLER

VOTE: Unanimous approval that the Board of Education approve the appointment of the named individuals on the list to teaching positions for the 2010-2011 school year, contingent upon proper Connecticut certification, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools. I further move that the above-referenced list be included as a part of the minutes of this Board of Education meeting.

Lyman Hall High School

R. Eric Stratmann - Chemistry

Mark T. Sheehan High School

Maritza Garcia Boak - World Language
(.6 Spanish)

Pupil Personnel Services

Andrea Flanders - Speech/Language Pathologist
Lauren Finnegan - Speech/Language Pathologist

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION, WITH REGRET, OF SALLY DASTOLI, EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2010

MOTION: MARRONE, SECOND BY MILLER

VOTE: Unanimous approval that the Board of Education accept, with regret, the resignation of **Sally Dastoli**, effective October 1, 2010.

Sally Dastoli has been a science resource teacher and administrative intern since August, 2003.

Dr. Menzo, Mr. Hennessey and Mr. Votto all had a few nice things to say about Sally.

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION, WITH REGRET, OF AMY MALDONADO, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 24, 2010

MOTION: MARRONE, SECOND BY MILLER

VOTE: Unanimous approval that the Board of Education accept, with regret, the resignation of **Amy Maldonado**, effective September 24, 2010.

Amy Maldonado has been a special education teacher in the ARTS Program since August, 2004.

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION, WITH REGRET, OF LEAH SILVERSTONE, EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2010

MOTION: MARRONE, SECOND BY MILLER

VOTE: Unanimous approval that the Board of Education accept, with regret, the resignation of **Leah Silverstone**, effective June 30, 2010.

Leah Silverstone was a second grade teacher at Moses Y. Beach School since August, 2009.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
Report on Operations Committee Meeting

Mr. Brooder reported that at the Operations Committee meeting on Monday, September 13, 2010 approved the Cafeteria and Board financial reports for both July and August. They also had some discussion about the transportation issues and talked about having an opportunity to look at the budget to address any issues that might arise.

Approval to Accept Signature Change for National School Lunch Program

Mrs. Wong explained that this is an approval to change the signatures since we've changed Assistant Superintendents. The signatures are used to sign off on the reimbursement claims that are made.

MOTION: BROODER, SECOND BY MILLER

VOTE: Unanimous approval to Accept Signature Change for National School Lunch Program

Motion carried

ADMINISTRATION

Administrative Report

Dr. Menzo explained that there is a meeting next Wednesday with the sub-committees for the Five-Year Strategic Plan. He reported that they are trying to identify community members, teachers, and non-certified staff to increase membership on the sub-committees. He said right now there are 6 sub-committees – Financial, Technology, Facility, Curriculum and Instruction, Community and Partnership Schools and Safe and Healthy Schools. He announced that the initial findings will be presented at the October Instructional Committee meeting and the unveiling of the Five-Year Strategic report will take place at the December Instructional Committee meeting. He explained that there is a core group of 20 people and about 40 people including the sub-committees.

He announced that there would be a parent meeting regarding the budget in November. He also said the high school students at Sheehan and Lyman Hall will have meetings along with teachers.

Presentation of Annual Report for 2009-2010

Dr. Menzo reported that the Annual Report is standard procedure. He said he worked collaboratively to put the report together.

Review of Preliminary Enrollment Counts

Dr. Menzo explained these counts are the actual body counts on September 3, 2010 of students in the schools.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday, October 4
Tuesday, October 12

Board Conference Room

Instructional Committee 7:00 p.m.
Operations Committee 7:00 p.m.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday, October 18

Carmen Arisco Library at Lyman Hall

Board of Education 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Hennessey adjourned the meeting at 8:42 p.m.

Secretary

Mike Votto