

**WALLINGFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
SHEEHAN HIGH SCHOOL – DRAMA/LECTURE ROOM
142 HOPE HILL ROAD, WALLINGFORD
MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2015**

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.

6:00 P.M. A CAPSTONE RECEPTION WAS HELD FOR STUDENTS

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. McKay called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

BROODER, CASTELLI, CEI, HLAVAC, MARRONE, MCKAY

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

BOLAT, SHORTELL, VOTTO

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

MENZO, PARKHURST, LAVALETTE, VEILLEUX, MANCUSI, WONG, NAPOLITANO

STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

Michaela Mendygral, Board representative from Mark T. Sheehan High School came before the Board to give her report as listed below.

- Sheehan's Student Council recently helped out at a fundraiser for Tyler Tomer. During the pasta dinner, held at Moran Middle School, Sheehan students helped set up, served food, and cleaned up. With the great help of many volunteers and the Wallingford community, over \$600 was raised to help Tyler Tomer and his family.
- Our fundraiser for Leukemia and Lymphoma Societies, Pennies for Patients, raised about \$200 from change that was collected from students in the parking lot.
- Moving forward, we are looking to set up a tutoring program between students at Sheehan and Moran.
- We are moving along on our yearly fundraiser that provides seniors with letters upon graduation.

Kimberly Flynn, Student Board representative from Lyman Hall High School was not available to give a report.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Recognition of Capstone Students

Dr. Menzo called Ken Daly and Melanie Montagnon to the podium to present the students from each of their schools with a certificate of achievement. Mrs. McKay came to the podium to recognize the students also. Dr. Menzo went on to say that there was a small reception held before this meeting for the students where they explained what their project was about. Ms. Montagnon called students from Sheehan High School to the podium and presented them with a certificate. They were: Andrew Amarante, Francesca Amarone, Joshua Bryant, Jhi-asha Davis, Eric Ferrauola, Eric Gingras, Jack Grube, Sarah Khan, Kaarish Maniar, William Midolo, Meredith Noble, Nicole Parete, Jessenia Searles, Julie Seeber, Paxton Stowik, Joyce Yang, and Stephen Zaets.

Mr. Daly from Lyman Hall High School called students before the Board and presented them with a certificate. They were: Max Marino, Teresa Vidal, Will Shields, Kyle Shea, Michael Goslin, Dan Dringoli, Adam Brenner, Andreas Martinez, and Raj Patel.

Dr. Menzo showed a short video of some of the students talking about what they learned about the Capstone Project.

Recognition of LHHS Cheerleaders

Dr. Menzo asked Cindy Lavalette, Assistant Superintendent of Personnel and Dave Bryant, Principal of Lyman Hall High School, to come to the podium. Dr. Menzo explained that they won the State competition and made it to the regionals. Coach Mendyka and Assistant Coach Jerzyk were not available. Dr. Menzo called the students to the podium to receive a certificate. They are: Kaitlin Ahern, Lisa Balls, Brianna Diorio, Brittnee Diorio, Heather Heartline, Lauren Herbst, Tyanna Housley, Felisha Marron, Sarah Mooney, Sara Neilson, Nicole Pizzi, Rachel Shuda, James Snedeker and Shannon Fulton.

Recognition of HOSA State Competition Winners

Dr. Menzo reported that he saw what the students do in the clinical part of the program when he visited Gaylord Hospital today. He said the students received special distinction at a competition for future health professionals in the HOSA competition. He called Patty Burkett before the Board to present the certificates to students being recognized. These students were: Kimberlyn Petit, Blake Battiste, Samantha Vitale, and Riya Patel. She said that these students will compete at Gateway College and can be eligible to go to the national level in Anaheim, California.

Recognition of Staff Member of the Month

Dr. Menzo stated that some people go beyond the call of duty in everything they do. One of these people is Maria Perkins. She is being recognized as a staff member of the month because she goes out of her way to help in the office and she helped the Spanish speaking community during Kindergarten registration. He said she also completes translations for the central office. Maria was presented with a certificate of excellence.

He called Tara Gado, Secretary at Moses Y. Beach Elementary School, to the podium and presented her with a certificate. She also assisted in registering about 200 students in one day during the kindergarten registration.

Kim Moore came before the Board and Dr. Menzo announced that Kim is being recognized as a Staff Member of the Month and will be honored at a banquet in May for helping with the Junior Achievement Global Connection Program that will receive the World Affairs Council Luminary Award. He said she is the World Language Coordinator and has coordinated the visit of the Argentina students and will organize the visit for the students coming from Germany.

A recess was called at 7:30 p.m.
The meeting reconvened at 7:35 p.m.

QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

Greg Gorman, Eaton Drive, Wallingford came before the Board to express concerns about the bids on the athletic complex at Lyman Hall. Dr. Menzo explained that the bids could be seen in purchasing and there will be a meeting with the Mayor on May 18th to explain what the scope is. He stated that the goal is to move forward as soon as they know more about the scope of the project.

A concerned parent from 23 Tremper Drive reported that the band parents have the same concerns about the track and field. She also had a concern about the 8th grade out of district students not being able to meet the graduation requirements.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: MARRONE, SECOND BY HLAVAC

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

Approval to Accept Board of Education Minutes dated March 23, 2015
Approval to Accept Special Board of Education Minutes dated April 6, 2015
Approval to Accept the Board of Education Financial Report for March 2015
Approval to Accept the Cafeteria Financial Report for February and March 2015
Approval to Accept the Proposed Adoption of Revised Policy: Graduation Requirements/
Standards of Mastery – 6146
Approval to Accept the Proposed Adoption of Revised Regulation: Graduation Requirements/
Standards of Mastery – 6146a
Approval to Accept Proposed Modification of High School Course: Introductory Foods
Approval to Accept GIFT of \$1,500 from Dr. Peter Stein, Evonik Cyro LLC, S. Cherry St.,
Wallingford to Mark T. Sheehan High School Science Department
Approval to Accept GIFT of Computers, Monitors, Smart Boards, Projectors from the
Choate Rosemary Hall Foundation, Inc. to Information Technology Department \$45,950
Approval to Accept Transfer from Account #100B – Contingency to Account #730A-New
Instructional Equipment \$3,648
Approval to Accept Transfer from Account #611C–Instructional Supplies – Special Education,
Account #612A – Non-Instructional Supplies to Account #320A-Professional/Educational -
Staff Development for \$5,425
Extension of the Lyman Hall High School Athletic Complex Bid

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

There were no items removed from the consent agenda

CORRESPONDENCE

National Teacher Day Proclamation

**PROCLAMATION
National Teacher Day
May 5, 2015**

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 5, 2015, 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-seventh day of April, 2015

Roxane McKay

National School Nurse Day Proclamation

**PROCLAMATION
NATIONAL SCHOOL NURSE DAY
MAY 6, 2015**

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 6, 2015**, as

NATIONAL 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-seventh day of April, 2015

Roxane McKay

Mrs. McKay announced that on behalf of the Board of Education and Central Office, we will be providing special dessert at each school on Tuesday, May 5, 2015, to show our appreciation.

Mrs. Hlavac reported that thank you notes were received from Ann Poier, Carrie Wall, Laura McCall, Bonnie Symansky and Annamaria O'Brien for the donation of books in honor of the Board members. She also thanked Choate Rosemary Hall for donating the computers, monitors, SmartBoards and Projectors to the Information Technology Department for \$45,950 and Dr. Peter Stein for donating \$1500. to the Sheehan High School Science Department.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A.C.E.S. Representative

Mrs. Castelli reported she attended the April meeting. She said the annual foundation gala fundraising event appears to have been a success. The financial results will be reported on next month. There was also discussion about the Summer Academy to allow students to have credit recovery or to have students move ahead for \$25 registration fee and \$100 for full credit or \$75 for a half credit. She stated that proposed sites are Meriden, Milford, East Haven and Hamden. There is a need to increase security because the students have to move between buildings for classes at ECA. She said that the State wants each RESC to run specific programs that will span bordering towns to help reduce the costs of outplacements. She added that the intent is to reduce redundant programs. She also reported that there are some issues regarding the alternative assessment for those students who don't or can't take the SBAC because of their physical and cognitive capabilities. She announced that the State is actually coming to observe the giving of the assessment so they can have a clearer picture of this process.

Wintergreen Magnet School Steering Committee

Mr. Parkhurst said the Operational document for Wintergreen Magnet was re-tabled and will be discussed at the next meeting.

School to Career Representative/Business ThinkTank

Dr. Menzo reported that two weeks ago he gave the committee an update on the Capstone project. He is working with Tim Ryan on how to provide a program to move students toward the positions they need filled. He said he will meet with Mr. Ryan again to consider the next steps and look at curriculum, and marketing manufacturing. A Job Fair will provide opportunity for students to visit with the businesses.

PTAC Update

Dr. Menzo reported there was no meeting because of the budget presentation at the Town Hall that night.

Lyman Hall Athletic Complex Improvement Committee

Dr. Menzo said this was already discussed during questions and answers.

Plan of Conservation Development

Dr. Menzo explained that this will be a Steering Committee made up of people from most of the departments in town. He said Jim Seichter will be the Chairman with Craig Fishbein as Vice-Chairman. He said the objective is to document and put a ten year plan together for the town. J.P. Bolat will be the Board representative on this committee. He said they are trying to set a vision for the town and will meet through January 2016.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business brought before the Board.

INSTRUCTIONAL COMMITTEE

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION, WITH REGRET, OF STEVE MARKS, EFFECTIVE AT A MUTUALLY AGREEABLE DATE OR MAY 23, 2015

MOTION: CEI, SECOND BY HLAVAC

VOTE: Unanimous approval that the Board of Education accept, with regret, the resignation of **Steve Marks, effective** at a mutually agreeable date or May 23, 2015.

Steve Marks has been a math teacher at Dag Hammarskjold Middle School since 8/2014.

SUPERINTENDENT'S NONRENEWAL RECOMMENDATION

Dr. Menzo read into the minutes:

In my capacity as Superintendent of Schools, I recommend that the Wallingford Board of Education non-renew the teaching contracts of the following named individuals at the end of the 2014-2015 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 2014/15

SCHOOL	NAME
Lyman Hall	Catherine Nuzzo
	Robert Brewster
	Patrick Kozloski
	Alan Riggs
	Stephanie Lavado
	Angel Santiago
	Matthew Middagh
	Kaitlyn Kopylec
	Kelley Rodriguez
	Jeremy Walz
	Samantha Rudewicz
M.T. Sheehan	Jennifer Churma
	David Palmer
	Melissa Boyce
	Christina Brozyna
	Rachel Mane
	Cynthia Frank
	Johann Rene
	Louis Petrucci
	Amanda Prescott
	Jason Sorensen
	Corri Davies
	Erica Forselius
	Jamie Canny
Dag Hammarskjold	Cristina Rivera
	Vanessa Amaral
	Kathleen Marino
	George Bikakis
	Steve Marks
	Andrea Valley Paskiewicz
	Kristin Robyn
	Jessica Suarez
	Tara Hill

Moran	Elizabeth Baker
	Stefanie Sonstrom
	Kathryn Greasley
	Michelle Wolfrum
	Jason Morosky
Moses Y. Beach	Trisha Ricci
Cook Hill	Megan Lemieux
	Alexa Mainella
	Anna Maria O'Brien
Highland	Michael Green
	Suzanne Sullivan
Parker Farms	Megan Robinson
	Shelley LaBree
	Julia Dunn
	Karisa Lagana
	Mary Orłowski
Pond Hill	Susan LaKose
	Jacqueline Valentine
Stevens	Beth McLellan
	Kristen Balsamo
	Cathleen Flaherty
	Racquel Requena
	Tiffany Stoessel
Yalesville	Eleanor Kirkpatrick
	Rosalind Salz
Adult Education	Robert Lombardi
Curriculum	Melissa Tagliatela
	Kimberly Moore
	Christine Cotton
	Oxana Hudson
	Allayne Sundt
EEP	Michael Lavoie
	Tara Williams
Pupil Personnel	Regina Kosior
	Christine Hall
	Emily Banach
	Chelsea Polletta
	Daryl Ostapowicz
	Brian Maglione

	Erin Berthold
	Amy Corvi
	Christopher Foglio
	Lindsey Kupec
	Chelsea Reilly
	Kristen Wynus
	Kathryn Davis
	Tanya Granger
	Elizabeth Hess
	Karen Hutchings
	Mary Ann Kasperon
	Rebecca Miklus
	Reilly Tabor
	Jennifer Wolff
	Christine Fredyna
Special Area	Nathan Milbrandt
	Christopher Vece
	Christine Amarone
	Sara Fallahi
	Kimberly Hardy
	Julie French
	Melissa Hernandez

I am making this recommendation for these non-renewals because of possible anticipated budget cuts for the 2015-2016 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 non-renew 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 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 HLAVAC

VOTE: Unanimous approval that, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-151, the Wallingford Board of Education non-renew the teaching contracts of the following named individuals at the end of the 2014-2015 school year as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools:

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2014/15**

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	Jeremy Walz
	Samantha Rudewicz
M.T. Sheehan	Jennifer Churma
	David Palmer
	Melissa Boyce
	Christina Brozyna
	Rachel Mane
	Cynthia Frank
	Johann Rene
	Louis Petrucci
	Amanda Prescott
	Jason Sorensen
	Corri Davies
	Erica Forselius
	Jamie Canny
Dag Hammar skjold	Cristina Rivera
	Vanessa Amaral
	Kathleen Marino
	George Bikakis
	Steve Marks
	Andrea Valley Paskiewicz
	Kristin Robyn
	Jessica Suarez
	Tara Hill
Moran	Elizabeth Baker
	Stefanie Sonstrom
	Kathryn Greasley
	Michelle Wolfrum
	Jason Morosky
Moses Y. Beach	Trisha Ricci
Cook Hill	Megan Lemieux
	Alexa Mainella
	Anna Maria O'Brien
Highland	Michael Green
	Suzanne Sullivan

Parker Farms	Megan Robinson
	Shelley LaBree
	Julia Dunn
	Karisa Lagana
	Mary Orlovski
Pond Hill	Susan LaKose
	Jacqueline Valentine
Stevens	Beth McLellan
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	Daryl Ostapowicz
	Brian Maglione
	Erin Berthold
	Amy Corvi
	Christopher Foglio
	Lindsey Kupec
	Chelsea Reilly
	Kristen Wynus
	Kathryn Davis
	Tanya Granger
	Elizabeth Hess
	Karen Hutchings
	Mary Ann Kasperson
	Rebecca Miklus
	Reilly Tabor
	Jennifer Wolff

	Christine Fredyna
Special Area	Nathan Milbrandt
	Christopher Vece
	Christine Amarone
	Sara Fallahi
	Kimberly Hardy
	Julie French
	Melissa Hernandez

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. Brooder reported that at the Operations Committee meeting there was review of the cafeteria report, the Board of Education financial, some transfers, discussion about the Athletic field and stipends were tabled until the next meeting.

ADMINISTRATION

Administrative Report

Dr. Menzo gave his Administrative Report as listed below.

- He gave a list of additional donations that he recognized as listed below:
Chet Miller donated books for the Lyman Hall and Mark T. Sheehan H.S. Library Media Centers
Kim Moore volunteers for a variety of activities and received donations from a number of restaurants for refreshments. Dr. Menzo thanked Mr. Ds, Little Italy, Neil's Donuts, B Muse Café, Rosa's Deli, The Eatery, Half Moon Café, and Café RA.
He also thanked Verizon for recognizing volunteer efforts of Keira Merrill with a \$25.00 check.
He thanked Choate Rosemary Hall for their generous donation of furniture to Sheehan High School
- He listed activities that are coming up:
The Art Show at Lyman Hall is still up and will be taken down on Thursday
Plant Sale begins on Thursday at Lyman Hall
The play *Mary Poppins* will be presented at Lyman Hall on April 30, May 1st and May 2nd.
The Wellness Fair was extremely well attended.
On Wednesday there will be the Volunteer Recognition Awards presented at the Town Hall.
- Last Thursday Shawn Parkhurst and Patty Burkett presented at a luncheon organized for local health organizations at the Cook's Table at Lyman Hall.
- The Distinguished Alumni Dinner, held by the Wallingford Education Foundation, was very well attended. He stated that the money from that event helps to support the mini-grants that teachers receive.
- Sharlene Wong and Dr. Menzo met with Subway and Dominos Pizza to see if they would pilot items for purchase by high school students at lunch. The pilot would be this spring and the information on sales would be reviewed by the Board of Education to decide the next steps.
- Mrs. Hlavac found a letter that was written in 1997 congratulating graduating students. Mrs. Napolitano will put a copy in each Board members mailbox to review for updating.

- Dr. Menzo distributed to all Board members a memo with an overview of the additional Special Instructional Committee meetings that will be held over the next few months for the task of curriculum updates for Board approval.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday, 05/04/15	Instructional Committee	6:00 p.m. Board Conference Room
Monday, 05/18/15	Operations Committee	6:30 p.m. Board Conference Room

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, 05/27/15	Board of Education	Town Council Chambers 7:00 p.m.
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Dr. Menzo also announced that there will be Special Instructional Committee meetings on May 11, 26, June 15 at 6:00 p.m. These meetings will be in the Board Conference room on Hall Avenue.

MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF DOCUMENTS RELATED TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AT 8:40 P.M.

MOTION: HLAVAC, SECOND BY MARRONE

VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSIN FOR DISCUSSION OF DOCUMENTS RELATED TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AT 8:40 P.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

BROODER, CASTELLI, CEI, HLAVAC, MARRONE, MCKAY

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MENZO, PARKHURST, LAVALETTE

OTHERS PRESENT IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

ATTORNEY REBECCA SANTIAGO

MOTION TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 9:17 P.M.

MOTION: HLAVAC, SECOND BY MARRONE

VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 9:17 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. McKay adjourned the meeting at 9:17 p.m.

Mike Votto Secretary