

**WALLINGFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MARK T. SHEEHAN HIGH SCHOOL
DRAMA/LECTURE ROOM
142 HOPE HILL ROAD, WALLINGFORD
MONDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2012**

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

Mrs. McKay, Chairman of the Board, called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mrs. McKay asked everyone to stand and offered a moment of silence and a prayer for support for the victims, the families, the first responders and the community at large in Newtown, CT who were involved in the tragedy at the Sandy Hook School.

ROLL CALL

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

**BROODER, CASTELLI, CEI, MANSFIELD, MCKAY
MILLER (entered at 7:16 p.m.)
MARRONE (entered at 8:10 p.m.)**

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

REYNOLDS, VOTTO

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

MENZO, COHN, GUARINO, BACKUS, DEPTULA, MANCUSI, WINTERS, WONG, NAPOLITANO

MRS. MCKAY REQUESTED THAT A MOTION BE MADE TO ADD TO THE AGENDA UNDER OPERATIONS #13.6 AN ITEM FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION FOR ADDED SECURITY MEASURES TO LYMAN HALL AND SHEEHAN HIGH SCHOOLS.

MOTION: MCKAY, SECOND BY CASTELLI

VOTE: Unanimous approval to add to the agenda under Operations #13.6 an item for Discussion and Possible Action for Added Security Measures to Lyman Hall and Sheehan High Schools

STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

Mackenzie Mendygral, Student Board representative from Sheehan High School, came before the Board to give her report.

- This year she wants to bring several new ideas to the school
- Mrs. Distante brought to her attention the "Make a Wish Foundation" which is sponsored by Macy's. For every card filled out Macy's donates one dollar to the foundation for children in need of care and hope.
- She is putting together a walk-a-thon for Multiple Sclerosis.
- She is organizing a volleyball game either between the senior boys or senior boys against faculty
- She is planning to have cancer awareness month in January which is Cervical Cancer month.
- She wished everyone a happy holiday.

Katherine Fiorillo, secretary of the senior class at Lyman Hall came before the Board since **Jeff Zakrzewski** was not available to give a report

- The past two months have been incredibly busy leading up to the holidays
- Right before Thanksgiving, the Powderpuff girls went head-to-head, ultimately ending in a devastating one point loss for Lyman Hall
- Student Council adopted a family with three children this year
- The Holiday Can Drive brought in over 4,000 cans to go to families in need.
- A "Save the Wave" program collected toiletries, clothes, blankets and school supplies for elementary schools in Rockaway, New York who were hit hard by Hurricane Sandy. Lyman Hall received so much support that they are assisting a second school with the success.
- Lyman Hall recently had some visitors from the sister school in China. The visit was a huge success.
- The Music Department's numerous hours of practice paid off this past Wednesday with their annual holiday concert.
- Lyman Hall has much to look forward to after the winter break with the upcoming blood drive and midterms on the horizon.
- She thanked everyone and wished everyone enjoyable holidays.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

There were no awards presented at this meeting

QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

There were no questions brought before the Board

MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF CANDIDATE FOR HEAD COACH POSITION, DISCUSSION OF CANDIDATE(S) FOR TEACHING POSITION AND DISCUSSION OF CANDIDATE(S) FOR SCHOOL NURSE POSITION AT 7:18 P.M.

MOTION: BROODER, SECOND BY MILLER

VOTE: Unanimous approval to go into Executive Session for Discussion of Candidate for Head Coach Position, Discussion of Candidate(s) for Teaching Position and Discussion of Candidate(s) for School Nurse Position at 7:18 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

BROODER, CASTELLI, CEI, MANSFIELD, MCKAY, MILLER

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MENZO, COHN, GUARINO

MOTION TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:30 P.M.

MOTION: MILLER, SECOND BY BROODER

VOTE: Unanimous approval to come out of Executive Session at 7:30 p.m.

The regular meeting reconvened at 7:31 p.m.

MOTION TO REMOVE ITEM 7.7 FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: MCKAY, SECOND BY CASTELLI

VOTE: Unanimous approval to remove Item 7.7 Decrease Lunch Prices for Premium Lunches from the Consent Agenda

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: MILLER, SECOND BY CASTELLI

VOTE: Unanimous approval to accept items 7.1-7.6 and 7.8-7.27 as listed below.

Approval to Accept BOE **Minutes** dated November 19, 2012

Approval to Accept Special BOE **Minutes** dated November 28, 2012

Approval to Accept Special BOE **Minutes** A dated December 5, 2012

Approval to Accept Special BOE **Minutes** B dated December 5, 2012

Approval to Accept Board of Education **Financial Report** for November 2012

Approval to Accept Board of Education **Cafeteria Financial Report** for October 2012 and November 2012

Approval of Proposed Adoption of New H.S. Course: Web Tools

Approval of Proposed Adoption of New H.S. Course: Web Design for Business

Approval of Proposed Adoption of New H.S. Course: International Business and Finance

Approval of Proposed Adoption of New H.S. Course: Robotics

Proposed Deletion of H.S. Course: Transition to Algebra

Proposed Modification of H.S. Course: Algebra 1A

Proposed Modification of H.S. Course: Algebra 1G

Proposed Modification of H.S. Course: Geometry

Proposed Modification of H.S. Course: English1 to Literary Themes and Genres

Proposed Addition of New H.S. Course: United States Government and Politics

Proposed Addition of New H.S. Course: Contemporary Global Issues

Proposed Modification of H.S. Course: Advanced Placement United States Government and Politics

Approval to Accept Transfer from Account #100B- Contingency to Account #730A – Instructional Equipment \$8,791

Approval to Accept Transfer from Account #612A – Non-Instructional Supplies to Account #530G Communications – Wireless \$1,800

Approval to Accept Life Guards at Sheehan Pool during Swim Classes

Approval to Accept Technology Purchases in the amount of \$353,400

Approval to Accept Maintenance Purchases in the amount of \$157,000

Approval to Accept Wording Change for Appropriated State Funds for Wallingford

Public Schools Athletic Fields and Facilities
Approval to Accept GIFT from Component Engineers, Inc., 108 N. Plains Rd.,
Wallingford to the 21st Century Innovation Project \$2,500
Approval to Accept a Grant from Wallingford Rotary for a Defibrillator Unit & Storage
Cabinet for Lyman Hall Ag-Science and Technology Dept. \$1026.20

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

Item 7.7 was removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion of the Decrease in lunch prices for premium lunches.

There was discussion regarding the decrease in lunch prices for premium lunches among Board members.

MOTION TO DECREASE LUNCH PRICES FOR PREMIUM LUNCHES

MOTION: MCKAY, SECOND BY BROODER

VOTE: Unanimous approval to accept the Decrease in Lunch Prices for Premium Lunches

CORRESPONDENCE

Mrs. Castelli reported that a note was received from Fire Marshal, Carmen Rao, thanking Dr. Menzo for giving him the opportunity to provide the fire safety/fire prevention program to the first graders of our school system this past October.

She also thanked Component Engineers for their donation to the 21st Century Innovation Project and the Wallingford Rotary for the grant to purchase a defibrillator unit and storage cabinet for Lyman Hall Ag-Science and Technology Department.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A.C.E.S Representative

Mrs. Castelli displayed the notecards made by students. She said there was an award presented to students for their artwork on the cards. She explained that Mr. Edmondson spoke about the ramifications of the audit that has been completed. She said the auditors reported that they said the audit was of a clear opinion which meant that everything balanced. At the meeting an approval was made to use \$1.5 million to pay off bonds.

Wintergreen Magnet School Steering Committee

Mrs. Cohn reported that there was no December meeting.

Building Committee Representative for Vo-Ag Building Project

Dr. Menzo reported that the district is still waiting for the wording change from the State in regards to the ineligible cost items.

School to Career Representative

Mr. Miller said there was no meeting scheduled.

Dr. Menzo explained that this committee has been linked to the Think Tank meetings that have been scheduled.

Diversity in Action Committee Representative

Mrs. Wong, Food Service Director, reported that the committee is going to attempt to hold one more Meeting to see if they can rebuild the committee attendance.

Report from Roof Project Committee Representative

Mr. Deptula, Maintenance Supervisor, explained that the architects are finalizing the plans for the work that will be done during the summer. They are also working on closing the Lyman Hall and Sheehan projects.

PTAC Update

Dr. Menzo reported that a meeting was held before the Instructional meeting this month. He said there has been positive conversation. Meetings are scheduled for January 7th and the committee has been invited to attend the Budget meeting on January 14th.

Lyman Hall Athletic Complex Improvement Committee

Dr. Menzo reported that there is a letter ready to go to Representative Fritz to help change the Wording on the \$525,000 from the State. This will allow the district to use it for other projects. He said there will be the first part of the two part bid from the architects awarded right after the First of the year.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was brought to the Board

INSTRUCTIONAL COMMITTEE

Presentation of Proposed New Policy – Social Media for Students – 6141.326

Mrs. Cohn reported that this is the third and final reading of this policy. She said that a line was added to say “Students who violate this policy will be subject to school discipline up to and including Expulsion according to Wallingford Public Schools policy JGD – Suspension and Expulsion and Consistent with state and federal law”.

Mrs. McKay explained that the policies go through meetings for three months before they are Formally approved on the Consent Agenda.

APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF CANDIDATE TO HEAD COACH POSITION

MOTION: CEI, 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 2012-2013 school year, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools:

Lyman Hall High School

David Palmer - Indoor Track (Boys’ and Girls’)

APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF CANDIDATE TO TEACHING POSITION

MOTION: CEI, SECOND BY MILLER

VOTE: Unanimous approval that the Board of Education approve the appointment of the following candidate to a teaching position for the 2012-2013 school year, contingent upon proper Connecticut certification, effective as of a mutually agreed upon date, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools:

Systemwide

Kimberly Nash - World Language Resource

APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF CANDIDATE TO SCHOOL NURSE POSITION

MOTION: CEI, SECOND BY MILLER

VOTE: Unanimous approval that the Board of Education approve the appointment of the following candidate to a school nurse position for the 2012-2013 school year, effective as of January 3, 2013, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools:

Parker Farms School

Lauren Young - School Nurse

APPROVAL OF LEAVE OF ABSENCE OF AIMEE GIANGRAVE FROM DECEMBER 14, 2012 THROUGH DECEMBER 19, 2012

MOTION: CEI, SECOND BY MILLER

VOTE: Unanimous approval that a *leave of absence for **Aimee Giangrave** from December 17 to December 19, 2012 be approved, without pay and benefits, and in accordance with the provisions of the current teachers' contract.

*The leave is personal and confidential. (**Aimee Giangrave** is currently on a leave of absence through December 14, 2012, and has requested to extended that leave through December 19, 2012.)

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Report on Operations Committee Meeting

Mr. Brooder report that the Operations Committee met on December 10th. He said they reviewed The cafeteria report, lunch prices, Board of Education Financial report, and appropriation of funds. He stated that there was also discussion about a life guard at Sheehan's pool and the State Funding for the Athletic Fields.

MOTION TO RESOLVE THAT THE WALLINGFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVES AS COMPLETE AND ACCEPTS THE POND HILL SCHOOL ASBESTOS CODE VIOLATION PROJECT #148-0149 CV FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES

MOTION: BROODER, SECOND BY MILLER

VOTE: Unanimous approval to resolve that the Wallingford Board of Education approves as complete and accepts the Pond Hill School Asbestos Code Violation Project #148-0149 CV for school purposes.

MOTION TO RESOLVE THAT THE WALLINGFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVES AS COMPLETE AND ACCEPTS THE ROCK HILL SCHOOL ASBESTOS CODE VIOLATION PROJECT #148-0150 CV FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES.

MOTION: BROODER, SECOND BY MILLER

VOTE: Unanimous approval to resolve that the Wallingford Board of Education approves as complete and accepts the Cook Hill School Asbestos Code Violation Project #148-0153 CV for school purposes.

MOTION TO RESOLVE THAT THE WALLINGFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVES AS COMPLETE AND ACCEPTS THE HIGHLAND SCHOOL ASBESTOS CODE VIOLATION PROJECT #148-0156 CV

MOTION: BROODER, SECOND BY MILLER

VOTE: Unanimous approval to resolve that the Wallingford Board of Education approves as complete and accepts the Highland School Asbestos Code Violation Project #148-0156 CV

MOTION TO RESOLVE THAT THE WALLINGFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVES AS COMPLETE AND ACCEPTS THE COOK HILL SCHOOL ASBESTOS CODE VIOLATION PROJECT #148-0153CV

MOTION: BROODER, SECOND BY MILLER

VOTE: Unanimous approval to resolve that the Wallingford Board of Education approves as complete and accepts the Cook Hill School Asbestos Code Violation Project #148-0153 CV

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION FOR ADDED SECURITY MEASURES TO LYMAN HALL AND SHEEHAN HIGH SCHOOLS

There was discussion about adding security at Lyman Hall High School and Mark T. Sheehan High School. Dr. Menzo explained that this could be done by installing card readers in two doors at Lyman Hall High School and three doors at Mark T. Sheehan High School. The cost for the installation would be approximately \$40,000.

MOTION TO ADD A MOTION TO APPROVE TO INCREASE SECURITY AT LYMAN HALL AND SHEEHAN HIGH SCHOOLS AS OUTLINED BY DR. MENZO

MOTION: MCKAY, SECOND BY MARRONE

VOTE: Unanimous approval to add a motion to approve to increase security at Lyman Hall and Sheehan High Schools as outlined by Dr. Menzo.

MOTION TO INCREASE SECURITY AS OUTLINED BY DR. MENZO AT LYMAN HALL AND SHEEHAN HIGH SCHOOLS

MOTION: MCKAY, SECOND BY MARRONE

VOTE: Unanimous approval to increase security as outlined by Dr. Menzo at Lyman Hall and Sheehan High Schools

ADMINISTRATION

Administrative Report

Dr. Menzo gave his Administrative report as listed below.

- He gave a summary of what happened after the Newtown tragedy in regards to security in the Wallingford schools.
Linda Winters gave a summary of procedures that were put into place on the buses
Dr. Menzo thanked Randy Backus for being here almost all weekend and for his support, the email blasts to parents, etc.
He also thanked Rob Mancusi for getting at least two trained staff members to be at each school to talk to the students.

He thanked Marc Deptula for all his help because he is there whenever he needs him.

Dr. Menzo reported that faculty meetings were held this morning to talk to staff

- He announced that on January 9th there will be a shared services meeting with other Superintendents and their police officers from eight districts to discuss how to respond to this issue.
- He also reported that NEASC is at Lyman Hall and they will be holding a self-study where they will survey students, parents and staff.
- He wished everyone Happy Holidays.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday, 01/07/13	System Wide PTAC Instructional Committee
Monday, 01/14/13	Operations Committee Vo-Ag Community room
Saturday, 01/26/13	Budget Hearings Vo-Ag Community room

Board Conference Room

6:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m.
8:00 a.m.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 01/22/13 Board of Education

VO-AG COMMUNITY ROOM

7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. McKay adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

Secretary

Mike Votto