

**WALLINGFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
MARK T. SHEEHAN HIGH SCHOOL  
142 HOPE HILL ROAD, WALLINGFORD  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2013**

**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 7:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

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

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

**BROODER, CASTELLI, MANSFIELD, MARRONE, MCKAY, MILLER, REYNOLDS, VOTTO**

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

**CEI – out of state for work**

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT**

**MENZO, COHN, BACKUS, DEPTULA, MANCUSI, NAPOLITANO**

**STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVES**

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

- In the last month we have had a snow storm that snowed many of us in. Even with the snow our teachers are adjusting and getting us students back on track.
- All of our sports are doing very well
- On Saturday there is a New England for Michaela Mendygral's throwing shot
- On Saturday there will also be SAT practice testing
- On March 8<sup>th</sup> there will be a Blood Drive and many Sheehan students are excited to give back
- On April 5<sup>th</sup> Student Council is presenting a senior boys volleyball game
- Also coming up is CAPT testing for the sophomores and the juniors and seniors are excited to come in late those days
- Sheehan will be holding its annual Winter Talent Show and Winter Carnival as well as a spring musical

**Jeff Zakrzewski was not available to give a report from Lyman Hall**

### **PRESENTATION OF AWARDS**

#### **Kevin Ellis presents the Martin Luther King Jr. video**

Dr. Menzo introduced Kevin Ellis and thanked him for making the video. He explained that the video shows how the students feel about Dr. King. He said Kevin shared the video at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration at the Town Hall in January Kevin played the video for Board members.

He announced that Kevin will be receiving his Eagle Scout honor later in March. Kevin is also working on another video for a competition about students in Connecticut think education should be changed.

Dr. Menzo presented Kevin with a certificate of appreciation and a token of appreciation.

Mrs. McKay said a few kind words and thanked Kevin.

#### **Summer Edeen performs tribute song to those who lost their lives in Newtown**

Dr. Menzo explained that Summer wrote and recorded an original song and put it on You Tube after the tragedy at Sandy Hook.

He went on to say that is shows her passion and her talent. He presented her with a certificate of appreciation and a token of appreciation.

Mrs. McKay said a few words and said Summer is an exemplary student who makes us proud, went above and beyond and what a great example she is.

Board members had some considerate words to say to Summer.

### **QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION**

There were no questions brought before the Board.

### **MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF CANDIDATES FOR HEAD COACH POSITIONS AT 7:25 P.M.**

**MOTION: BROODER, SECOND BY MARRONE**

**VOTE:** Unanimous approval to go into Executive Session for Discussion of Candidates For Head Coach Positions at 7:25 p.m.

### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT IN EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**BROODER, CASTELLI, MANSFIELD, MARRONE, MCKAY, MILLER, REYNOLDS, VOTTO**

### **STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT IN EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**MENZO, COHN**

## **MOTION TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:40 P.M.**

**MOTION: VOTTO, SECOND BY MILLER**

**VOTE:** Unanimous approval to come out of Executive Session at 7:40 p.m.

*The regular meeting reconvened at 7:41 p.m.*

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION: VOTTO, SECOND BY REYNOLDS**

**VOTE: Unanimous approval to accept items 7.1-7.7 as listed below.**

Approval to Accept BOE **Minutes** dated January 22, 2013  
Approval to Accept Special BOE Minutes dated February 5, 2013  
Approval to Accept Special BOE Minutes dated February 20, 2013  
Approval to Accept Board of Education **Financial Report** for January 2013  
Approval to Accept Board of Education **Cafeteria Financial Report** for January 2013  
Approval to Accept GIFT of a Monetary donation of \$1,300 to Lyman Hall High School from  
Mrs. Sheila LeTourneau, LHHS Class of 1962 \$1,300  
Approval of Proposed Revised Regulation – Responsible Use for Students – 6141.321a

## **ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA**

There were no items removed from the Consent Agenda.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Mr. Votto reported that a donation was received from Mrs. Sheila Letourneau, LHHS Class of 1962 For \$1300 to renovate the ticket booth at Lyman Hall. He said a thank you note was received from Mrs. Mansfield also.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

Mrs. Castelli reported that there wasn't a meeting because of the snow storm.

### **Wintergreen Magnet School Steering Committee**

Mr. Votto reported that a meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>.

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

Dr. Menzo reported that we are still waiting for the legislative bill to pass.

### **School to Career Representative**

Mr. Miller reported that the next meeting is March 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m.

## **Diversity in Action Committee Representative**

Mrs. McKay suggested that this item be removed from future agendas.

## **Report from Roof Project Committee Representative**

Mr. Marrone reported that the project has been completed and the Board has approved the Plans for the next stage next year.

## **PTAC Update**

Dr. Menzo reported that the last meeting that took place in February had a presentation by the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Innovation Committee. He also announced that the next meeting has been changed to Meet on Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

## **Lyman Hall Athletic Complex Improvement Committee**

Mrs. Castelli had nothing to report on.

Dr. Menzo reported that the bid is out for an architect.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business brought before the Board.

## **INSTRUCTIONAL COMMITTEE**

### **APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF CANDIDATES TO HEAD COACHING POSITIONS**

**MOTION: MANSFIELD, SECOND BY MILLER**

**VOTE:** Unanimous approval that the Board of Education approve the appointment of the following Candidates to head coach positions for the 2012-2013 school year, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools:

#### **Lyman Hall High School**

Gary Velardi - Lacrosse (Boys')  
Amanda Ottochian - Lacrosse (Girls')

### **APPROVAL OF REVISED 2013-2014 SCHOOL CALENDAR**

**MOTION: MANSFIELD, SECOND BY MILLER**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL OF REVISED 2013-2014 SCHOOL CALENDAR**

There was discussion among the Board members which brought them to the next motion.

### **APPROVAL TO RESCIND THE VOTE ON THE REVISED 2013-2014 SCHOOL CALENDAR AND TABLE IT TO THE NEXT MEETING**

**MOTION: MANSFIELD, SECOND BY CASTELLI**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL TO RESCIND THE VOTE ON THE REVISED 2013-2014 SCHOOL CALENDAR AND TABLE IT TO THE NEXT MEETING**

## **PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED ADOPTION OF REVISED POLICY – RESPONSIBLE USE FOR STUDENTS – 6141-321**

Dr. Menzo reported that his is just a formality to present this for the second time and it will go to the Consent Agenda next month.

### **OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

#### **Report on Operations Committee Meeting**

Mr. Brooder reported that there was an Operations Committee meeting on February 20<sup>th</sup> where the Board financial, the cafeteria financial and the Wellness Program was discussed.

### **APPROVAL TO ACCEPT 2013-2014 BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$92,766,109**

#### **MOTION: BROODER, SECOND BY MCKAY**

A roll call vote was taken.

Affirmative: Brooder, Castelli, Mansfield, Marrone, McKay, Miller, Reynolds

Negative: Votto

#### **VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL TO ACCEPT THE 2013-2014 BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$92,766,209.**

### **ADMINISTRATION**

#### **Administrative Report**

Dr. Menzo gave his Administrative report as listed below.

- He recognized Staples for donating posters for Wallingford 100 a \$140 value
- He recognized W.B. Mason for donating lanyards for the I.D. Badges a \$309 value
- He recognized Lowes for paper blinds for the school room doors which cost half price
- He passed around a brochure that Julie Ianniero, Resource Teacher, created for Career Technical Education classes to be distributed in businesses in Wallingford
- On Tuesday of last week there was a meeting with WE CARE and parents for supporting parent educational excellence, SEE Program. It is being funded by a grant. It's an 11 week training program starting in May for parents to help identify school topics, understand the school system better and become leaders in their schools. He pointed out that applications for the program are due by March 15<sup>th</sup>. The school principals will identify five parents from their school to participate. He would like at least 30 parents to participate. He thanked Craig Turner and Roberta Clouet for working on this program.
- On Friday night he emceed the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Adult Spelling Bee with 20 teams participating at Moran Middle School. He commended Dave Baker and his wife and Hank Baum for all their hard work putting this together.
- On Saturday he conducted two classes with the Boy Scouts at their Merit Badge Camp. He said there were over 450 scouts participating from all over the state.
- On this coming Wednesday night he is participating in the Literacy Volunteers of Greater Meriden Wallingford Scrabble Tournament. The team name is "Menzo's Brain Scrabblers" with Ellen Cohn, Betty Napolitano and Neil Napolitano III on his team.
- On Friday, there is the Dag performance of "Fame" and the Pond Hill/Stevens Talent Show
- On Saturday he will be attending the benefit for the Wallingford Homeless Shelter at Zandris.
- On Monday night the Instructional Committee meeting will have a light supper of sandwiches and at 6:30 Dr. Dweck will Skype in from Stanford University to share some reflections on her book. That will be the only item on the agenda.
- On March 20<sup>th</sup> Tony and Al Terzi will host a program on Common Community Core Values.

## **DISCUSSION OF LETTER TO COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION ABOUT REDUCTION OF MANDATORY 180 DAY STUDENT SCHOOL YEAR FOR 2012-2013**

Dr. Menzo distributed a copy of the letter to Board members to review and will be signed by all Board members. He then explained the letter is to request that the Commissioner reduce this school year by five student days. The teachers would have to honor their contract and work the number of days in their contract. Hamden and Milford are also making the request.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mrs. McKay announced that we are working with Junior Achievement and China. Students from China will spend about eight days in Wallingford to develop a business with Junior Achievement and the next year students from Wallingford will go to China. At the Town Library there will be an informational meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup>. It is open to freshmen and sophomores in the district since it is a two summer commitment.

Dr. Menzo reported that there will be a Business Think Tank meeting on March 11<sup>th</sup> in the Wallingford Board of Education Conference Room to learn more about this educational opportunity.

Monday, 3/4/13	Instructional Committee Vo-Ag Community Room – Lyman Hall	5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, 3/6/13	System Wide PTAC	6:00 p.m.
Monday, 3/11/13	Operations Committee	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, 3/12/13	Town Council Budget Dinner Town Library – large conf. room	5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, 3/20/13	Community CORE Values Dev. Vo-Ag Community Room – Lyman Hall	5:30 p.m.

Mrs. McKay announced that the regular Board meeting is changed to March 11<sup>th</sup> since Dr. Menzo will be in a program at Harvard on March 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. She explained that our commissioner invited three superintendents to participate in this program. They will be talking about College, Career and Business Partnerships.

### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

### **Drama/Lecture Room**

Monday, 3/11/13	Board of Education Meeting	7:00 p.m.
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### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mrs. McKay adjourned the meeting at 8:42 p.m.

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Mike Votto Secretary