

**WALLINGFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
LYMAN HALL HIGH SCHOOL  
VO AG COMMUNITY ROOM  
70 POND HILL ROAD, WALLINGFORD  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 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**

Mr. Marrone, Acting 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**

**MANSFIELD, MARRONE, MILLER, REYNOLDS, VOTTO  
CEI entered at 7:10 p.m.**

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

**BROODER, CASTELLI, MCKAY**

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVES**

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

- Had a safe school break last month
- Great school spirit with an ugly sweater day, toy drive and a blood drive
- Made beautiful snowflakes to help support Sandy Hook and have been selling bracelets also
- We are preparing for midterms that are quickly approaching upon us
- Student Council just had the January Cancer Awareness month
- We are in the process of scheduling a walkathon for MS
- Also a senior boys' volleyball game to encourage school unity and to always find a way to give back
- Had an eighth grade orientation and are preparing for freshman course selection as well as sophomore course selection in preparations for the new school year
- Guidance Counselors have been helping the seniors prepare for college

**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 first semester of the year is coming to a close and midterms are less than a week away
- Last Thursday, Student Council partnered with the American Red Cross for the second of three blood drive scheduled for this year. With a goal of 60 units, the juniors and seniors came together to exceed our goal and provided 66 units of blood for those in need during this time of short supply.
- Also successful was the Save the Wave collection that gathered so many supplies that we were able to help two schools.
- There have been two other collections taking place – one by DECA for Companion Pet Rescue and one for the Marines
- Our winter sports teams are well into their seasons. Girls' basketball and boys' swimming are doing particularly well and the indoor track season is winding to an end for most of the athletes.
- There are only three school days left before exams and our National Honors Society members have been making themselves available after school to help anyone, especially freshmen, with any subject to prepare for exams.
- Lyman Hall and Sheehan will be participating in a "Senior" prom with Wallingford's senior citizens at the senior center. At the prom, there will be students and seniors at every table, a variety of music, and lots of mingling. Fifty students from each high school will attend for this event that will bring the community a little bit closer.
- She congratulated all the students who are receiving the CAPT awards.

## **PRESENTATION OF AWARDS**

### **RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS FROM LYMAN HALL AND SHEEHAN HIGH SCHOOL WHO RECEIVED ADVANCED LEVEL ON THE 2012 CONNECTICUT ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE TEST (CAPT)**

Dr. Menzo said he is pleased to have so many parents and students attend this meeting. He reported that these students received the Advanced Level on the CAPT which is the highest level that can be achieved. He called Mrs. Duthie, Principal of Sheehan, and Mr. Bryant, Principal at Lyman Hall to the podium to present the awards. Mrs. Duthie presented certificates to: Madeleine Bennett, Jason Chulock, Neil Dokurno, Danielle Labutis, Justin Lange, Kevin Mathews, Riley Mayne, Samantha O'Connor, Connor Reed, Danielle Richetelli, Sarah Schlick, Gregory Suplinskas, Carl Verch and Zachary Wissbrun. Mr. Bryant presented certificates to: Matthew Arellano, Samantha Becker, Shannon Becker, Renee Bourassa, Graham Burke, Melissa Carrubba, Nina Marie Celik, Summer Edeen, Joseph Fontanarosa, Akber Ghori, Emily Harris, Dale Hettrich, Tyler Hickman, Kayla Jones, Jeffery Malavasi, Lauren Manginelli, Kaitlyn Marunda, Michael May, Benjamin Miller, Kayla Mule, Adam Murphy, Kyle Neri, Paul Nigro, Lisa Redner, Gardner Schroeder, Justin Seledyn, Kyle Skene, and Kelsy Witik.

## **QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION**

There were no questions brought before the Board.

*A recess was called at 7:20 p.m.*

*The meeting reconvened at 7:29 p.m.*

**MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF CANDIDATES TO TEACHING POSITIONS AND DISCUSSION OF CANDIDATES TO COACHING POSITIONS AT 7:30 P.M.**

**MOTION: VOTTO, SECOND BY MILLER**

**VOTE:** Unanimous approval to go into Executive Session for Discussion of Candidates to Teaching Positions and Discussion of Candidates to Coaching Positions

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT IN EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**CEI, MANSFIELD, MARRONE, MILLER, REYNOLDS, VOTTO**

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT IN EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**MENZO, COHN, GUARINO**

**MOTION TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:45 P.M.**

**MOTION: VOTTO, SECOND BY REYNOLDS**

**VOTE:** Unanimous approval to come out of Executive Session at 7:45 p.m.

*The regular meeting reconvened at 7:46 p.m.*

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION: VOTTO, SECOND BY REYNOLDS**

**VOTE: Unanimous approval to accept items 7.1-7.11 as listed below.**

- Approval to Accept BOE **Minutes** dated December 17, 2012
- Approval to Accept Special BOE Minutes dated January 7, 2013
- Approval to Accept Special BOE Minutes dated January 14, 2013
- Approval to Accept Board of Education **Financial Report** for December 2012
- Approval to Accept Board of Education **Cafeteria Financial Report** for December 2012
- Approval to Accept GIFT of \$500 to the Wallingford Adult Education program from Theresa Waltz, 59 Clover Lane, Manchester, CT \$500
- Approval to Accept GIFT of donation to the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Innovation Project from the Component Engineers, Inc., 108 North Plains Industrial Road, Wallingford \$2,500
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- Approval to Accept Transfer from Account #100B – Contingency to Accounts #530G – Communications - Wireless \$17,879, Account #430A – Repairs and Maintenance – Alarms \$14,938; and Account #739A – Non-Instructional Equipment – New \$5,434 for a total of \$38,250
- Approval of Graduation Candidate from Lyman Hall High School *Pursuant to Completion of all Graduation Requirements*
- Approval to Accept the New STEP Criteria

**ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA**

There were no items removed from the Consent Agenda.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Mr. Votto reported that donations were received from Theresa Waltz, 59 Clover Lane, Manchester to the Wallingford Adult High School graduate who is pursuing a post-secondary education for \$500. He announced that there were two donations from Component Engineers, 108 North Plain Industrial Road, Wallingford each in the amount of \$2,500 for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Innovation Project.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

There was no report due to the fact that Mrs. Castelli was absent.

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

Mr. Votto reported that at the last meeting in November the committee was introduced to the new Principal of Wintergreen, Suzanne Duran-Crelin. He also distributed an enrollment breakdown of all the schools that attend Wintergreen. He reviewed the minutes from the November meeting. He announced that the next meeting is scheduled for January 30<sup>th</sup>.

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

Dr. Menzo reported that our local legislator has put together wording changes so that we can submit the items we need to for reimbursement.

### **School to Career Representative**

Mr. Miller reported that there hasn't been a meeting recently. He announced that the next meeting is scheduled for February.

### **Diversity in Action Committee Representative**

Mrs. McKay was not available to give a report.

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

Mr. Deptula, Maintenance Supervisor, reported that the last meeting was cancelled. He explained that the architects are finalizing the plans for the work that will be done during the summer. He stated that a payment was made to Silver Petrocelli.

### **PTAC Update**

Mrs. Guarino reported that she presented information about the discussions that have been taking place regarding security.

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

Dr. Menzo reported that bids are being reviewed and clarifications of questions are being answered. He said this will be going forward soon.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Mancusi reported that he has been trying to increase parent participation at the PPS PTAC meetings and has more parents attend when there were special workshops presented but there still isn't an increase in the members who attend meetings. He explained that a letter is being sent to parents with the history of PPS PTAC and a questionnaire to ask if parents would be interested in joining and the topics they might be interested in hearing about. He announced that the next meeting is scheduled for February 19, 2013 in the Drama/Lecture room at 7:00 p.m.

## INSTRUCTIONAL COMMITTEE

### APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF CANDIDATE TO TEACHING POSITIONS

**MOTION:** CEI, SECOND BY MILLER

**VOTE:** Unanimous approval that the Board of Education appoint the following candidates to Teaching positions 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:

Robert Lombardi	-	School Counselor Adult Education
Brian Maglione	-	Special Education Teacher Pupil Personnel Services Pond Hill School

### APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF CANDIDATE TO COACHING POSITIONS

**MOTION:** CEI, SECOND BY MILLER

**VOTE:** Unanimous approval that the Board of Education appoint the following candidates to head Coach positions for the 2012-2013 school year, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools:

**Mark T. Sheehan High School**

Daniel Wostbrock	-	Lacrosse (Boys')
Charissa Zbikowski	-	Lacrosse (Girls')

## OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

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

Mr. Miller reported that the Operation Committee meeting took place last Monday in the VoAg Community room. He explained that the committee approved minutes, reviewed the cafeteria financial and the district financial reports, a few transfers were approved, and Dr. Menzo gave a preview of the budget.

## ADMINISTRATION

### Administrative Report

Dr. Menzo gave his Administrative report as listed below.

- A letter went home to parents updating the security measures last week. He met with the Chief of Police again. He explained the budget won't show line by line what the security measures will be.
- Twenty students and two teachers from China will be in Wallingford as part of a Junior Achievement program to develop an internet based business. Our twenty students will then travel to China in 2014 to dissolve the business. Next Friday, Lou Golden, from Junior Achievement will meet with the Mayor and he has been invited to attend the February Board meeting.
- Highland/Yalesville Schools will be hosting the production of *Annie Jr.* on Friday evening and Saturday at Sheehan High School.
- The Lyman Hall vs. Sheehan Basketball game is on Friday evening at Sheehan High School.
- There will be budget hearings on Saturday beginning at 8:00 a.m. at the VoAg Community Room at Lyman Hall.
- On March 5<sup>th</sup> at the Mark Twain House in Hartford there is scheduled an event "Passport to Education" which is an international opportunity for students.
- At the Chamber of Commerce luncheon the Mayor recognized Board members and honored some students from Lyman Hall and Sheehan.
- The first Annual Senior Citizen Prom is being planned by a joint prom committee with students from Lyman Hall, Sheehan and the senior center. The prom will be held on March 19<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-8:00 at the Senior Center. Food will be provided by the Cooks Table from Lyman Hall.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Saturday, 01/26/13	Budget Hearings	8:00 a.m.
Monday, 02/04/13	Vo-Ag Community room	6:00 p.m.
	System Wide PTAC	7:00 p.m.
Monday, 02/11/13	Instructional Committee	7:00 p.m.
	Special BOE Meeting	immediately following
	Operations Committee	

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday, 02/25/13	Board of Education	<b>Drama/Lecture Room</b>
		7:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Marrone adjourned the meeting at 8:32 p.m.

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Mike Votto Secretary