

**WALLINGFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS – TOWN HALL
45 SOUTH MAIN STREET, WALLINGFORD
MONDAY, JULY 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.

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. McKay called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

A roll call was made by Betsy McCully.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

BOLAT, CASTELLI, HLAVAC, MARRONE, MCKAY, SHORTELL, VOTTO

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

MENZO, LAVALETTE, PARKHURST, WINTERS, MANCUSI, McCULLY, VEILLEUX

STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

Student Board representatives do not present during the summer

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

There was no presentation of awards

QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

Ken Welch, President of Coalition for a Better Wallingford, spoke to Board members and extended an invitation to attend an event sponsored by the Coalition on August 5, 2015.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: MARRONE, SECOND BY HLAVAC

VOTE: Unanimous approval to accept items 7.1 – 7.7 and 7.9 to 7.10

Approval to Accept Board of Education Minutes dated June 22, 2015

Approval to Accept Special Board of Education Minutes dated June 22, 2015
Approval to Accept Special Board of Education Minutes dated July 9, 2015
Approval to Accept **GIFT** from Deborah Steneck of Western Show Saddle for Vo-Ag equine students at Lyman Hall High School valued at approximately \$5,000
Approval to Accept **GIFT** from Charter Oak State College for Network Equipment and Tape Backup for the IT Department valued at approximately \$8,000
Approval of Proposed Adoption of Revised Policy: Instructional Materials – IIA
Approval of Proposed Adoption of Revised Policy: Textbook Selection – IIAA
Approval of Proposed Adoption of Revised Policy: Curriculum Development and Adoption – IF
Approval of Proposed Adoption of Revised Policy: Curriculum Documents – IFE

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Marrone requested to remove items 7.8 Approval of Proposed Adoption of Revised Policy: Requests for Reconsideration of an Instructional Material – IIAF and Item 7.11 Approval of Proposed Adoption of Revised Regulation: Requests for Reconsideration of Instructional Materials – IIAF-R from the agenda. Mr. Bolat stated his recollection is the policy and regulation (7.8 and 7.11) were approved at the June Board meeting under presentation. Mr. Votto stated since this is the third time seeing the documents, the Board does not have to approve them this evening. He questioned if the “Citizens Request for Reconsideration of Educational Materials” form should become a part of the regulation (IIAF-R). Dr. Menzo spoke about the regulation (IIAF-R).

MOTION TO APPROVE ITEM 7.8 APPROVAL OF PROPOSED ADOPTION OF REVISED POLICY: REQUESTS FOR RECONSIDERATION OF AN INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIAL – IIAF

MOTION: BOLAT, SECOND BY CASTELLI

VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL OF ITEM 7.8 APPROVAL OF PROPOSED ADOPTION OF REVISED POLICY: REQUESTS FOR RECONSIDERATION OF AN INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIAL-IIAF

Consent agenda item 7.11 was not approved and will be discussed at a future meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

Karen Veilleux spoke about Item 7.5 – A donation from Charter Oak State College for Network Equipment and Tape Backup for the IT Department valued at approximately \$8,000

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A.C.E.S. Representative

Mrs. Castelli reported that there was no ACES meeting this month

Wintergreen Magnet School Steering Committee

Mr. Parkhurst reported there was not meeting in July.

School to Career Representative/Business ThinkTank

Dr. Menzo reported there was no meeting in July.

PTAC Update

Dr. Menzo stated there is no update at this time.

Lyman Hall Athletic Complex Improvement Committee

Mr. Deptula will provide a report at the next Board meeting.

Plan of Conservation Development

Mr. Bolat spoke about our facilities and our school population.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business brought before the Board.

INSTRUCTIONAL COMMITTEE

Approval of Board of Education Schedule of Meetings for 2016-2017

Mrs. McKay proposed combining Operations and Instructional Committee meetings for the Fall of 2015. Mr. Shortell agreed. Mr. Votto suggested starting a combined meeting at 6:00 p.m. and hold this combined meeting on the second Monday of the month. Dr. Menzo noted the agenda item refers to the 2016-2017 Board meetings.

MOTION: SHORTELL, SECOND BY MARRONE

VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL OF BOARD OF EDUCATION SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS FOR 2016-2017 WITH ADDITION OF "THESE DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE."

Approval of Teacher Evaluation Report

Mrs. Lavalette spoke about the teacher evaluation report. She reported that Central Office Administrators are now Included in this plan. Mr. Votto asked several questions. Mr. Bolat asked if there would be a greater administrator burden. Mr. Shortell requested data on how many teachers fall into each category. Mrs. Hlavac asked to incorporate the changes.

MOTION: HLAVAC, SECOND BY SHORTELL

VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL TO ACCEPT THE TEACHER EVALUATION REPORT WITH INCORPORATED CHANGES

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Report on Operations Committee meeting

Mr. Bolat reported that there was no Operations Committee meeting in July

MOTION TO SUBMIT A BID TO THE TOWN FOR INSTALLING EXTERNAL BUS CAMERA/MONITORING SYSTEM FOR WALLINGFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL BUSES.

Linda Winters began the discussion. Lieutenant DeMaio, Tammy Raccio and Jill from REDFLEX Student Guardian came before the Board. A PowerPoint presentation was made. Tammy Raccio spoke regarding the presentation. Jill Horrigan spoke about the company REDFLEX and route analysis. Karen Hlavac was concerned about the 40 vans and their signage. Mr. Marrone asked what the implementation time line is. Dr. Menzo stated that a bid needs to go out. He reported that possibly a pilot program could be made in September. Mr. Votto asked if the police department is the end user. Lt. DeMaio said they are. Mrs. Castell asked how REDFLEX makes money. The town receives the revenue. Mrs. McKay said she is concerned about bus drivers controlling the situation.

MOTION: MCKAY, SECOND BY CASTELLI

VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A BID TO THE TOWN FOR INSTALLING EXTERNAL BUS CAMERAS/MONITORING SYSTEM FOR WALLINGFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL BUSES.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE EARLY DISMISSAL AND LATE ARRIVAL OPTIONS

Linda Winters proposed a 2.45 hour early dismissal.

MOTION: MCKAY, SECOND BY MARRONE

VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL OF THE EARLY DISMISSAL AND LATE ARRIVAL OPTIONS

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE TECHNOLOGY ITEMS FOR PURCHASE IN THE 1% ACCOUNT

Mrs. McKay reported that the balance in the 1% account is \$784,962.00.

MOTION: MCKAY, SECOND BY CASTELLI

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL OF THE ITEMS IN THE 1% ACCOUNT TO BE PURCHASED
(TECHNOLOGY ITEMS)**

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion and Approval of Revised Belief Statement, Mission Statement and Vision Statement

Dr. Menzo reported that this document is based on a committee review of forty people.

MOTION TO ACCEPT "BELIEF STATEMENT"

MOTION: VOTTO, SECOND BY SHORTELL

VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL TO ACCEPT "BELIEF STATEMENT"

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE AMENDED "BELIEF STATEMENT"

MOTION: VOTTO, SECOND BY SHORTELL

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL TO ACCEPT "BELIEF STATEMENT" WITH AMENDMENT OF
ADDITIONAL WORDING "Honesty, integrity, respect and fairness are essential to
building trust."**

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE NEW "VISION STATEMENT"

MOTION: SHORTELL, SECOND BY MARRONE

VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL TO ACCEPT THE NEW "VISION STATEMENT."

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE NEW "MISSION STATEMENT"

MOTION: SHORTELL, SECOND BY VOTTO

VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE: CASTELLI, HLAVAC, MARRONE, MCKAY, SHORTELL, VOTTO

NEGATIVE: BOLAT

Motion passed

ADMINISTRATION

Administrative Report

Dr. Menzo gave his Administrative Report as listed below.

- Capstone Experience received \$40,000 funding from competitive grant
- Enrollment: please enroll students
- Preschool numbers
- Finalizing a date about having recent graduates transition into college or post-graduate
- He will have them speak about how they transitioned into life after high school

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday, 8/17/15	Special Board of Education	BOE Conference Room	6:00 p.m.
Monday, 8/17/15	Special Instruction Committee	BOE Conference Room	Immed. following

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday, 8/24/15	Board of Education	Town Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.
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ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. McKay adjourned the meeting at 9:13 p.m.

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Mike Votto