

**WALLINGFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
LYMAN HALL HIGH SCHOOL – VO AG DEPARTMENT
COMMUNITY ROOM
70 POND HILL ROAD, WALLINGFORD
MONDAY, AUGUST 19, 2013**

To inspire, educate and support all students as they discover and pursue their personal best.

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

Chairperson, Roxane McKay, called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

CASTELLI, CEI, MANSFIELD, MARRONE, MCKAY, REYNOLDS, VOTTO

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

MILLER, BROODER

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

MENZO, MCNAMARA, PARKHURST, BACKUS, WINTERS, DEPTULA, WONG, MANCUSI,
NAPOLITANO

STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

Students are not available to give reports during the summer.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

There were no awards presented at this meeting.

QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

There were no questions brought to the Board at this time.

MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF CANDIDATE(S) FOR TEACHING POSITION(S), DISCUSSION OF CANDIDATE FOR SUBJECT AREA COORDINATOR POSITION, AND DISCUSSION OF TENTATIVE AGREEMENT WITH WALLINGFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS CUSTODIANS' UNION

MOTION: VOTTO, SECOND BY CASTELLI

VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF CANDIDATE(S) FOR TEACHING POSITION(S), DISCUSSION OF CANDIDATE FOR SUBJECT AREA COORDINATOR POSITION, AND DISCUSSION OF TENTATIVE AGREEMENT WITH WALLINGFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS CUSTODIANS' UNION

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

CASTELLI, CEI, MANSFIELD, MARRONE, MCKAY, REYNOLDS, VOTTO

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MENZO, MCNAMARA, PARKHURST

MOTION TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:36 P.M.

MOTION: CASTELLI, SECOND BY MARRONE

VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:36 P.M.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: VOTTO, SECOND BY CASTELLI

VOTE: Unanimous approval to accept the Consent Agenda items 7.1-7.8 as listed below.

Approval to Accept BOE **Minutes** dated July 15, 2013

Approval to Accept Special Instructional Committee **Minutes** dated July 31, 2013

Approval to Accept Check and Connect Program Grant in the amount of \$4, 500.

Approval to Accept Donation from Lyman Hall Class of 2013 to Lyman Hall High School for \$5,775.59

Approval to Accept Donation to Yalesville Elementary School from Highland-Yalesville Elementary Schools PTO for \$3,000

Approval to Accept Donation to Highland Elementary School from Highland-Yalesville Elementary Schools PTO for \$3,000

Approval to Accept Donation to Wallingford Public Schools – 21st Century Innovation Project from James Augur, Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield of Connecticut for \$5,000

Approval to Accept Donation to Wallingford Adult High School graduates from the Wallingford Foundation (sponsored by the Rotary Club of Wallingford) for \$1,800

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

There were no items removed from the Consent Agenda.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Votto reported that a thank you note was received from Toni Hale. He also reported that gifts were received from the Class of 2013 to Lyman Hall H.S. for \$5,775.59, donation was made to Yalesville Elementary School from Highland/Yalesville PTO for \$3,000, a donation was also made to Highland Elementary School from the Highland/Yalesville PTO for \$3,000, a donation was made to the 21st Century Innovation Project by James Augur, Anthem Blue Cross/Blue Shield for \$5,000 and a donation was made to The Wallingford Adult Education graduates from the Wallingford Foundation for \$1,800.

Dr. Menzo also reported that a check for \$4,500 was received from the Check and Connect grant. He explained that this will be piloted at Cook Hill, Yalesville, Moran and Sheehan. It is an attendance grant.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A.C.E.S Representative

There was no meeting.

Wintergreen Magnet School Steering Committee

Mr. Votto reported that there was no meeting.

School to Career Representative

Dr. Menzo reported that there has been some informal meetings while working on a project but the regular meetings will begin again in September.

Report from Roof Project Committee Representative

Mr. Marrone reported that asbestos abatement at Lyman Hall has been completed. He also said that at Highland School there was a special meeting regarding the metal work on the roof. He went on to say that the roofs will be completed on time because the workers will work weekends and evening but the metal on the roofs might not be completed when school opens.

Mr. Deptula reported that the hot tar work will be finished but the metal work will be completed during the school year.

Mr. Marrone also reported that the Roofing Committee had a few special meetings and put some serious time and effort in to get this project completed.

PTAC Update

Dr. Menzo reported that there hasn't been a meeting.

Lyman Hall Athletic Complex Improvement Committee

Mr. Deptula reported that they are waiting for the budget figures and the tentative plans this month and will then pass them along to Mary Mushinsky.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business brought before the Board.

INSTRUCTIONAL COMMITTEE

APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF CANDIDATE(S) TO TEACHING POSITION(S)

MOTION: CEI, SECOND BY MANSFIELD

VOTE: Unanimous approval that the Board of Education approve the appointment of the following candidates to teaching positions for the 2013-2014 school year, contingent upon proper Connecticut certification, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools:

E.C. STEVENS SCHOOL

Cathleen Flaherty - Grade 1

POND HILL SCHOOL

Kristen Himmelberger - Grade 3

Shelley LaBree - Grade 4

LYMAN HALL HIGH SCHOOL

Angel Santiago - Vocational Agriculture
(Aquaculture)

APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF SUBJECT AREA COORDINATOR

MOTION: CEI, SECOND BY MANSFIELD

VOTE: Unanimous approval that the Board of Education approve the appointment of the following candidate to the position of Subject Area Coordinator at Moran Middle School for the 2013-2014 school year, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools:

Social Studies - Aimee Giangrave

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION, WITH REGRET, OF KRISTEN PANNONE, EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2013

MOTION: CEI, SECOND BY MANSFIELD

VOTE: Unanimous approval that the Board of Education accept, with regret, the resignation of **Kristen Pannone**, effective June 30, 2013.

Kristen Pannone has been a first grade teacher at Pond Hill and E.C.Stevens Schools since August, 2006.

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF RETIREMENT, WITH REGRET, OF JANET DONOVAN, EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2013

MOTION: CEI, SECOND BY MANSFIELD

VOTE: Unanimous approval that the Board of Education accept, with regret, the retirement of **Janet Donovan**, effective June 30, 2013.

Janet Donovan has been with the Wallingford Public Schools since September, 1987. From September, 1987 to June, 1990, she was a business education teacher at Mark T. Sheehan High School and from August, 1990 to the present, she has been a third and fourth grade teacher at Pond Hill School for a total of **twenty-six years** of service in the Wallingford Public Schools.

BOARD CONSIDERATION OF THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS REGARDING THE TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT OF SEVENTEEN (17) SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS IN THE WALLINGFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS AS OF THE END OF THE 2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION

Dr. Menzo read into the minutes: I recommend that the Board of Education vote to terminate, as of the end of the 2012-2013 school year, the employment of **seventeen** substitute teachers in the Wallingford School System, whose names are listed below and that the above referenced list be included as part of the minutes of this Board meeting:

**Nadia Alghadyan
Melissa Ambrosio
Ellen Cooper
Jacqueline Crocco
Meghan Foster
Cristin Gress
Melissa Hernandez
Allison Iannuzzi
Shelley LaBree
Alexa Mainella
Jenna Malavasi
Kimberly Nardi
Avian Palermo
Chelsea Reilly
Suzanne Sullivan
Alison Valenti
Jacqueline Valentine**

The recommendation is for the following reasons:

1. Under the Teacher Tenure Law, Section 10-151, et seq. of the Connecticut General Statutes, the definition of "teacher" under that law includes any certified professional employee working for at least 90 days in a teaching position.
2. The specific substitute teachers I am recommending for termination fall within this definition of "teacher".

3. Under the Teacher Tenure Law, anyone who is a “teacher” becomes subject to the statute’s provisions regarding the employment, non-renewal and termination. Accordingly, it is necessary that these “teachers” should have their employment concluded or terminated as of the completion of the 2012-2013 school year so that we will be free to determine our needs and utilization of substitutes for the coming school year.
4. This action should not affect our utilization of the services of substitute teachers for the coming 2013-2014 school year consistent with our prior policies and practices.

Finally, I also recommend that I be authorized and instructed to communicate notice of this action in writing to the individuals affected by this action and to respond for the Board of Education to any appropriate request which may be forthcoming from them or their representative, or as otherwise required.

BOARD ACTION REGARDING THE SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATION TO TERMINATE THE EMPLOYMENT OF SEVENTEEN (17) SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

MOTION: CEI, SECOND BY MANSFIELD

VOTE: Unanimous approval that the Board of Education approve the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools regarding the termination of employment of the **seventeen** (17) substitute teachers in the Wallingford School System whose names are listed below and that the above referenced list be included as part of the minutes of this Board meeting:

**Nadia Alghadyan
Melissa Ambrosio
Ellen Cooper
Jacqueline Crocco
Meghan Foster
Cristin Gress
Melissa Hernandez
Allison Iannuzzi
Shelley LaBree
Alexa Mainella
Jenna Malavasi
Kimberly Nardi
Avian Palermo
Chelsea Reilly
Suzanne Sullivan
Alison Valenti
Jacqueline Valentine**

And, further move that the Superintendent of Schools be directed to communicate this action in writing to those individuals and that the Superintendent of Schools be authorized to respond on behalf of the Board of Education to any requests which may be forthcoming from them and /or their representative or as otherwise required.

*Mr. Marrone abstained
The motion passed*

RATIFICATION OF AGREEMENT WITH THE WALLINGFORD CUSTODIANS' UNION FROM JULY 1, 2013 TO JUNE 30, 2016

MOTION: CEI, SECOND BY MANSFIELD

VOTE: Unanimous approval that the Board of Education ratify the agreement with the Wallingford Custodians' Union from July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2016 and submitted to the Town for their Approval and Ratification.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Report on Operations Committee Meeting

There was no Operations Committee meeting in July.

APPROVAL TO ACCEPT FOOD SERVICE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JUNE, 2013

MOTION: MCKAY, SECOND BY MANSFIELD

VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL TO ACCEPT THE FOOD SERVICE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JUNE, 2013

APPROVAL TO ACCEPT FOOD SERVICE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JULY, 2013

MOTION: MCKAY, SECOND BY CASTELLI

VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL TO ACCEPT FOOD SERVICE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JULY, 2013

APPROVAL OF OUT OF DISTRICT TUITION RATES

Ms. Winters explained that it is a 1.88% increase calculated based on regular education students formula. She said the last time this tuition was paid was in 2001-2002 school year.

Dr. Menzo read the rates: Elementary \$10,170, Middle is \$10,839 and High is \$11,636.

MOTION: MCKAY, SECOND BY MARRONE

VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL TO ACCEPT THE OUT OF DISTRICT TUITION RATES

APPROVAL TO ACCEPT SIGNER OF THE FOOD SERVICE REIMBURSEMENT FORM

MOTION: MCKAY, SECOND BY MARRONE

VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL TO ACCEPT SIGNER OF THE FOOD SERVICE REIMBURSEMENT FORM

APPROVAL TO ACCEPT BOARD OF EDUCATION FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JUNE, 2013

MOTION: MCKAY, SECOND BY MARRONE

VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL TO ACCEPT BOARD OF EDUCATION FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JUNE, 2013

APPROVAL TO ACCEPT BOARD OF EDUCATION FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JULY, 2013

MOTION: MCKAY, SECOND BY MARRONE

VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL TO ACCEPT BOARD OF EDUCATION FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JULY, 2013

ADMINISTRATION

Administrative Report

Dr. Menzo gave his Administrative Report as listed below.

- Dr. Menzo thanked Linda Winters, Business Manager, for getting the Financial reports done and for working so hard even through a move and everything that has been going on.
- He said the summer has been busy with moving and the project to renovate the central offices at Sheehan to accommodate the Alternative High School students. He reported that he intends to have the students and parents visit next week.
- He thanked Randy Backus for submitting the grant for the Smart Balance Assessment. He said this will be on the agenda for approval at September's Board meeting.
- The PEGPETIA grant for \$106,000 was received last Wednesday. This allows us to have a video conferencing system with capacity to record and have video on demand. It also gives us the capability to stream live from classrooms to use for instruction.
- We will also be submitting a Race to the Top grant. He explained that it is a two tier process to get the funding. He said a lot of it would go to professional development for educators to develop mastery standards. He said the dollar amount ranges from half a million to a million.
- He reported that Masters Manna donated \$450 to Adult Education to be used for scholarships
- Marc Deptula and he worked on the Security Grant which is a 50.17% reimbursement for construction and we could potentially receive over \$200,000.
- Had training for our school based team in the beginning of August. Today we offered training to Administrators regarding evaluations. We will be having three hour workshops at the schools for teachers on the teacher evaluation system. They will then learn about the District improvement plan, school based improvement and principle learning objectives.
- We are also on board with the Bloom Board program which is a technology management system.
- The State of Connecticut is one of five states that has applied for the Flexibility Waiver. He explained that what that means is that according to the Smarter Balance Consortium and the Common Core Alliance the State of Connecticut in the Spring of 2015 a different test will be given. We would have to agree to waiver not to give the CMT and CAPT except in the area of Science.
- He announced a reminder that the Convocation will take place at the Toyota Presents Oakdale Theatre on Wednesday, August 28th at 8:00 a.m. He announced that Carol Dweck will be at the convocation.
- He stated that on Monday and Tuesday there will be new teacher orientation where three things will be covered. New teacher evaluation plan, Common Core, and Building based orientation will take place on the second day. All Administrators will be invited to lunch.
- A Food Truck was purchased and is in the process of being renovated. It is a 2005 Ford F-450 with

51,000 miles. It was a 14 passenger vehicle and cost \$7,499. It can hold a generator and propane. We have a grant for \$39,000 to purchase the food truck and a citizen is donating the sinks and lighting. We plan to make an appearance at the Celebrate Wallingford.

- We hosted 20 students from Shanghai with a Bar-B-Q at the Senior Center. They also went to visit ESPN and Lake Compounce and a trip into New York to the New York Stock Exchange and MSNBC.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Board Conference Room

Tuesday, 9/03/13	Instructional Committee	7:00 p.m.
Monday, 9/09/13	Operations Committee	7:00 p.m.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Town Council Chambers

Monday, 9/23/13	Board of Education Meeting	7:00 p.m.
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ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. McKay adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Secretary

Michael Votto