

**WALLINGFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
MARK T. SHEEHAN HIGH SCHOOL  
DRAMA/LECTURE ROOM  
142 HOPE HILL ROAD, WALLINGFORD  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 15, 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**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Roxane McKay at 7:05 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 – away on business**

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVES**

**Mackenzie Madrigal, Student Board representative from Mark T. Sheehan,** came before the Board to give a report as listed below

- In September the Open House went very well and was enjoyed by all the parents and teachers.
- The blood drive had many students participate in contributing to save lives
- Locks of Love event coming up where some of the students will be donating their hair
- This Wednesday the PSATs will be done and the guidance counselors have explained the importance of the tests.
- Powder Puff this year is off to a good start and the senior girls are very excited to play with school spirit.
- This month is childhood cancer month and we will be selling ribbon pins to put on backpacks to support it.

- Another School Spirit event this month is Halloween where students will be dressing up for spirit points in school appropriate costumes for the competition to see which class will win.
- On November 12<sup>th</sup> Student Council will be raking leaves for senior citizens in an effort on Veterans Day to support our community.

**Jeff Zakrezewski, Student Board representative from Lyman Hall**, was not available to present a report.

**PRESENTATION OF AWARDS**

There were no awards presented at this meeting.

**QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION**

There were no questions from the audience.

**MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR DISCUSSION CONCERNING STRATEGY AND NEGOTIATIONS WITH RESPECT TO PENDING CLAIMS AND LITIGATION CONCERNING FORMER EMPLOYEE AT 7:15 P.M.**

**MOTION: MARRONE, SECOND BY MILLER**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR DISCUSSION CONCERNING STRATEGY AND NEGOTIATIONS WITH RESPECT TO PENDING CLAIMS AND LITIGATION CONCERNING FORMER EMPLOYEE AT 7:15 P.M.**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT IN EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT IN EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**MENZO**

**MOTION TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:27 P.M.**

**MOTION: MARRONE, SECOND BY MILLER**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:27 P.M.**

*Regular meeting reconvened at 7:27 P.M.*

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION: CASTELLI, SECOND BY MILLER**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL TO ACCEPT THE CONSENT AGENDA  
ITEMS 7.1 – 7.9**

- Approval to Accept BOE **Minutes** dated September 24, 2012
- Approval to Accept Board of Education **Financial Report** for September 2012
- Approval to Accept **GIFT** of Smart Board to Cook Hill School from Cook Hill PTO \$3,778
- Approval to Accept **GIFT** of \$500 to Lyman Hall High School Food Service Department from Ms. Margaret Stalker \$500
- Approval to Accept **GIFT** of 12 Tables and 15 Chairs for use in the Drama/Lecture room for Board of Education meetings from James Augur, Anthem Blue Cross/Blue Shield, 108 Leigus Road, Wallingford
- Approval of Proposed Adoption of New Policy – Parent Portal Acceptable Use and Safety – 1110.2
- Approval of Proposed Adoption of New Policy – Internet Acceptable Use: Filtering – 6141.323
- Approval of Proposed Adoption of New Policy – Social Media for Personnel – Certified/Non-Certified - 4000
- Approval of Proposed Adoption of New Policy – Responsible Use for Personnel – Certified/Non-Certified - 4001

**ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA**

There were no items removed from the Consent Agenda.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Mr. Votto reported that there were three gift items on the Consent Agenda and he reported on them. Mrs. McKay thanked everyone for their generosity.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**ACES Representative**

Mrs. Castelli reported that she attended a meeting recently on the Governing Board. The Executive Director, Craig Edmondson, gave a presentation as an overview about ACES especially for new members. Mrs. Castelli gave a report on the key points of the presentation. She also reported that there is a website regarding the Common Core Standards on cgcs.org.

Dr. Menzo reported that the web address is also posted on the Wallingford Public Schools website.

**Wintergreen Magnet School Steering Committee**

Mr. Votto reported that there haven't been any meetings yet.

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

Dr. Menzo reported that there are some open items that are seen as non-reimbursable and he is working with CREC to see if anything can be done to get them reimbursed. He said there is a potential to get a legislative motion to get the funding needed.

### **School to Career Representative**

Mr. Miller reported that there hasn't been any meeting. He said there has been more focus on the Innovation meetings.

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

Mrs. McKay reported that there hasn't been a meeting yet.

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

Mr. Deptula reported that at the meeting last week there was discussion about a few punch list items to be completed. He said the architects have started work on the next project.

### **PTAC Update**

Dr. Menzo reported that the meeting was last Tuesday. He said there was good representation. He announced that there will be some sub-committees formed such as the Post High School Fair. There were three areas suggested for consideration for sub-committees – healthy food celebration, how to recognize middle school students for academic honors, and school uniforms for students. He said these were parent generated ideas.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business brought before the Board.

### **INSTRUCTIONAL COMMITTEE**

#### **Presentation of Proposed Adoption of New Policy – Responsible Use for Students – 6141.321 and Presentation of Proposed Adoption of New Regulation – Responsible Use for Students – 6141.321a**

Mrs. Cohn reported that there will be some modifications made to this policy and it will have to come back to the Board. In the Introduction add "owned by the district" where it says "any electronic device". The Board will receive a revised copy.

#### **Presentation of Proposed Adoption of New Policy – Social Networking for Students – 6141.326 and Presentation of Proposed Adoption of New Regulation – Social Networking for Students 6141.326a**

Mrs. Cohn reported that this was presented at the Instructional Committee meeting. It is to regulate the student's use of social media and suggests that if a student violates the law, harassment or other issues they could be disciplined.

Mrs. Cohn reported that the new policies are now being added to the website under NEW POLICY. She said if you go to the old policies and it has been updated it will say that there is a new policy. The policies that were just presented will go on the Consent Agenda next month.

**APPROVAL OF LEAVE OF ABSENCE FROM NOVEMBER 28 TO DECEMBER 14, 2012 FOR AIMEE GIANGRAVE, WITHOUT PAY AND BENEFITS**

**MOTION: MANSFIELD, SECOND BY MARRONE**

**VOTE:** Unanimous approval that the Board of Education approve the leave of absence for Aimee Giangrave from November 28 to December 14, 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** will be on a family medical leave until November 27, 2012, and has requested a leave of absence from November 28 – December 14, 2012.)

**APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF RETIREMENT OF ARLINE CONROY, WITH REGRET, EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 31, 2012**

**MOTION: MANSFIELD, SECOND BY MILLER**

**VOTE:** Unanimous approval that the Board of Education accept, with regret, the retirement of Arline Conroy, effective December 31, 2012.

**Arline Conroy** has been a special education teacher at the elementary and middle school levels from December, 1977, to the present, for a total of thirty-five years of service in the Wallingford Public Schools.

Rick Pizzonia, Principal of Pond Hill School, came before the Board to say a few kind words about Arline Conroy.

**OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

**Report on Operations Committee meeting**

Mr. Brooder reported that there was a meeting on Tuesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> where the Board financial report was reviewed; there was an update on special education, and a report on the Lyman Hall High School bleacher repairs.

**ADMINISTRATION****Administrative Report**

Dr. Menzo gave his Administrative Report as listed below.

- Dr. Menzo announced that a guest speaker, Adam Greenberg, will offer a presentation at Lyman Hall on November 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 p.m. He is the baseball player who was hit in the head the first time he played on the Florida Marlins. This is being sponsored by both the Lyman Hall and Sheehan athletic departments. He will talk about his road to recovery. Dr. Menzo thanked Todd Snyder for this idea.
- A Faculty Advisory meeting was held last week. The number one challenge they expressed is that there is never enough time. He said they are trying to look at some creative ways to hold a time lottery where they will invite staff to put their name into the lottery to get someone to cover their class while they have some extra time to themselves.
- He announced that the district is getting ready for the budget.
- He reported that he nominated Betty Napolitano for the Quinnipiac Chamber Athena Women's Leadership Award. There will be a luncheon at the Villa Capri on Thursday.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Monday, 11/05/12	System Wide PTAC
Monday, 11/05/12	Instructional Committee
Tuesday, 11/13/12	Operations Committee

**Board Conference room**

6:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday, 11/19/12	Board of Education
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**MTS Drama/Lecture Room**

7:00 p.m.
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**ADJOURNMENT**

Mrs. McKay adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Secretary

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**Mike Votto**