

**WALLINGFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
45 SOUTH MAIN STREET
WALLINGFORD, CT 06492
Monday, October 24, 2016
7:00 P.M.**

Mission

To inspire through innovative and engaging experiences that lead all learners to pursue and discover their personal best.

Vision

Wallingford Public Schools, in partnership with our families and community, will provide a safe, healthy, and supportive environment that ignites an enduring passion for excellence in every learner, so that each becomes a life-long contributor to the local, national and global communities.

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. McKay called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

A roll call was made by Linda Lavelle

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

BROODER, CASTELLI, DOERR, GLIDDEN, HLAVAC, MCKAY, REYNOLDS

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

CEI, VOTTO

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

LAVALETTE, PARKHURST, ARUM, DEPTULA, MANCUSI, VEILLEUX, LAVELLE

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STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

Grace Mandy, Student Representative for Lyman Hall High School came before the Board to give her report as listed below.

- Monday, October 19th - Senior Class went to Town Hall (original site of Lyman Hall) for a Rededication of Lyman Hall in honor of the 100th Anniversary, they watched a video and held a big Birthday Party / Pep Rally back at the school – It was a great celebration filled with lots of Lyman Hall pride. 100th Anniversary events have been a huge success
- October 19th - Girls Field Hockey and Soccer teams came out with big wins. Girls Swim and Dive Team had a huge win against Sheehan
- High School Planning night was held last week
- October 25th – College and Career Fair
- October 27th – Blood Drive
- Friday, November 4th – Sports Complex Naming Ceremony and LHHS 100th anniversary Sock Hop / Hip Hop
- November 7th – Students vs Faculty Powder Puff Game
- November 11th – Veteran’s Day – Powder Puff will be hosting a Veteran’s Breakfast
- November 18th – Homecoming Dance
- November 23rd – Powder Puff Pep Rally and Powder Puff Game
- November 24th – Thanksgiving Day Game vs. Sheehan

Rajan Doering, Student Representative for Mark T. Sheehan High School came before the Board and reported the following:

- The Student Council conducted a survey administered to the student body to determine the best way to meet student needs during student advisory
- At the end of the month students will dress up for Halloween
- October 11th – The freshman class held elections
- October 13th – Open House was held
- October 14th – Blood Drive was held and many students donated
- October 25th – College and Career Fair
- End of October – Red Ribbon Week
- SADD Club is holding events this week and next week
- Athletics – Most sports will be holding Senior Night as the season comes to a close
- The Football Team will hold their Senior Night on Veteran’s Day. Veteran’s will do the “Coin Toss”
- Each sports team held a “Pink Night” in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October and students participated in a spirit day during the day of each game against Lyman Hall
- The first marking period closes on November 1st
- November 11th – leaf raking for the elderly
- November 17th - Honor Society Induction
- November 17th – Spirit Week begins
- November 19th - Homecoming Dance
- Student Council will be administering a survey to the student body in regards to politics and the upcoming election
- Student Council is planning a lip singing competition
- November 4th – 23rd - A Food Drive will be held
- November 18th – Faculty vs Powder Puff Team Scrimmage
- November 22nd – Powder Puff Appreciation Luncheon and Motorcade
- November 23rd – Samaha Bowl
- November 24th – Carini Bowl

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PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Recognition of Staff Member of the Month – Pamela Andersen, Adult Education IT Technology Coordinator

Cindy Lavalette invited Sashi Govin up to recognize Pamela Andersen. Mrs. Govin came before the Board to say a few nice words about Mrs. Andersen. She read a few comments from staff members on how helpful and well respected Mrs. Andersen is. Mrs. Andersen is always willing to help coworkers and students with any questions they may have. Mrs. Lavalette and Mrs. McKay also said kind words and thanked Mrs. Andersen for all she does.

Mrs. Andersen thanked the Board of Education, Administrators, Mrs. Govin and coworkers. She spoke about how passionate she is about teaching adults and technology. She also stated how grateful she is to be a part of the Wallingford Community and proud to be a teacher. She thanked and introduced her family and thanked everyone again.

QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

There were no questions asked of the Board.

MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATIONS; DISCUSSION OF ACCEPTANCE OF RETIREMENT; DISCUSSION OF ACCEPTANCE OF LEAVE OF ABSENCE AND DISCUSSION OF CANDIDATE FOR TEACHING POSITION AT 7:15 P.M.

MOTION: HLAVAC, SECOND BY CASTELLI

VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATIONS; DISCUSSION OF ACCEPTANCE OF RETIREMENT; DISCUSSION OF ACCEPTANCE OF LEAVE OF ABSENCE AND DISCUSSION OF CANDIDATE FOR TEACHING POSITION AT 7:15 P.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

BROODER, CASTELLI, DOERR, GLIDDEN, HLAVAC, MCKAY, REYNOLDS

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

LAVALETTE, PARKHURST, MANCUSI

OTHERS PRESENT IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:24 P.M.

MOTION: HLAVAC, SECOND BY CASTELLI

VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:24 P.M.

Meeting reconvened at 7:24 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: HLAVAC, SECOND BY CASTELLI

VOTE: Unanimous approval to accept items 7.1 – 7.16 as listed below.

Approval to Accept Board of Education Minutes dated September 26, 2016

Approval to Accept Special Board of Education Minutes dated October 11, 2016

Approval to Accept Financial Report for September 2016

Approval to Accept Cafeteria Financial Report for September 2016

Approval of Proposed Adoption of New H.S. PreCalculus Unit 8 – Polar

Approval of Proposed Adoption of New H.S. PreCalculus Unit 9 – Sequences

Approval of Proposed Adoption of Revised H.S. Course – Health

Approval of Proposed Adoption of New Physical Education Units – Grades Pre-K to 5

Approval of Proposed Adoption of English Language Arts Performance Indicators

Approval of Proposed Adoption of Mathematics Performance Indicators

Approval of Proposed Adoption of H.S. Probability and Statistics – Units 2 & 3

Approval of Proposed Adoption of H.S. Financial Algebra – Unit 2

Approval of Transfer from Account 100B Contingency to Account 730A New Instructional Equipment - \$87,900.

Approval of Transfer from Account 100B Contingency to Account 330C Prof/Tech Services- Athletic Trainers - \$22,500.

Approval of Transfer from Account 100B Contingency to Account 410B Utilities – Water/Sewer – \$20,703.

Approval of Transfer from Account 100B Contingency to Account 431A Custodial Cleaning Services - \$20,368.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

There were no items removed from the Consent Agenda.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mrs. Hlavac reported that a thank you note was received from Ann Ruotolo for a floral piece sent in memory of her husband, Tony Ruotolo who was the former Principal of Lyman Hall High School.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A.C.E.S. Representative

Ms. Hlavac reported the following: The ACES Governing Board met on October 13, 2016. The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted. Patrice McCarthy, Deputy Director and General Counsel for CABA addressed the Governing Board regarding the ruling in the CCJEF case. Other issues discussed under the Executive Director's Report included: the anticipated magnet school funding reduction of 6.5% from the State, magnet schools tuitions, and upcoming teacher negotiations. The Governing Board approved the filing of the fiscal reports (subject to audit) and authorized the acceptance of resignations, confirmation of retirements, leaves of absence, and the hiring of staff/transfers/position changes as detailed on the Human Resources Report. The monthly Early Head Start report was approved. The Governing Board approved as complete the Village School Roof Project #244-0041 and the Mill Road School Roof Project #244-0042. Under Old Business, The Curriculum and Instruction Report was provided by Erika Forte the Assistant Executive Director. She reviewed information regarding the Educator Evaluation and Support

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Plan and Summer Academy. There was an extensive discussion regarding the proposed regional calendar. The proposed calendar was rejected and members of the ACES Governing Board will contact their respective Boards of Education and Superintendents to address the concerns about the calendar. Policies provide for a first reading included: policy 41111 Recruitment and Selection, policy 5131.6 Alcohol Use, Drugs and Tobacco (including Performance Enhancing Substances) and policy 4148.2 Health Insurance. There are 96 Wallingford students attending ACES programs.

Wintergreen Magnet School Steering Committee

Mr. Parkhurst stated there was discussion of how WIMS is ranked, what the categories are for accountability measures. They are racial breakdown, SBAC scores, discipline issues, their School Improvement Plan and how they use the School Improvement Plan to configure grade determination. He also stated they are in the process of starting to align their curriculum to the Smarter Balance Assessment.

School to Career Representative / Business Think Tank

Mr. Parkhurst reported there was no meeting.

PTAC Update

Mr. Parkhurst reported that last Tuesday night a System-wide PTAC meeting was held and the meeting was well attended. There was one agenda item which was a discussion about Mastery-Based Learning and the proposed revision to the timeline. There was a presentation of the timeline and then an open discussion. Comments fell into a few areas. One that was predominately a concern of parents was the consistency among teachers with the initial role out of Mastery-Based Learning. Another concern was regarding the Habits of Work and how that is playing out in terms of students and the actual reporting of it. Additional concerns were regarding the impact on Juniors and Seniors as they prepare for their college years. There was some concerns about PowerSchool and the way we are tracking the grades and as using it as measurement tool in Mastery-Based Learning. The update will be taken to the Administrative Team to be discussed and then will be discussed further along with the revision to the timeline at the Special Instructional Committee meeting on November 2, 2016.

Lyman Hall Athletic Complex Improvement Committee

Mr. Deptula reported that they have not met and he will have the final report in December.

Plan of Conservation Development

Mr. Reynolds reported there has not been a meeting.

Food Services Strategic Plan Committee

Mr. Arum reported that the next Food Services Strategic Plan Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 15th.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business brought before the Board.

INSTRUCTIONAL COMMITTEE

Mrs. Doerr reported at the last Instructional Committee meeting Mrs. Duthie gave a presentation regarding the NEASC Report. They discussed three components of Mastery-Based Learning, Habits of Work, refinement of homework and elimination of extra credit, which directly impacts grading and reporting. K-8, 3-D Learning Program and a Research Study for Learning was also discussed at the meeting.

Mastery-Based Learning Update

Mr. Parkhurst reported that in reference to the proposed Mastery-Based Learning revision timeline that there have been numerous meetings with administrative groups, all levels of the teacher's union as well as parent groups. They will meet again with the administrators on Thursday and again with the Board of Education on November 2nd.

Proposed Deletion of Policy IHG – Independent Study

Mr. Parkhurst reported that we had students who wanted to engage in more than one credit of Independent Study. The proposal is to eliminate Policy IHG – Independent Study and replace it with new policy Multiple Pathways – 6146.13

Proposed Adoption of New Policy: Multiple Pathways – 6146.13

Mr. Parkhurst reported that the new policy would replace Policy IHG – Independent Study. This new policy will allow for students to demonstrate learning in multiple ways. It also requires students in grades 6-12 to have a student success plan. The approval and certification on this policy still holds that the options have to be approved by administrators, teachers, staff and parents which ties into the independent study. This new policy does not set a limit to the number of credits that can be taken, the old policy had a limit of one credit per year.

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION, WITH REGRET, OF JOHANN RENE, EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 24, 2016.

MOTION: DOERR, SECOND BY GLIDDEN

VOTE: Unanimous approval that the Board of Education accept, with regret, the resignation of **Johann Rene** effective November 24, 2016.

Johann Rene has been a Family Consumer Science teacher at Mark T. Sheehan High School since August 2012.

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION, WITH REGRET, OF JULIE FOSS, EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 1, 2016.

MOTION: DOERR, SECOND BY GLIDDEN

VOTE: Unanimous approval that the Board of Education accept, with regret, the resignation of **Julie Foss** effective November 1, 2016.

Julie Foss has been an Assistant Principal of Moran Middle School since August 2012.

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF RETIREMENT, WITH REGRET, OF MARISUE PAYNE, EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 31, 2016.

MOTION: DOERR, SECOND BY GLIDDEN

VOTE: Unanimous approval that the Board of Education accept, with regret, the retirement of **Marisue Payne** effective October 31, 2016.

Marisue Payne has been a Special Education teacher for the Wallingford Public Schools since January 2003.

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF LEAVE OF ABSENCE, FOR ELEANOR KIRKPATRICK WITHOUT PAY FROM NOVEMBER 23, 2016 THROUGH NOVEMBER 30, 2016

MOTION: DOERR, SECOND BY GLIDDEN

VOTE: Unanimous approval that a leave of absence for **Eleanor Kirkpatrick**, be approved, without pay, and in accordance with the provision of the current teachers' contract from November 23, 2016 through November 30, 2016.

APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF CANDIDATE TO TEACHING POSITION

MOTION: DOERR, SECOND BY GLIDDEN

VOTE: Unanimous approval the Board of Education approve the appointment of the following candidate to a teaching position for the 2016-2017 school year, contingent upon proper Connecticut certification, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools:

Pupil Personnel Department

Speech & Language Pathologist - Rebecca Banning
Integrated Preschool

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Mr. Brooder gave the report. He stated the Board of Education and Cafeteria Financial Reports were discussed as well as budget transfers. There was also discussion on the budget process.

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. McKay stated there was no new business to report.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday, November 2, 2016
Friday, November 4, 2016

Special Instructional Committee
LHHS–Sports Complex Naming
Ceremony

**Board of Education
Conference Room
100 South Turnpike Road**

6:00 p.m.
5:00 p.m.

Monday, November 7, 2016
Monday, November 14, 2016
Wednesday, November 23, 2016
Thursday, November 24, 2016

Operations Committee
Instructional Committee
Samaha Bowl – Sheehan
Carini Bowl – LHHS

7:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m.
2:30 p.m.
10:30 a.m.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Monday, November 28, 2016

Board of Education

Robert Parisi
Town Council Chambers
7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. McKay adjourned the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

Secretary

Mike Votto

