

**WALLINGFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
45 SOUTH MAIN STREET, WALLINGFORD
MONDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2014**

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 Vice Chairman Joe Marrone at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

BROODER, CASTELLI, CEI, HLAVAC, MARRONE, VOTTO

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

MCKAY, MILLER, SHORTELL

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

MENZO, LAVALETTE, WINTERS, VEILLEUX, DEPTULA, MANCUSI, MCCULLY

STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

Josh Flynn, from Mark T. Sheehan High School, reported for Michaela Mendygral in her absence as listed below.

- As the fall season rolled in, so did many events at Sheehan.
- Student Council promoted Red Ribbon Week by urging the school to wear red Friday for drug awareness
- We are in preparation for Halloween, making posters and ensuring the school is aware to put on their best costume that morning
- Administrators Mr. Dirkson and Mr. Ives are collaborating ideas for Veterans' Day. Several students ask other classmates some questions pertaining to Veteran's Day, varying from the significance of this day to whether the student knows anyone who has served.
- Spirit Week is coming up and we will be choosing what to wear for several days
- Powder Puff is off to a strong start, the girls have had practice the past two weekends and the boys held their first official practice after school today
- Student Council members and other students will be leaf raking in November for the elderly

Kimberly Flynn, Student Board representative from Lyman Hall High School, came before the Board to give her report.

- Freshman Leadership Conference
- Lyman Hall will hold Haunted Hallways this Friday.
- Students will be participating in the leaf raking day for the elderly
- There is planning going on for Homecoming to take place at the end of November
- Holiday for Giving fundraiser to give food to the needy
- All student are excited about Powder Puff
- Boys soccer, girls volleyball and girls swimming have all been a success
- Last week the Marching Band won the State Championship

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Recognition of Staff Members of the Month – Laura Baur, Angela Buccheri

Dr. Menzo said he will recognize staff members of the month who have gone above and beyond. He recognized Laura Baur who is a teacher at Lyman Hall who is being recognized for her work on NEASC, her work on curriculum writing and her willingness to be on a management team. She was unable to be here tonight.

Dr. Menzo called Angela Buccheri, a teacher at Highland Elementary School, before the Board. He said Angela works on curriculum writing, the report card committee and helps coordinate the students who come from UCONN to volunteer in the classrooms.

Recognition of Boy's Track Team – Sheehan High School

Coach Farley recognized the Sheehan boys for winning the State Track Championship. The boys team Members were: Carl Verch, Matt Baum, Bryan Allen, Griffin Cobb, Jon Cantone, Chris Dickey, Ian Mayne, Nate Christensen, and pat Guerrette. The students were presented with certificates. He also recognized the assistant coaches, Liz Gagliardi and Dale Nosel.

Recognition of Srivani Agnihotram for winning the 2014 Connecticut School Bus Safety Poster Contest

Srivani was the Connecticut first place winner for her poster. Her poster will now go to the national contest. He said October is bus safety month and he reminded parents about bus safety. He stated that the police department is also working with fining people for passing busses when they are stopped. He presented Srivani with a certificate of excellence and a \$50 gift certificate also.

Presentation of Preschool TV Show

Vicki Reed, Tina Kell, Kristina Kiely, Sarah Reynolds and Sunnie Lovelace from the Wallingford Public Library came before the Board to present the preschool T.V. Show "Sunnie Days". Dr. Menzo reported that he hopes the Wallingford Education Foundation will fund this program so that it can continue.

Dr. Menzo noted this pilot episode of Sunnie Days will be on Channel 19 in November.

Mr. Votto stated that Kristina Kiely is a semi-finalist in the Connecticut Teacher of the Year Program.

QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

There were no questions asked.

EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF RATIFICATION OF AGREEMENT WITH THE UPSEU WALLINGFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION SECRETARIES; DISCUSSION OF APPROVAL OF CANDIDATE(S) TO TEACHING POSITION(S); DISCUSSION OF APPROVAL OF LEAVES OF ABSENCE; DISCUSSION OF APPROVAL TO ACCEPT A RETIREMENT; AND DISCUSSION OF CANDIDATE(S) FOR SCHOOL NURSE POSITION AT 7:36 P.M.

MOTION: HLAVAC, SECOND BY VOTTO

VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF RATIFICATION OF AGREEMENT WITH THE UPSEU WALLINGFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION SECRETARIES; DISCUSSION OF APPROVAL OF CANDIDATE(S) TO TEACHING POSITION(S); DISCUSSION OF APPROVAL OF LEAVES OF ABSENCE; DISCUSSION OF APPROVAL TO ACCEPT A RETIREMENT; AND DISCUSSION OF CANDIDATE(S) FOR SCHOOL NURSE POSITION AT 7:36 P.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

BROODER, CASTELLI, CEI, HLAVAC, MARRONE, VOTTO

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MENZO, LAVALETTE, WINTERS, VEILLEUX, DEPTULA, MANCUSI, MCCULLY

MOTION TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:13 P.M.

MOTION: VOTTO, SECOND BY CASTELLI

VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:13 P.M.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: VOTTO, SECOND BY CASTELLI

VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL TO ACCEPT ITEMS 7.1 – 7.13 AS LISTED BELOW

- Approval to Accept Board of Education Minutes dated September 22, 2014
- Approval to Accept Special Board of Education Minutes dated September 23, 2014
- Approval to Accept Special Board of Education Minutes dated October 6, 2014
- Approval to Accept Special Board of Education Minutes dated October 6, 2014
- Approval to Accept Special Board of Education Minutes dated October 7, 2014
- Approval to Accept Special Board of Education Minutes dated October 7, 2014
- Approval of Lyman Hall High School Trip to Yamaha Cup Marching Band Competition in New Jersey on November 1, 2014
- Approval of Lyman Hall High School Trip to Disney World's On Stage Music Performance Program at Disney World in Florida – April 8 – 12, 2015
- Approval of Sheehan High School Trip to World Language Program in Quebec, Canada – April 22-25, 2015
- Approval to Accept the Cafeteria Financial Report for August 2014 and September 2014
- Approval to Accept the Board of Education Financial Report for September 2014
- Approval to Accept Transfer from Account #430Z – Repairs & Maintenance – other to Account #490B – Purchased Property Services – Beepers for \$2,100
- Approval to Accept GIFT of Monetary donation of \$2,000 to sponsor the Food Truck from the Wallingford Education Foundation

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

There were no items removed from the Consent Agenda

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Votto reported that correspondence was received from the State Board of Education announcing that Kristina Kiely has been chosen as a semifinalist in the Connecticut Teacher of the Year Program. He also reported that we are being recognized by CABE announcing the CABE 2014 for the Award of Excellence for the Educational Communications contest. The list showed that Wallingford won Honorable Mention for the Education Connection Newsletter and the Course Selection guides. Wallingford was the Award Winner for the District Calendar. He also stated that the Wallingford Education Foundation gave a monetary donation of \$2,000 to sponsor the Food Truck.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A.C.E.S. Representative

Mrs. Castelli reported that there is campaigning for the parents to request from the State to get more money for ACES Magnet Schools. The Mill Road School is looking into being purchased by ACES unless a twenty year lease is secured. The Fiscal Report wasn't looking as good because of the enrollment. There was a presentation of the Head Start program. There was approval for ratification of the paras contract.

Wintergreen Magnet School Steering Committee

Mr. Votto reported that the committee meeting scheduled for this Wednesday was cancelled.

School to Career Representative/Business ThinkTank

Dr. Menzo reported that there will be a meeting next month. He said the last meeting was regarding the Capstone Project and discussed internships which will start this year.

Report from Roof Project Committee Representatives

Mr. Deptula reported that there are no updates.

PTAC Update

Dr. Menzo reported was not able to attend the last meeting. He stated there was a long agenda. He announced that there will be a Special Education fair at the Oakdale with over 40 vendors on Tuesday, 10/28 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Lyman Hall Athletic Complex Improvement Committee

Mr. Deptula reported that plans are to be finalized this week. A more in-depth conversation will occur at the November 10, 2014 Operations Committee meeting.

Early Childhood Exploratory Committee

There was a discussion about this committee among Dr. Menzo and Board members. Wallingford is investigating applying for the Smart Start Grant.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business brought before the Board.

INSTRUCTIONAL COMMITTEE

Presentation of Proposed Adoption of Revised Policy: Student Conduct on School Transportation – 5131.1

Dr. Menzo reported that this policy was revised to include language addressing cameras inside the school busses.

Presentation of Proposed Adoption of Revised Policy: Suspension and Expulsion – 5114

Dr. Menzo reported that this policy was a statutory requirement.

Presentation of Proposed Adoption of Revised Policy: Nondiscrimination – 0521

Dr. Menzo stated that the statutory requirement is the reason for the revision.

RATIFICATION OF AGREEMENT WITH THE UPSEU WALLINGFORD BOARD OF EDUCATIONAL SECRETARIES

MOTION: CEI, SECOND BY HLAVAC

VOTE: Unanimous approval that the Board of Education ratifies the agreement with the UPSEU Wallingford Board of Educational Secretaries from October 1, 2013 through June 30, 2016.

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

MOTION: CEI, SECOND BY HLAVAC

VOTE: Unanimous approval that the Board of Education approves the appointment of the following candidate to teaching position for the 2014-2015 school year, contingent upon proper Connecticut certification, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools:

Parker Farms/Pond Hill School

Oxana Hudson - ELL/TESOL

APPROVAL OF LEAVE OF ABSENCE, FOR DANIELLE SALA, WITHOUT PAY AND BENEFITS

MOTION: CEI, SECOND BY HLAVAC

VOTE: Unanimous approval that a *leave of absence for **Denielle Sala**, be approved, without pay and benefits, and in accordance with the provision of the current teachers' contract.

*The leave is personal and confidential. **Denielle Sala** is requesting a leave of absence after her maternity leave from approximately February 9, 2015 until the end of the 2014-2015 school year. Denielle is a grade six reading and math interventionist at Dag Hammarskjold Middle School.

APPROVAL OF LEAVE OF ABSENCE, FOR MICHELE DWYER, WITHOUT PAY AND BENEFITS

MOTION: CEI, SECOND BY HLAVAC

VOTE: Unanimous approval that a *leave of absence for **Michele Dwyer**, be approved, without pay and benefits, and in accordance with the provision of the current teachers' contract.

*The leave is personal and confidential. **Michele Dwyer** is requesting a leave of absence after her maternity leave from approximately mid-December to the beginning of February. Michele is a part time math teacher at Sheehan High School.

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF RETIREMENT OF PAMELA KROMBEL, WITH REGRET, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 20, 2015

MOTION: CEI, SECOND BY HLAVAC

VOTE: Unanimous approval that the Board of Education accept, with regret, the retirement of **Pamela Krombel**, effective January 20, 2015.

Pamela Krombel has been a Social Worker for the Wallingford Public Schools since September 1978.

Rob Mancusi, Pupil Personnel Director, said a few kind words about Pam Krombel.

APPROVAL OF CANDIDATE FOR SCHOOL NURSE POSITION

MOTION: CEI, SECOND BY HLAVAC

VOTE: Unanimous approval that the Board of Education approves the appointment of the following candidate to a school nurse position for the 2014-2015 school year, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools:

Judith DeRosa - Highland School

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Report on Operations Committee meeting

Mr. Brooder reported that the meeting took place on October 13, 2014. He said there was discussion about the cafeteria report, the financial report and a couple of transfers.

ADMINISTRATION

Administrative Report

Dr. Menzo gave his administrative report as listed below.

- There will be a meeting at the Town Library for Red Ribbon Week on the results of the Risky Behavior Survey that was conducted last year. The entire survey will be reviewed at the November 3, 2014 Instructional Committee meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday, 11/03/14 Instructional Committee
Monday, 11/10/14 Operations Committee

Board Conference Room

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

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday, 11/24/14 Board of Education

Town Council Chambers

7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Marrone adjourned the meeting at 9:02 p.m.

Secretary

Mike Votto