

**WALLINGFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS – TOWN HALL
45 SOUTH MAIN STREET, WALLINGFORD
MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2015
6:00 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

Chairperson Roxane McKay called the meeting to order at 6:00 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, MCKAY, SHORTELL, VOTTO

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

BOLAT

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

MENZO, PARKHURST, LAVALETTE, WINTERS, MANCUSI, WONG, DEPTULA, NAPOLITANO

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

There were no awards presented at this meeting

QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

There were no questions asked of the Board.

MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF LEAVES OF ABSENCE AND DISCUSSION OF RATIFICATION OF AGREEMENT WITH THE EDUCATIONAL ADMINISTRATORS' ASSOCIATION OF WALLINGFORD AT 6:05 P.M.

MOTION: MARRONE, SECOND BY SHORTELL

VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF LEAVES OF ABSENCE AND DISCUSSION OF RATIFICATION OF AGREEMENT WITH THE EDUCATIONAL ADMINISTRATORS' ASSOCIATION OF WALLINGFORD AT 6:05 P.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

BROODER, CASTELLI, CEI, HLAVAC, MARRONE, MCKAY, SHORTELL, VOTTO

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MENZO, PARKHURST, LAVALETTE

MOTION TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:07 P.M.

MOTION: MARRONE, SECOND BY VOTTO

VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:07 P.M.

STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

Sheehan High School Student Board representative, Isabelle Fazzina, came before the Board to give her report as listed below.

- The last month at Sheehan High School has been a successful one this month
- A blood drive had over 50 participants
- A college fair to help seniors who are getting ready for college and juniors to give them an incentive for next year
- This week Sheehan sports are playing their last games in their regular seasons. Most will be preparing for post seasons
- On Friday students will be encouraged to dress up for Halloween to compete for spirit points
- There will be a canned food drive on November 4th
- There will be leaf raking for seniors in the community on Veteran's Day
- A Waffle Project drive for U.S. Air Force is being held
- Spirit Week begins on November 19th
- Preparation for the Powder Puff and the Thanksgiving games are under way

Lyman Hall High School Student Board representative, Logan Metzger, gave his report also

- He wished luck to the Lyman Hall Swimming and Diving teams as they are at a meet against Sheehan right now.
- PTAC is off to a good start. They recently decided to host a Special Presentation before each meeting. Student representatives will be presenting at the November meeting. The Wallingford Police Department will be holding a seminar on Social Media Danger at the meeting in February. At the May meeting, the Wallingford Police Department and the Coalition for a Better Wallingford will be presenting on drinking and the law to coincide with Prom and Survive the Drive.
- On October 14th, the PSAT was held, the Leadership Academy met and the senior photos took place.
- The 8th graders from Dag visited today and they will visit again tomorrow. The tours went exceptionally well.

- FFA is preparing for their trip to Louisville, KY from Tuesday to Saturday
- This Friday is our annual Haunted Hallways and the posters look excellent
- National Honor Society will be holding their induction ceremony on November 18th.
- Homecoming is coming up on November 20th and the next day is the Craft Fair.
- The field is on schedule. We plan to hold a sort of ceremony for its completion immediately before the Powder Puff match.
- The epic Dodgeball tournament is going to be held on November 19th.
- Signups for Lyman Halls new Ultimate Frisbee team have continued this week and we just reached our minimum number of players today.
- The faculty is planning to have a few tailgate events prior to football games and they along with the WOBmob have been doing an excellent job of attending extracurricular events

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: MARRONE, SECOND BY BROODER

VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL OF ITEMS 7.1 – 7.18 ON THE CONSENT AGENDA AS LISTED BELOW

Approval to Accept Special Board of Education Minutes dated September 28, 2015

Approval to Accept Board of Education Minutes dated September 28, 2015

Approval to Accept Financial Report for September 2015

Approval to Accept Cafeteria Financial September 2015

Proposed Approval of Lyman Hall H.S. Ski Trip to Loon Mountain in Lincoln, NH – March 18-20, 2016

Proposed Approval of Lyman Hall H.S. Band Trip to Virginia Beach, VA – March 31, 2016 to April 3, 2016

Proposed Approval of Lyman Hall H.S. Trip to France and Italy – April 8 – 17, 2016

Proposed Approval of Lyman Hall H.S. & Sheehan H.S. Trip to Quebec City, Canada – March 11 - 14, 2016

Approval to Accept **GIFT** of Monetary donation to the Wallingford Public Schools – 21st Century Innovation Project from Mr. Chris Ulbrich – Ulbrich Stainless Steel & Specialty Metals in the amount of \$5,000

Approval to Accept **GIFT** of Monetary donation to the Wallingford Public Schools – 21st Century Innovation Project from Mr. James Augur, Vice President, Anthem Blue Cross-Blue Shield of Connecticut in the amount of \$2500.

Approval to Accept **GIFT** of Monetary donation to Lyman Hall High School Food Service/ Culinary Program from Margaret Stalker, Twin Oak Farms Road, Wallingford \$1,000.

Approval to Accept **GIFT** of Monetary donation to the 21st Century Innovation Project from White Way Laundry, Inc, Tom and George Grasser in the amount of \$2,500

Approval to Accept **GIFT** of a hospital bed with bed controls to the Lyman Hall CNA Program From Masonic Healthcare Center \$700

Approval of Proposed Adoption of New Middle School Physical Education Curriculum

Approval of Proposed Adoption of New Grade 8 ELA Unit: Position papers – Research and Argument and Parent Notification Letter

Approval of Proposed Adoption of New Grade 9 Literary Themes and Genres Unit 2: Choices and Consequences

Approval of Proposed Adoption of New Grade 10 World Literature Unit 2: War & Revolution

Approval of Proposed Adoption of New Grade 11 American Literature Unit 2: Evolution of American Culture

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

There were no items removed from the Consent Agenda

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Votto recognized some of the gifts that were donated that are listed on the Consent Agenda for Board approval.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A.C.E.S. Representative

Mrs. Castelli reported she attended the ACES Governing Board meeting where there was discussion about the focus group that the state wants to help create a five year plan. She said there is also an online survey for Connecticut residents to take. The fiscal report is in the red and is higher than past years. The ACES regional calendar for 2016-2017 was approved and the only concern was the April vacation schedule. There was an evaluation of the Central office staff.

Wintergreen Magnet School Steering Committee

Mr. Parkhurst announced that there is a meeting this Wednesday.

Mr. Votto reported that he attended the last meeting where the Wintergreen Principal reported on the beginning of the school year. He reported that she said the numbers are down.

School to Career Representative/Business Think Tank

Dr. Menzo attended that meeting. He reported that Mr. Mayer from BYK gave some great information.

PTAC Update

Dr. Menzo reported that the meeting last week had over 30 parents in attendance. He said this was a good opportunity to share a lot of information. He announced the next meeting is on November 17. He stated that there will be a wellness presentation and a presentation on the Balanced Score Card.

Lyman Hall Athletic Complex Improvement Committee

Mr. Deptula reported that there are some problems with getting the field completed before the games. He stated that they may apply a surface coating to the new track so that the Powder Puff game can still be played at Lyman Hall. He also announced that the lines can be painted on the track but no cleats can be used on the track. He thinks it would be feasible to do the rest of the work in the summer.

Plan of Conservation Development

Mr. Bolat was absent and there was no update made.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business brought before the Board.

INSTRUCTIONAL COMMITTEE

Proposed Adoption of Parent Notification Letter for Independent Reading

Mr. Parkhurst distributed a copy of the district letter combined with the parent notification for Independent Reading on the other side. There was discussion among the Board and a consensus was made to send the letter to the Instructional Committee meeting.

Proposed Adoption of Revised Policy: School Year, School Day, and School Calendar – IC

Mr. Parkhurst explained that the one change made was full day kindergarten

Proposed Adoption of Revised Policy: Suspension and Expulsion – 5114

Mr. Parkhurst stated that the change is on page four under Record of Suspension.

Mrs. Hlavac requested that this policy be cross reference with Policy JGD.

Proposed Adoption of Revised Regulation: Request for Reconsideration of Instructional Materials – IIAF-R

Mr. Parkhurst remarked that the suggested changes are in bold.

Sec. 2.1 The sentence was deleted; Sec. 2.2 by the principal was added. Sec. 2.3 the word joint was Added. There was discussion among Board members. Joe Marrone suggested this not be put on the Consent Agenda at the next meeting but more discussion ensue and placed on the next Instructional Committee meeting agenda.

Proposed Adoption of Revised Form: Citizen’s Request for Removal of Educational Materials

Mr. Parkhurst reported there are two changes. They include the published date and the wording “Please complete reverse side”.

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR KRISTIN ROBYN, WITHOUT PAY AND BENEFITS, FROM APPROXIMATELY JUNE 23, 2016 UNTIL THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

MOTION: CEI, SECOND BY SHORTELL

VOTE: Unanimous approval that a leave of absence for **Kristin Robyn** be approved, without pay and benefits, and in accordance with the provision of the current teachers’ contract from approximately June 23, 2016 until the end of the school year if necessary.

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR KRISTI MALER, WITHOUT PAY AND BENEFITS, FROM NOVEMBER 5, 2015 UNTIL JANUARY 27, 2016

MOTION: CEI, SECOND BY SHORTELL

VOTE: Unanimous vote that a leave of absence for **Kristi Maler** not be approved.

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR AMANDA MEYER, WITHOUT PAY AND BENEFITS, FROM NOVEMBER 23, 2015 UNTIL DECEMBER 17, 2015

MOTION: CEI, SECOND BY SHORTELL

VOTE: Unanimous approval that a leave of absence for **Amanda Meyer** be approved, without pay and benefits, and in accordance with the provision of the current teachers' contract from November 23, 2015 until December 17, 2015.

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR CHRISTINA PAHIS KRASNIQI, WITHOUT PAY AND BENEFITS, FROM APPROXIMATELY NOVEMBER 20, 2015 UNTIL THE END OF THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR

MOTION: CEI, SECOND BY SHORTELL

VOTE: Unanimous approval that a leave of absence for **Christina Pahis Krasniqi** be approved, without pay and benefits, and in accordance with the provision of the current teachers' contract from approximately November 20, 2015 until the end of the third marking period of the 2015-2016 school year.

RATIFICATION OF AGREEMENT WITH THE EDUCATIONAL ADMINISTRATION ASSOCIATION OF WALLINGFORD

MOTION: CEI, SECOND BY SHORTELL

VOTE: Unanimous approval that the Board of Education ratifies the agreement with the Education Administrators' Association of Wallingford (2016 - 2019) and submit it to the Town for Approval and Ratification.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Report on Operations Committee meeting

Mr. Brooder reported that there was a brief meeting with discussion about the year to date financial Report and the year to date Food Service financials.

Discussion and Possible Action regarding a donation of Auditorium Seats

Dr. Menzo announced that Holiday Cinemas is renovating their theater and has offered the seats to the School district. The district would just have to pay for the pickup and storage of the seats until they can be installed. The seats are a \$40,000 value and should cost the district less than \$10,000 to pick up and store. The seats could probably be used in the Moran Auditorium.

Mr. Deptula reported that the seats are in relatively good condition and are very comfortable.

MOTION TO ACCEPT DONATION OF AUDITORIUM SEATS FROM HOLIDAY CINEMAS

MOTION: BROODER, SECOND BY SHORTELL

VOTE: Unanimous approval to accept the donation of Auditorium Seats from Holiday Cinemas

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business brought before the Board

ADMINISTRATION

Administrative Report

Dr. Menzo gave his Administrative report as listed below.

- He announced that tomorrow evening there will be a Special Education Fair at the Toyota Oakdale Theater with vendors and resources for parents. He thanked Rob Mancusi for putting this together.
- He stated that Wednesday night at 6:30 p.m. there will be a presentation at the Town Hall as a sponsored by the PTAC regarding hosting parties for underage drinkers. Students attending with parents will earn community service hours.
- He reported that he attended the kickoff for Red Ribbon Week last Friday evening and signed the pledge. He thanked Jane Haffner for working with this. There will be an event on Friday evening at 6:30 that will close the week out.
- He spent last Thursday and Friday with the Capstone Project students.
- He reported that the middle school Innovation teachers are developing curriculum units to potentially distribute to other schools.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday, November 9	Operations Committee	Vo-Ag Community Room	6:00 p.m.
	Instructional Committee	Vo-Ag Community Room	immediately following
Monday, December 7	Instructional Committee	Vo-Ag Community Room	6:00 p.m.
Monday, December 14	Operations Committee	Vo-Ag Community Room	6:00 p.m.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday, November 23	Board of Education	Town Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.
Monday, December 21	Board of Education	Town Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. McKay adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Mike Votto Secretary