

**WALLINGFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
VO- AG COMMUNITY ROOM – LYMAN HALL
POND HILL ROAD, WALLINGFORD
MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 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 6:10 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLIGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

MANSFIELD, MARRONE, MCKAY, MILLER, VOTTO

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

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

STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

Kaitlyn Marunda, Student Board representatives from Lyman Hall High School, came before the Board to give her report as listed below.

- At the end of last month, Lyman Hall Girls' Powder Puff was victorious against Sheehan in a muddy, well-fought game. Our boys were not quite as successful on Thanksgiving Day for the football game, but they fought hard.
- The fall sports awards night was last Thursday
- Winter sports season is just starting
- Lyman Hall hosted a successful Winter Festival on Saturday, December 7th with fun holiday activities.
- National Honor Society completed a successful Food Drive as a part of the Holiday for Giving. Students donated about 3,000 canned goods in total.
- Lyman Hall has also started up our "Trojan Tutors" service, spearheaded by National Honor Society. Students volunteer during their study halls and after school to help prepare their peers for midterms.
- This Wednesday, the Lyman Hall Music Department will hold their Winter Concert.
- On Thursday, Chorus will visit the Wallingford Senior Center and deliver some holiday cheer by singing to seniors.

- On January 15th, Unified will be holding their performance.
- She wished the Board members Happy Holidays.

Mackenzie Mendygral, Student Board representative from Mark T. Sheehan High School, came before the Board to give her report also.

- Sheehan has kicked off the winter sports.
- The annual canned food drive and toy drive did very well this year.
- Seniors won the spirit wall this year and are leading strong with spirit points
- As senior class members prepare to go off to college with getting the acceptance letters we have been very motivated to keep our grades up so that none of us will have to take finals.
- The Awards night for fall sports is tonight, where many of our sports will be honored for a very good season
- Student Council has been planning our future months where we will be selling dollar hearts in February and the donations will go to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and also one penny donations will go to Cancer Awareness.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Recognition of Mansfield and Patrick Reynolds

Dr. Menzo said that in honor of both Board members who will be leaving he presented bookends to Christine Mansfield and said since Patrick Reynolds was not available his will be delivered. In addition, a book will be donated to Rock Hill for Patrick Reynolds and a book will be donated to Sheehan in Christine Mansfield's name.

Recognition of the Career Technical Education Management Team

Dr. Menzo called Julianne Iaiennaro to the podium who spoke briefly about what the Career Technical Education Management team has accomplished so far. She said they have designed the Wallingford cookie package and the logo for the Hubcap building. She said they are also instrumental in writing the technical education curriculum which is aligned with the Middlesex Community College. She said Auto Cad has also been added with a rigorous curriculum to match. She called each member of the team to the podium and they were presented with a certificate and a small token of appreciation. The members of the team are: Juliann Iaiennaro, Shawn Parkhurst, Nicholas Brown, Maggie Koziura-Vitali, Alan Oblon, Donna Dysinger, Bill Notation, Josh Lambert, Damon Quinn, Alan Riggs, and John Cerreta.

Recognition of the Parent SEE Group (Parents Supporting Educational Excellence)

Dr. Menzo began by saying that the group took on the challenge of meeting over a period of ten weeks to learn about the district. He said they are now having brainstorming meetings to figure out how they can get more parents involved. He announced that Arlene Cassello, who oversaw the group, was not available tonight. He called the members to the podium to receive a certificate and a token of appreciation. Members of the group are: Ann Marie Aguiar, Tara Blumentstock, Jenny Cabral, Diane DaVince, Amy Foreman, Adelheid Koepfer, Virginia Mautte, Jaime Murphy, Amy Neal, Felipe Pacheco, Beth Raccio, Tammy Raccio, Rhonda Ranney, Carol Renna, Dorinda Richetelli, April Rudman, Debra Strickland, Ariadna Vazquez, Mabel Wang, Ken Welch, Cheryl Wolansky, Rob Woytowich, and John Zito.

Recognition of Staff Members of the Month

Dr. Menzo explained that other staff members or administrators nominated the recipients. He called each staff member to the podium and presented them with a certificate and a token of appreciation. Staff members of the month were: Donna Wolther, Beth Devaney, Joan Allen, Lynn Onofrio, and Patrick Hubeny.

QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

Ken Welch, President of the Coalition for a Better Wallingford came before the Board to present the Board and Dr. Menzo each with a certificate for helping the Coalition to provide awareness of substance abuse in the town and providing a survey in October during Red Ribbon Week. He said Dr. Menzo and the Board have shown a lot of support.

MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:39 P.M. FOR DISCUSSION OF CANDIDATE FOR TEACHING POSITION AND DISCUSSION OF CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

MOTION: MILLER, SECOND BY MARRONE

VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:39 P.M. FOR DISCUSSION OF CANDIDATE FOR TEACHING POSITION AND DISCUSSION OF CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MANSFIELD, MARRONE, MCKAY, MILLER, VOTTO

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MENZO, PARKHURST, MCNAMARA

MOTION TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:42 P.M.

MOTION: MILLER, SECOND BY MARRONE

VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:42 P.M.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: MARRONE, SECOND BY MILLER

VOTE: Unanimous approval to accept items 7.2 through 7.20 as listed below.

Approval to Accept Special BOE **Minutes** dated November 25, 2013

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Approval to Accept Special BOE **Minutes** dated December 9, 2013

Approval to Accept **Cafeteria Financial Report** for November 2013

Approval to Accept **Board of Education Financial Report** for November 2013

Approval to Accept **GIFT** from Dr. Mark Driscoll, Life Sciences Corporation, Branford, CT to Lyman Hall High School – Science Department – PCR Thermal Cycler \$900

Approval to Accept **GIFT** from BYK USA Inc., Wallingford to the Innovation Team \$10,000

Approval to Accept **GIFT** from Westfield Meriden, Lou Grillo, 470 Lewis Avenue, Meriden, CT to HUBCAP Project \$12,000
Approval of Proposed Deletion of H.S. Course – Eastern Civilization
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Approval of Proposed Modification of H.S. Course – Advanced Placement European History
Approval of Proposed Modification of H.S. Course – Sociology
Approval to Accept **Transfer** from Account #100B – Contingency to Account #330B-Prof/Tech Computers \$82,907
Approval to Accept **Transfer** from Account #100B – Contingency to Account #730A – New Instructional Equipment \$45,000
Approval to Accept **Transfer** from Account #100B – Contingency to Account #430N – Repairs & Maintenance – Mechanical \$30,223
Approval to Accept **Transfer** from Account #100B – Contingency to Account #730A – New Instructional Equipment \$15,000
Approval to Accept **Transfer** from Account #100B – Contingency to Account #330B – Prof/Tech – Computers \$ 6,504
Approval to Accept Transfer from Account #100B – Contingency to Account #890D-Other Expenses – Board of Education
Approval of the 12 Month Testing for Insurance Healthcare
Approval of Adoption of Revised Policy – Field Trips and Community Service - 6153

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

No items were removed from the Consent Agenda

INSTRUCTIONAL COMMITTEE

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION

MOTION: MANSFIELD, SECOND BY MARRONE

VOTE: Unanimous approval that the Board of Education accept, with regret, the resignation of Jennifer Olsen, effective as of a mutually agreed upon date.

Jennifer Olsen has been an ESL (English as a Second Language) Teacher at the elementary Level since August, 2005.

APPROVAL OF LEAVE OF ABSENCE FROM JANUARY 15 THROUGH FEBRUARY 5, 2014, WITHOUT PAY AND BENEFITS

MOTION: MANSFIELD, SECOND BY MARRONE

VOTE: Unanimous approval that a *leave of absence for Emily Banach from January 15 through February 5, 2014, be approved, without pay and benefits, and in accordance with the provisions of the current teachers' contract.

*The leave is personal and confidential. (Emily Banach is on a family medical leave until January 14, 2014, and has requested a leave of absence from January 15 through February 5, 2014.)

APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF CANDIDATE TO TEACHING POSITION

MOTION: MANSFIELD, SECOND BY MARRONE

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

LYMAN HALL HIGH SCHOOL

Rebecca Morris - Special Education

Mrs. McKay, Chairman of the Board, tabled the remaining agenda to the January Board meeting due to the fact that members had to leave and there would no longer be a quorum.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. McKay adjourned the special meeting at 6:48 p.m.

Secretary

Mike Votto

