

**WALLINGFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL
SOUTH MAIN STREET, WALLINGFORD
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 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

Chairperson Roxane McKay called the meeting to order at 7:44 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, MILLER, SHORTELL, VOTTO

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

MENZO, MCNAMARA, DEPTULA, MANCUSI, WINTERS, WONG, NAPOLITANO

STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

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

- The Lyman Hall Community experienced a tragic loss this weekend as Lyman Hall class of 2013 graduate Kaitlyn Carney passed away suddenly in a motor vehicle accident. During her time at Lyman Hall she was cheerleading captain and a member of our Food Service Program and Vo-Ag Programs. I did not know Kaitlyn very well, but whenever I saw her she was always smiling and bringing joy to those around her. Please keep Kaitlyn's family and friends in your thoughts and prayers.
- Tomorrow, Lyman Hall will hold its Safe Driving Assembly that was scheduled prior to this terrible event. Administrators decided it would be best to continue on with the assembly in hopes that it will bring even more awareness about the consequences of distracted driving. Any student that is uncomfortable attending the event will be excused.
- In other news, our school system has been subject to many cancellations due to inclement weather. However, that is not stopping our academics or our sports team. Chris Ruggerio was ranked #1 in the State for the Shot Put and our Girls Basketball team qualified for States. We are still waiting on hockey and boys swimming.

Mackenzie Mendygral, Student Board Representative from Mark T. Sheehan High School, gave her report as listed below.

- In the last month Sheehan hosted a Pasta Dinner for Connor Reed who has been in the hospital but is on the road to recovery after being stricken of sudden illness. The turnout was many Sheehan's students and clubs helped host along with parents. There were many food donations. The turnout was huge with 600 people showing up just half way through.
- There will be a Faculty Slam Basketball game between Sheehan and Lyman Hall. Student Council is helping to advertise it.
- There will be a Peanut Butter and Jelly Food Drive where Sheehan hopes to raise a lot of food for people in need.
- In the month of March through April there will be a three week event where Student Council is raising pennies for Leukemia and Lymphoma patients.
- We are just now finishing the Cystic Fibrosis heart sale where hearts were a dollar each and were hung in senior court.
- Student Council also plans on designing and selling Sheehan lanyards soon to all students, faculty and staff.
- In sports, Michaela Mendygral and Griffin Cobb will be going to New England's in Boston this Saturday.
- Today, the Boy's Basketball Team has their regular season game at Hamden.
- The Girls' Basketball Team has the State Tourney's first game on March 4th, while Sheehan took the win at the Lyman Hall vs. Sheehan game this weekend.
- Sheehan Hockey hit 12 wins for the first time since the 2007-2008 season.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

RECOGNITION OF SCIENCE MANAGEMENT TEAM

Laurie Moreno came before the Board and gave a presentation on the two main initiatives, professional development for grade 6-12 Science teachers and the Common Core Alignment. The team has also developed a Google site and she spoke about the Next Generation Science Standards. She called the members of the Science Management team to the front to receive certificates from Mrs. McKay. Members of the Science Management Team are: Rosemary Duthie, Shelley Acquarulo, Chris Baker, Ruby Hsu, Sandra Hudson, Crystal LaVoie, Jean Witz, Deb Young, Karen Zeman, Kim Bloom, Lori Farkash, George Giacco, Michael Lavoie and Chris Stone.

RECOGNITION OF LILY SCHUMACHER, WINNER OF THE 2013 FIRE PREVENTION POSTER CONTEST

Dr. Menzo called Lily before the Board and presented her with a certificate of excellence. He announced that there will be a special celebration by the Fire Department's Carmen Rao with Dr. Menzo on February 26, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.

RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS AND FACULTY ADVISORS IN THE UNIFIED THEATER

Dr. Menzo stated that this is a great opportunity for students in the Special Needs program. He reported that this is the fourth year for the program. This year there were 40 students involved between the cast and crew. Certificates were presented to: Kristina Coppola, Renee Gash, Kellie Kennedy, Lauren Lucibello, Katie Brown, Noah Levesque, Taryn Chester, Paige Eliseo, Mikaela Graziani, and Megan Carroll.

RECOGNITION OF TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT TEAM

Dr. Menzo reported this is one of the largest management teams in the district. He said they are very active and make sure that we are following protocol and standards. Certificates were presented to members of the Technology Management Team. They were: Pamela Andersen, James Andreson, Robert Ariciero, Randy Backus, Bill Baxter, Erin Berthold, Paul Bogush, Patricia Burkett, Laura Clark, Nick DaPonte, Bill Davis, Kristin DePodesta, Julie Foss, Wendy Fredricksen, Francesca Hart, Erin Herpok, Ruby Hsu, Nick Ives, John Zito, Kathy Castelli, David Kimball, Robert Kovi, Carrie LaTorre, Robert Morrison, Anne Mueller, Heather O'Connell, Kathryn O'Donnell, Shawn Parkhurst, Rick Pizzonia, Charlotte Robbins, Joseph Schweighoffer, Donna Wolther, and Lisa-Zolkiewicz Ives. Kate O'Donnell shared a report from Rob Kovi about what the sub committees are doing since Rob Kovi could not attend tonight's meeting. She also reported there will be a District Technology Night to showcase all the different technology that is used in the district. It will take place on April 9th at Lyman Hall High School at 6:30 p.m. She said the next committee meeting is March 11th.

QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

There were no questions brought before the Board.

MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:20 P.M. FOR DISCUSSION OF HEAD COACH POSITION, DISCUSSION OF THE AMENDED TENTATIVE AGREEMENT WITH MANAGER'S UNION AND DISCUSSION OF PARAEDUCATORS CONTRACT

MOTION: MARRONE, SECOND BY HLAVAC

VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:20 P.M. FOR DISCUSSION OF HEAD COACH POSITION, DISCUSSION OF THE AMENDED TENTATIVE AGREEMENT WITH MANAGER'S UNION AND DISCUSSION OF PARAEDUCATORS CONTRACT

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MENZO, MCNAMARA

MOTION TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:58 P.M.

MOTION: VOTTO, SECOND BY MARRONE

VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:58 P.M.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: MARRONE, SECOND BY MILLER

VOTE: Unanimous approval to accept items 7.1 - 7.19 on the Consent Agenda

Approval to Accept Special BOE **Minutes** dated January 27, 2014
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Approval to Accept Special BOE **Minutes** dated February 10, 2014
Approval to Accept Special BOE **Minutes II** dated February 10, 2014
Approval to Accept Special BOE **Minutes** dated February 20, 2014
Approval to Accept **Cafeteria Financial Report** for January 2014
Approval to Accept **Board of Education Financial Report** for January 2014
Approval to Accept Proposed Adoption of Revised Policy: Graduation Requirements – 6146 (IKF)
Approval to Accept Proposed Adoption of Revised Regulation: Graduation Requirements – 6146a (IKF-R)
Approval to Accept Proposed Adoption of H.S. Course – The Capstone Experience
Approval to Accept Proposed Adoption of H.S. Course – Crash Course in Creativity
Approval of Transfer from Account # 100B-Contingency to Account #739B – Replace Non-Instructional Equipment \$85,000
Approval of Transfer from Account #100B-Contingency to Account #890D – Other Expenses – Board of Education \$1,444
Approval of Transfer from Account #320A – Professional/Educational Services – Staff Development to Account #530C – Communications – Answering Service \$1,084
Approval of Transfer from Account #440A – Rentals – Instructional to Account #611A – Instructional Supplies – Classroom \$2,200
Approval of Transfer from Account #810A – Dues and Fees to Account #324A – Field Trips – Transportation \$4,014
Approval of Transfer from Account #530A – Communications – Telephone to Account #730A – New Instructional Equipment \$3,213
Approval to Accept **GIFT** of LCD Screens for Sinks – HUBCAP Project from Barule Digital Media, Tim Oakes, Avon CT \$2,000
Approval to Accept **GIFT** of Frigerator and Table Top Microwave to HUBCAP Project from Christine Foucault – Foucault’s Furniture, 107 S. Colony St., Wallingford \$899

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

There were no items removed from the Consent Agenda.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Votto reported that gifts were received from Barule Digital Media, Tim Oakes, Avon, CT for LCD Screens for the Sinks at the HUBCAP and a gift of Frigerator and Table Top Microwave to the HUBCAP from Christine Foucault, Foucault’s Furniture in Wallingford.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A.C.E.S. Representative

Mrs. Castelli reported the meeting was snowed out. The next meeting is March 13th.

Wintergreen Magnet School

Dr. Menzo reported this meeting was canceled due to snow also.

School to Career Representative/Business Think Tank

Mr. Miller reported the next meeting is Thursday at 8:00 p.m.

Report from Roof Project Committee Representative

Mr. Marrone reported there has not been a meeting recently.

PTAC Update

Dr. Menzo reported there was discussion of the calendar for next year and there will be a Calendar Committee meeting in March. He said there was also conversation about PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention Support). He stated that Shawn Parkhurst provided some information in that area. He announced the next meeting will be at the HUBCAP on March 10, 2014 at 6:00 prior to the Operations Meeting that evening.

Lyman Hall Athletic Complex Improvement Committee

Mr. Deptula stated there was nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was brought before the Board.

INSTRUCTIONAL COMMITTEE

PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED ADOPTION OF NEW POLICY: AQUATIC ACTIVITY SAFETY-6142.63

Dr. Menzo reported this is the last reading of the new policy. It will go on the Consent Agenda at the next regular Board meeting in March. It has been reviewed by the Board a couple of times.

APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF CANDIDATE TO HEAD COACH POSITION

MOTION: CEI, SECOND BY MILLER

VOTE: Unanimous approval that the Board of Education approve the appointment of the following candidate to a head coach position for the 2013-2014 school year, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools:

Mark T. Sheehan High School

Douglas Sime

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Tennis (Girls')

RATIFICATION OF THE AMENDED TENTATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE MANAGER'S UNION FROM JULY 1, 2013 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2016

MOTION: CEI, SECOND BY MILLER

VOTE: Unanimous approval that the Board of Education ratify the tentative agreement with the Wallingford Managers' Union from July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2016, and submitted to the Town for their approval and ratification.

RATIFICATION OF THE TENTATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE PARAEDUCATORS' UNION FROM JULY 1, 2013 TO JUNE 30, 2016

MOTION: CEI, SECOND BY MILLER

VOTE: Approval that the Board of Education ratify the tentative agreement with the Wallingford Paraeducators' Union from July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2016, and submitted to the Town for their approval and ratification.

Mr. Marrone abstained

Motion passed

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Report on Operations Committee Meeting

Mr. Brooder reported that Operations Committee met on February 18th. He said there was a review of the Cafeteria Financial Report and the Board Financial Report. He stated that the Board Financial report showed a surplus which has been allotted for one time expenditures.

APPROVAL OF BUDGET FOR 2014-2015

MOTION: BROODER, SECOND BY CASTELLI

VOTE: Approval to approve the Budget and send it to the Mayor for his review in the amount Of \$95,231,505 with an increase of 4.36%.

A roll call vote was made.

AFFIRMATIVE: BROODER, CASTELLI, HLAVAC, MCKAY, SHORTELL

NEGATIVE: CEI, MARRONE, MILLER, VOTTO

Votto stated that the reason he voted against it was because he didn't approve of the Kindergarten being phased in for 3 years.

Motion passed

APPROVAL TO ADD A CAPITOL EXPENDITURE FOR \$500,000 SEPARATE AND ABOVE THE PROPOSED EDUCATIONAL BUDGET SOLELY FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING THE LYMAN HALL SPORTS ATHLETIC COMPLEX

MOTION: BROODER, SECOND BY CASTELLI

VOTE: Approval to add a capital expenditure for \$500,000 separate and above the proposed Educational Budget solely for the purpose of funding the Lyman Hall Sports Athletic Complex

A roll call vote was made.

AFFIRMATIVE: BROODER, CASTELLI, CEI, HLAVAC, MARRONE, MCKAY, MILLER, SHORTELL, VOTTO

Motion passed

ADMINISTRATION

Administrative Report

Dr. Menzo gave his report as listed below.

- He displayed the Dominican Republic SAMMY Award which the district received for efforts in helping students be involved, a place to meet and for bringing community members together.
- There is a highlight in the CEA Advisor newsletter "Lessons from Wallingford STEM Students are Out of this World". It's about the STEM project where our students participated in talking with astronauts regarding the Space Station. He said this was a tribute to Chris Stone and our staff. Chris received a significant award from NEA. He congratulated the teachers and students in the program.
- He recognized the maintenance staff and crew for their hard work and collaborative manner to help make the community safe. He said they were also able to help the town crew clear the snow.
- He also thanked the maintenance staff for their work at the HUBCAP in the center of town. He said he is looking forward to having the Operations meeting there on March 10th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Board Conference Room

7:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m. – HUBCAP
5:30 p.m. - HUBCAP

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday, 03/24/14 Board of Education

TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. McKay adjourned the meeting at 9:17 p.m.

Secretary

Mike Votto