

**WALLINGFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS – TOWN HALL
45 SOUTH MAIN STREET, WALLINGFORD
MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 2015
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 7:02 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

BOLAT, CASTELLI, HLAVAC, MARRONE, MCKAY, SHORTELL, VOTTO
CEI entered at 7:08 p.m.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

**MENZO, PARKHUST, LAVALETTE, WINTERS, VEILLEUX, MANCUSI, WONG, DEPTULA,
NAPOLITANO**

STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

During the summer there are no reports from Student Board representatives.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Recognition of Students who Participated in the trip to Argentina

Dr. Menzo explained that the students visited the sister school in Argentina this summer. The students from Argentina came here in March. He called Kim Moore before the Board to present the certificates and talk about what their roles were on the trip. She first called Krithi Govin to the front to present her with a certificate. Kim then called teachers Jennifer Churma, Sara Fallahi, and Christina Brozyna before the Board and presented them with certificates. Sara Fallahi talked about some of the things they did while they were in Argentina. Kim called the students who went on the trip before the Board and presented them with certificates. Students who went on the trip were: Ahmed Said, Cassandra Strickland, Jessie Lopez, Cal Rhodes, Joyce Yang, Matthew Marek, Shannon Bradley, Maggie Brien, Linus Koepfer, Madelyn Severson, Abbie Jagoda, Mark DaVince, Caitlin Jagoda, Kaitlyn Roseberry, Phillippe Recalt, Kate Sabo, Tim Doty, Maisha Azam, Leah McKeegan, and Kahlia Gonzalez. Students who hosted the Argentina students were: Lizzy Lederle, Kairav Maniar, Cassie Myers, Eileen Hinman, Julia Franzik, Willow Mennone, Monica Demers, Mary Fenner, McKenzie Campbell, Elizabeth Stefanski, and Adam Marchi-Guesp.

QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

Ken Welch, 21 Pleasant Street, came before the Board to encourage them to offer a follow-up survey of students in town since the original was completed in 2013.

Larry Morgenstein, Elm Street, invited the Board to attend the Take Back the Neighborhood event on William Street at 6:30 on Tuesday. He also invited them to attend the Coalition meeting at HUBCAP at 6:30 on Thursday.

MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR DISCUSSION OF CANDIDATE(S) FOR TEACHING POSITION(S), DISCUSSION OF APPOINTMENT OF DEPARTMENT HEAD, DISCUSSION OF LEAVE OF ABSENCE AND DISCUSSION OF TENTATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE HEALTH SERVICES PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION AT 7:20 p.m.

MOTION: MARRONE, CASTELLI

VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR DISCUSSION OF CANDIDATE(S) FOR TEACHING POSITION(S), DISCUSSION OF APPOINTMENT OF DEPARTMENT HEAD, DISCUSSION OF LEAVE OF ABSENCE AND DISCUSSION OF TENTATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE HEALTH SERVICES PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION AT 7:20 P.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT IN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT IN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MENZO, PARKHURST, LAVALETTE

MOTION TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AT 7:43 P.M.

MOTION: MARRONE, SECOND BY CASTELLI

VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AT 7:43 P.M.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mrs. McKay removed the item Approval of Proposed Adoption of Grade 9 English Language Arts Anchor Text Book List from the agenda.

MOTION: MARRONE, SECOND BY VOTTO

VOTE: Unanimous approval to accept items on the Consent Agenda as listed below.

- Approval to Accept Board of Education Minutes dated July 27, 2015
- Approval to Accept Special Board of Education Minutes dated July 27, 2015
- Approval to Accept Special Board of Education Minutes dated August 17, 2015
- Approval to Accept GIFT at \$1200 to Yalesville Elementary School from Yalesville-Highland School PTO

MOTION TO DISCUSS THE CONSENT ITEM REMOVED FROM THE LIST

MOTION: HLAVAC, SECOND BY VOTTO

VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL TO DISCUSS THE CONSENT ITEM REMOVED FROM THE LIST

Mrs. Hlavac began by saying that she had asked for the percent of incoming students who performed at, below and above the grade 9 reading level to have before this meeting but did not receive it. Mr. Parkhurst explained that it was not available right now.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Proposed Adoption of Grade 9 English Language Arts Anchor Text Book List

MOTION: VOTTO, SECOND BY HLAVAC

VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL OF PROPOSED ADOPTION OF GRADE 9 ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS ANCHOR TEXT BOOK LIST

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Votto reported that a gift of \$1200 was presented to Yalesville Elementary School from the Yalesville Highland PTO and a thank you note was received from Cindy Lavalette.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A.C.E.S. Representative

Mrs. Castelli reported that the next meeting is scheduled for September 10.

Wintergreen Magnet School Steering Committee

Mr. Parkhurst reported that there was no meeting during the summer.

School to Career Representative/BusinessThinkTank

Dr. Menzo reported that there has been no meeting this month.

PTAC Update

Dr. Menzo reported the first meeting of this school year will be on September 15.

Lyman Hall Athletic Complex Improvement Committee

Mr. Deptula reported that the project is running on schedule and most of the material has been removed from the field. He said next week a curb will be formed and drainage will be installed on the football field.

Plan of Conservation Development

Mr. Bolat said he missed this months meeting since he was away.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business brought before the Board.

INSTRUCTIONAL COMMITTEE**APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF CANDIDATES TO TEACHING POSITIONS****MOTION: CEI, SECOND BY SHORTELL****VOTE:** Unanimous approval that the Board of Education approve the appointment of the following candidates to teaching positions for the 2015-2016 school year, contingent upon proper Connecticut certification, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools:**Pupil Personnel Services**

School Psychologist - Wendie Rodriguez

Mark T. Sheehan High School

.5 Interventionist - Beth Rondo

Highland Elementary School

.5 Pre-Kindergarten - Marianna Trigueiro

Grade 1 - Emily DeHaan

APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF DEPARTMENT HEAD**MOTION: CEI, SECOND BY SHORTELL****VOTE:** Unanimous approval that the Board of Education approve the following named individual as Department Head at Lyman Hall High School for the 2015-2016 school year, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools and contingent upon State of Connecticut Department Chairperson certification. I further move that this appointment be included as part of the minutes of this Board of Education meeting.

Guidance Department Head Susan Lorenzo

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION, WITH REGRET, OF SUSAN HUNT-LAKOSE, EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2015**MOTION: CEI, SECOND BY SHORTELL****VOTE:** Unanimous approval that the Board of Education accept, with regret, the resignation of **Susan Hunt-LaKose**, effective June 30, 2015.**Susan Hunt-LaKose** has been an elementary teacher since August, 2012.**APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION, WITH REGRET, OF AMANDA QUIELLO, EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2015****MOTION: CEI, SECOND BY SHORTELL****VOTE:** Unanimous approval that the Board of Education accept, with regret, the resignation of Amanda Quiello, effective June 30, 2015.

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF RETIREMENT, WITH REGRET, OF SUSAN MUENCHOW, EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2015

MOTION: CEI, SECOND BY SHORTELL

VOTE Unanimous approval that the Board of Education accept, with regret, the retirement of **Susan Muenchow**, effective June 30, 2015.

Susan Muenchow has been a Remedial Specialist, ESL teacher and a Bilingual teacher for the Wallingford Public Schools since August, 1988.

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF LEAVE OF ABSENCE, WITHOUT PAY AND BENEFITS, FROM OCTOBER 5, 2015

MOTION: CEI, SECOND BY SHORTELL

VOTE: Unanimous approval that a leave of absence for **Melissa Tagliatela** be approved, without pay and benefits, and in accordance with the provision of the current teachers' from October 5, 2015 until further notice.

RATIFICATION OF AGREEMENT WITH THE HEALTH SERVICES PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION

MOTION: CEI, SECOND BY SHORTELL

VOTE: Unanimous approval that the Board of Education ratify the agreement with the Health Services Professional Association dated August 10, 2015 (and submitted to the Town for their Approval and Ratification).

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF PARENT NOTIFICATION LETTER FOR ENGLISH LITERATURE

Mr. Parkhurst explained that the reason for the changes was that it was an inconsistent approach of how teachers would send the list of books home and the revisions would make it more consistent. Mr. Cei asked if he could see how other schools do. Mr. Parkhurst explained that it is pretty widespread because some schools list it on their website, some send it home to parents and some do nothing. There was discussion about putting the list out just once and if a book comes up that a parent wants their child to opt out of they would complete the form and send it to the teacher. Concerns were expressed by the Board members about whether to put the list out once or have it sent home with each unit of study. Shawna, a parent, came to the microphone to say that parents want to know what their student is reading and would like to be able to opt out. Holly LaFond came before the Board to say that the list should be put out once and if something looks questionable to a parent they could then say something to the teacher.

APPROVAL TO PUT THE APPROVED LIST OF BOOKS ONLINE; USE EMAIL TO NOTIFY PARENTS THAT THE LIST IS ONLINE; AND SEND HARDCOPIES TO PARENTS WHO HAVE NO ONLINE ACCESS

MOTION: CASTELLI, SECOND SHORTELL

ROLL CALL VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE: BOLAT, CASTELLI, CEI, HLAVAC, MARRONE, MCKAY, SHORTELL, VOTTO

Motion passed

APPROVAL TO HAVE THE LANGUAGE ARTS TEACHERS SEND PARENTS THE ORIGINAL LETTER AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH UNIT OF STUDY

MOTION: VOTTO, SECOND BY SHORTELL

**ROLL CALL VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE: CEI, HLAVAC, MCKAY, SHORTELL, VOTTO
NEGATIVE: BOLAT, CASTELLI, MARRONE**

Motion passed

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Ms. Winters explained that these rates are calculated on the current budget. She said it excludes Special Education and Transportation costs. She reported that the last time these rates were used was in 2001-2002 school year. She said they are adjusted every year. She stated that the rates for Elementary School will be \$11,342, Middle School \$11,872 and High School \$13,062.

APPROVAL OF 2015-2016 TUITION RATES FOR OUT OF DISTRICT STUDENTS

MOTION: MARRONE, SECOND BY CASTELLI

VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL OF THE 2015-2016 TUITION RATES FOR OUT OF DISTRICT STUDENTS

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business brought before the Board.

ADMINISTRATION

Administrative Report

Dr. Menzo gave his administrative report as listed below.

- Tomorrow the Personnel department will hold the New Teacher Orientation at 8:00 a.m.
- Last Thursday Freshman orientation was held at Lyman Hall and Sheehan will hold their orientation tomorrow
- There will be a reception for the new Principal at Lyman Hall, Joseph Corso on Friday from 2:00-4:00 at the Lyman Hall Community room
- #WPSmastery hashtag on Twitter to keep community aware of Mastery-Based Learning
- District Leadership Committee will be meeting. The committee is made up with Mr. Bolat, Kate O'Donnell and Tammy Raccio
- The second cohort of Chinese students had a Bar-B-Q at the Senior Center and will be doing international trade with our students.
- HUBCAP is very successful. There has been at least two success stories of students who used the HUBCAP during their school year in Wallingford.
- The Credit for Life will happen again this year in February.
- Students are in the final stage of putting together the film festival. It will take place the third weekend of October. Students will create a short video and the winner will have their video shown at the local movie theater.
- The Capstone Project will include middle school this year.
- School starts on Monday, August 31st.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday, 09/08/15	Instructional Committee	BOE Conference Room	7:00 p.m.
Monday, 09/14/15	Operations Committee	Vo-Ag Community Room	6:00 p.m.
Monday, 09/14/15	Spec. Board of Education	Vo-Ag Community Room	6:30 p.m.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday, 09/28/15	Board of Education	Town Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.
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ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. McKay adjourned the meeting at 9:21 p.m.

Secretary

Mike Votto