

**WALLINGFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
45 SOUTH MAIN STREET, WALLINGFORD  
MONDAY, AUGUST 25, 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

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mrs. McKay, Chairman of the Board, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

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

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

BROODER, CEI, HLAVAC, MARRONE, MCKAY, MILLER

SHORTELL entered at 7:10 p.m.

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

CASTELLI, VOTTO

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**PRESENTATION OF AWARDS**

There were no presentations made at this meeting

**QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION**

There were no questions brought before the Board.

**MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:11 P.M. FOR DISCUSSION OF CANDIDATES TO TEACHING POSITIONS AND DISCUSSION OF CANDIDATES FOR ATHLETIC DIRECTOR AT SHEEHAN HIGH SCHOOL**

**MOTION: MCKAY, SECOND BY MARRONE**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:11 P.M. FOR DISCUSSION OF CANDIDATES TO TEACHING POSITIONS AND DISCUSSION OF CANDIDATES FOR ATHLETIC DIRECTOR AT SHEEHAN HIGH SCHOOL**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT IN EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**BROODER, CEI, HLAVAC, MARRONE, MCKAY, MILLER, SHORTELL**

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT IN EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**MENZO, PARKHURST, LAVALETTE**

**OTHERS PRESENT IN EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**MANCUSI**

**MOTION TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:32 P.M.**

**MOTION: MARRONE, SECOND BY MILLER**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:32 P.M.**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION: MARRONE, SECOND BY MILLER**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL TO ACCEPT ITEMS 7.1-7.10 AS LISTED BELOW ON THE CONSENT AGENDA**

- Approval to Accept Board of Education **Minutes** dated July 21, 2014
- Approval to Accept Special Board of Education **Minutes** dated July 21, 2014
- Approval to Accept Special Board of Education **Minutes** dated July 22, 2014
- Approval to Accept Special Board of Education **Minutes** dated July 28, 2014
- Approval to Accept Special Board of Education **Minutes** dated August 7, 2014
- Approval to Accept Special Instructional Committee Meeting **Minutes** dated August 7, 2014
- Approval to Accept Special Board of Education **Minutes** dated August 13, 2014
- Approval to Accept **GIFT** of School supplies to Sheehan High School from 3M Supplies for Schools \$1,400
- Approval to Accept **GIFT** of \$20,000 donation from the Rotary Club of Wallingford to Mark T. Sheehan High School – Mahan Planetarium Upgrade \$20,000
- Approval to Accept **GIFT** of \$5,000 from Mr. Chris Ulbrich – Ulbrich Stainless Steel & Special Metals, North Haven, CT to Wallingford Public Schools – 21<sup>st</sup> Century Innovation Project – Implementation Team \$5,000

## **ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA**

There were no items removed from the Consent Agenda

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **A.C.E.S Representative**

There was no report

### **Wintergreen Magnet School Steering Committee**

There was no report

### **School to Career Representative/BusinessThink Tank**

There was no report

### **Report from Roof Project Committee Representative**

Mr. Marrone said there is no report.

### **PTAC Update**

Dr. Menzo reported that the next meeting is scheduled for September 16<sup>th</sup>.

### **Lyman Hall Athletic Complex Improvement Committee**

Marc Deptula reported that there has been no change.

### **Early Childhood Exploratory Committee**

Mr. Parkhurst reported that the next meeting is scheduled for October 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business brought before the Board

## **INSTRUCTIONAL COMMITTEE**

## **BOARD CONSIDERATION OF THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS REGARDING THE TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT OF NINETEEN (19) SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS IN THE WALLINGFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS AS OF THE END OF THE 2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR**

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION**

I recommend that the Board of Education vote to terminate, as of the end of the 2013-2014 school year, the employment of **nineteen** substitute teachers in the Wallingford School System, whose names are listed below and that the above referenced list be included as part of the minutes of this Board meeting:

**Scott Abrams  
Christine Carroll  
Ellen Cooper  
Christine Cotton  
Julia Dunn  
Allison Field  
Tanya Granger  
Kayla Howden  
Sarah Krasnovsky  
Karisa Lagana  
Aaron Lynch  
Alexa Mainella  
Kimberly Nardi  
Allesia Pascarella  
Beth Rondo  
Sandra Stickler  
Suzanne Sullivan  
Jeremy Walz  
Michelle Wolfrum**

The recommendation is for the following reasons:

1. Under the Teacher Tenure Law, Section 10-151, et seq. of the Connecticut General Statutes, the definition of “teacher” under that law includes any certified professional employee working for at least 90 days in a teaching position.
2. The specific substitute teachers I am recommending for termination fall within this definition of “teacher”.
3. Under the Teacher Tenure Law, anyone who is a “teacher” becomes subject to the statute’s provisions regarding the employment, non-renewal and termination. Accordingly, it is necessary that these “teachers” should have their employment concluded or terminated as of the completion of the 2013-2014 school year so that we will be free to determine our needs and utilization of substitutes for the coming school year.
4. This action should not affect our utilization of the services of substitute teachers for the coming 2014-2015 school year consistent with our prior policies and practices.

Finally, I also recommend that I be authorized and instructed to communicate notice of this action in writing to the individuals affected by this action and to respond for the Board of Education to any appropriate request which may be forthcoming from them or their representative, or as otherwise required.

**BOARD ACTION REGARDING THE SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION TO  
TERMINATE THE EMPLOYMENT OF NINETEEN (19) SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS**

**MOTION: CEI, SECOND BY SHORTELL**

**VOTE:** Unanimous approval that the Board of Education approve the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools regarding the termination of employment of the **nineteen** (19) substitute teachers in the Wallingford School System whose names are listed below and that the above referenced list be included as part of the minutes of this Board meeting:

**Scott Abrams  
Christine Carroll  
Ellen Cooper  
Christine Cotton  
Julia Dunn  
Allison Field  
Tanya Granger  
Kayla Howden  
Sarah Krasnovsky  
Karisa Lagana  
Aaron Lynch  
Alexa Mainella  
Kimberly Nardi  
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Beth Rondo  
Sandra Stickler  
Suzanne Sullivan  
Jeremy Walz  
Michelle Wolfrum**

And, further move that the Superintendent of Schools be directed to communicate this action in writing to those individuals and that the Superintendent of Schools be authorized to respond on behalf of the Board of Education to any requests which may be forthcoming from them and /or their representative or as otherwise required.



**APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF ATHLETIC DIRECTOR AT SHEEHAN HIGH SCHOOL**

**MOTION: CEI, SECOND BY SHORTELL**

**VOTE:** Unanimous approval that the Board of Education approves the appointment of **Chris Dailey** to the position of Athletic Director at Sheehan High School, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, effective as of the 2014-2015 school year.

**APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION, WITH REGRET, OF HEATHER O'CONNELL, EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2014**

**MOTION: CEI, SECOND BY SHORTELL**

**VOTE:** Unanimous approval that the Board of Education accepts, with regret, the resignation of **Heather O'Connell**, effective June 30, 2014.

Heather O'Connell has been a social studies teacher at Sheehan High School since 2003.

**APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION, WITH REGRET, OF BRENDA PAGE, EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2014**

**MOTION: CEI, SECOND BY SHORTELL**

**VOTE:** Unanimous approval that the Board of Education accepts, with regret, the resignation of **Brenda Page**, effective June 30, 2014.

Brenda Page has been an instrumental music teacher since 1999 and an ELL teacher since 2010.

**APPROVAL OF LEAVE OF ABSENCE, OF TAMARA CHEYETTE-COHEN, WITHOUT PAY AND BENEFITS, AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISION OF THE CURRENT TEACHERS' CONTRACT**

**MOTION: CEI, SECOND BY SHORTELL**

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

\*The leave is personal and confidential. Tamara Cheyette-Cohen is currently on leave and is requesting a leave of absence through January 23, 2015.

**APPROVAL TO ACCEPT BOARD OF EDUCATION CALENDAR OF MEETINGS FOR 2015-2016**

**MOTION: CEI, SECOND BY SHORTELL**

**VOTE:** Unanimous approval to accept the Board of Education Calendar of Meetings for 2015-2016

## **OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

### **Report on Operations Committee Meeting**

Brooder reported that there has been no recent meeting.

### **APPROVAL TO ACCEPT OUT OF DISTRICT TUITION RATES**

**MOTION: BROODER, SECOND BY MARRONE**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL TO ACCEPT THE OUT OF DISTRICT TUITION RATES**

### **APPROVAL TO ACCEPT BOARD OF EDUCATION FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JUNE, 2014**

**MOTION: BROODER, SECOND BY MARRONE**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL TO ACCEPT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JUNE, 2014**

### **APPROVAL TO ACCEPT BOARD OF EDUCATION FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JULY, 2014**

**MOTION: BROODER, SECOND BY MILLER**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL TO ACCEPT BOARD OF FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JULY, 2014**

### **APPROVAL TO ACCEPT FOOD SERVICE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JUNE, 2014**

**MOTION: BROODER, SECOND BY MILLER**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL TO ACCEPT FOOD SERVICE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JUNE, 2014**

## **ADMINISTRATION**

### **Administrative Report**

Dr. Menzo gave his report on items listed below.

- He read a letter that he received "Thank you for notifying me that the Board of Education accepted the monetary donation given to Moses Y. Beach School in memory of my late aunt, Rose Pascale. I would like you to know, however, that there are several other heirs who contributed to the donation and should be recognized in the official records noted at each board meeting. They are: Joseph Ferreira, Edward Ferreira (recently deceased), Donald Pascale, Robert Morin, and Norma Jo Shore. Thank you for your assistance with this matter. Sincerely, Janet Verner.
- There will be a meeting with the Mayor to discuss potential 2014-2015 capital projects in September.
- A Strategic Plan meeting was held in July. Feedback is due by October 19<sup>th</sup>.
- On Tuesday there will be a full Professional Development day for teachers.

- The Professional Development Evaluation Committee (PDEC) will come to a Board meeting to speak to the Board this year.
- On November 3<sup>rd</sup> there will be Professional Development held in four schools with close to 50 teacher volunteers in collaboration with administrators.
- At the September Board meeting, the students who went on the China trip will be in attendance. Dr. Menzo thanked the Board for supporting the trip to China.
- Wednesday is the first day of school. He commended the maintenance department for getting the schools ready and for doing such a good job.
- There will be a bus safety program for the community in the future.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Board Conference Room**

Tuesday, 9/02/14	Instructional Committee	7:00 p.m.
Monday, 9/08/14	Special Board of Education	6:00 p.m.
	Operations Committee	7:00 p.m.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**Town Council Chambers**

Monday, 9/22/14	Board of Education	7:00 p.m.
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**ADJOURNMENT**

Mrs. McKay adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

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**Mike Votto** Secretary