

**WALLINGFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
45 SOUTH MAIN STREET, WALLINGFORD
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 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 7:06 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

MENZO, PARKHURST, MANCUSI, WONG, DEPTULA, NAPOLITANO

MOTION TO ADD EXECUTIVE SESSION TO THE AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION OF CANDIDATES TO TEACHING POSITIONS

MOTION: SHORTELL, SECOND BY MILLER

VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL TO ADD EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF CANDIDATES TO TEACHING POSITIONS

STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

Michaela Mendygral, Mark T. Sheehan High School Board Representative, gave a report as listed below.

- Things at Sheehan have been moving along well.
- Student Council is participating in the Walk to Prevent Suicide on October 5th at the Farmington Canal trail in Hamden. With the help of our new Guidance Counselor, Ms. Forsillious, we are looking to get our school clubs involved.
- We will be holding a Blood drive on October 10th
- There will be an Open House on Tuesday, September 23rd, tomorrow night. Students will be showing parents to the classes.

- Powderpuff is getting started. The girls ordered their jerseys and the boys have had several meetings.
- The first few weeks of school have been a success and the year is off to a good start.

Kimberly Flynn, Lyman Hall High School Board Representative, came before the Board to give a report also as listed below.

- PRIDE is being integrated into the school and classes - Polite, Responsible, Independent, Diligent, Empathetic
- A video with Lyman Hall teachers about the negative effects of tardiness was shown in advisory to hopefully reduce the amount of tardy students this year
- There is an upcoming Blood drive in October
- Freshman elections are taking place soon
- Powderpuff practice begins this Sunday with over 130 girls participating
- Many sports are having very good seasons so far

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

RECOGNITION OF STAFF MEMBERS OF THE MONTH

Dr. Menzo reported that Julie Foss was not able to be here tonight.

He recognized Rob Kovi for working this summer to keep everything going and to distribute over 200 laptops since the new Technology Director was going to start on October 1st.

Sharlene Wong came before the Board to present Karen Zakowski and Jeannette LaPlume with flowers and a gift for all their hard work, professionalism and working so well with students.

RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS WHO TRAVELED TO CHINA

The students who traveled to China with the Junior Achievement Global Connection offered a video presentation of their trip. They also showed a video that was made to thank United Technology. Dr. Menzo told the students how proud he was of them and presented the students with a pen made in China and a Panda cookie. He also thanked the chaperones for all their hard work on the trip. He also told the students that they are role models for other students in the district and will be for a long time.

Mr. Golden, Director of Junior Achievement said he was thrilled to have the partnership with Wallingford and United Technology and they want to do more together.

*A recess was called at 8:00 p.m.
The meeting reconvened at 8:04 p.m.*

QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

There were no questions brought before the Board

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: MARRONE, SECOND BY MILLER

VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL TO ACCEPT ITEMS 7.1 – 7.17 AS LISTED BELOW ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

Approval to Accept Board of Education **Minutes** dated August 25, 2014
 Approval to Accept Special Board of Education **Minutes** September 8, 2014
Approval of 2014 Summer Graduation Candidates from Mark T. Sheehan School

Pursuant to Completion of All Graduation Requirements

Approval of Wallingford-Del Carmen, Argentina Exchange Program Agreement

Proposed Adoption of Elementary Course Outlines: Elementary Information Technology – Grades 3, 4 & 5

Approval of China School Partnership Agreement

Approval to Accept **GIFT** of \$1,800 to the Wallingford Adult Education program from the Wallingford Foundation, Inc. sponsored by the Rotary Club of Wallingford

Approval to Accept **GIFT** of \$2,500 from MidState Medical Center, Cindy Russo, to the Wallingford Public Schools – 21st Century Innovation Project

Approval to Accept **GIFT** of \$2,500 from White Way Cleaners, Tom & George Grasser, to Wallingford Public Schools – 21st Century Innovation Project

Approval to Accept **GIFT** of Microphones to Moran Middle School from RODE, Australia for \$1300

Approval to Accept **GIFT** of Backpacks with School Supplies to each of Wallingford's 12 schools from Joyce's Angels c/o Robin Nelson, Meriden, CT \$1800

Approval to Accept **GIFT** of \$3,000 to Yalesville Elementary School from Highland-Yalesville Elementary School PTO

Approval to Accept **GIFT** of \$3,000 to Highland Elementary School from Highland-Yalesville Elementary School PTO

Approval to Accept the **Cafeteria Financial Report** for July 2014

Approval to Accept the **Board of Education Financial Report** for August 2014

Approval of **Transfer** from Account #100B-Contingency to Account #890D-Other Expenses – Board of Education for \$1,550

Approval of **Transfer** from Account #100B-Contingency to Account #430I-Repairs & Maintenance – Instructional for \$2,199

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

There were no items removed from the Consent Agenda

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence. Mr. Votto thanked all donors for their gifts as listed on the Consent Agenda.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A.C.E.S Representative

Mrs. Castelli reported that she did not attend the meeting but reported on notes she received regarding the meeting. She reported two Governing board subcommittees have been created, one for policy and one for finances. They are defining courses and instructional strategies that could be use in a spring roll out of Night High School. The classes would be traditional classroom-based learning as well as online learning. East Haven and Derby have agree to participate in the pilot program. ACES will be looking into the feasibility of purchasing the Mill Road facility rather than continue renting it.

Wintergreen Magnet School Steering Committee

Mr. Parkhurst reported he attended the first meeting of the year. There was discussion about the increase in enrollment numbers.

School to Career Representative/Business Think Tank

Dr. Menzo reported that the first meeting of this year will take place on October 10th.

Report from Roof Project Committee Representative

Mr. Marrone said the committee has not met.

PTAC Update

Dr. Menzo reported the committee met last week with a small turnout because of Open House. The next meeting is scheduled for October 21st. Some sub-committees will be re-established and there will be some new sub-committees.

Lyman Hall Athletic Complex Improvement Committee

Mr. Deptula stated that the committee is working on getting the project together with Zoning and Planning.

Early Childhood Exploratory Committee

Mr. Parkhurst announced that the first meeting is this Wednesday.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was 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 2014-2015 school year, contingent upon proper Connecticut certification, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools:

Dag Hammarskjold Middle School

Tara Hill - World Language

Mark T. Sheehan High School

Jamie Canny - Social Studies

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF RETIREMENT, WITH REGRET, OF ZENON POPKO, EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 31, 2014

MOTION: CEI, SECOND BY SHORTELL

VOTE: **Unanimous approval** that the Board of Education accept, with regret, the retirement of **Zenon Popko**, effective December 31, 2014.

Zenon Popko has been a school counselor at Mark T. Sheehan High School since November 26, 2001, to the present, for a total of **thirteen years** of service in the Wallingford Public Schools.

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION, WITH REGRET, OF TARA YUSKO, TO BE EFFECTIVE AT A MUTUALLY AGREED UPON DATE

MOTION: CEI, SECOND BY HLAVAC

VOTE: Unanimous approval that the Board of Education accept, with regret, the resignation of **Tara Yusko**, to be effective at a mutually agreed upon date.

Tara Yusko has been an English teacher at Lyman Hall High School since August 28, 2006.

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION, WITH REGRET, OF SUSAN BRADANINI, TO BE EFFECTIVE ON OCTOBER 5, 2014

MOTION: CEI, SECOND BY SHORTELL

VOTE: Unanimous approval that the Board of Education accepts, with regret, the Resignation of **Susan Bradanini**, to be effective on October 5, 2014.

Susan Bradanini has been a nurse at M.T. Sheehan High School and Highland School since June 5, 2007.

PRESENTATION OF 2013-2014 ANNUAL REPORT

Dr. Menzo explained that each year an Annual Report for the previous school year is assembled with information from the Curriculum Department, Personnel, Information Technology, Pupil Personnel, Maintenance and the Food Service Department. It is then distributed to the Mayor, the Wallingford Public Library and the schools. He highlighted some of the accomplishments that were made last year by each department in the report.

Mrs. Hlavac announced that the Pupil Personnel department will be holding a Special Education Fair on October 28th at the Oakdale Theater from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m...

Mr. Mancusi announced that the first PPS PTAC meeting will be held on October 7th at the Yalesville School Library.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Report on Operations Committee Meeting

Mr. Miller reported that it was a brief meeting. He reported that the committee reviewed the cafeteria financial report and the Board of Education financial report. He stated that there was also discussion about some transfers which are on the Consent Agenda tonight.

Review of Preliminary Enrollment Report

Dr. Menzo explained that this year we have 156 more students than were projected by NESDEC. The projections predicted were 5,588 students this year. Our actual enrollment is at 6,011. He said Sheehan had the most increase because of students moving into town from other districts along with siblings which increased the enrollment at Moran Middle School also. This increase caused the district to hire four more teachers. He announced that a meet and greet will be held for the staff and new student's parents.

ADMINISTRATION

Administrative Report

Dr. Menzo gave his Administrative Report as listed below

- Today the district had visitors from China who visited Cook Hill and Moses Y. Beach elementary schools. He said there were eight principals and a professor.
- Last Tuesday he went to New York City with people from Choate to visit two companies – IDEO and Quirky. Quirky will be part of the Invention Convention this year.
- At the HUBCAP Education Committee meeting there was discussion about a Credit for Life Program to be held for sophomores from Sheehan, Lyman Hall and Choate in February at the Oakdale Theater. Kim McLaughlin will work with the schools to get this organized.
- He thanked the Wallingford Community of Women for their donation of \$200 for a scholarship.
- Last Thursday there was a Planning for College workshop held by Kim McLaughlin.
- He recognized and thanked Julie Wollen for her Jump Rope for Life program.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Board Conference Room

Monday, 10/06/14	Instructional Committee	7:00 p.m.
Monday, 10/13/14	Operations Committee	7:00 p.m.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Town Council Chambers

Monday, 10/27/14	Board of Education	7:00 p.m.
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MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT’S EVALUATION AT 8:50 P.M.

MOTION: MARRONE, SECOND BY MILLER

VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT’S EVALUATION AT 8:50 P.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

There were no staff members present

MOTION TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 9:38 P.M.

MOTION: MARRONE, SECOND BY MILLER

VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 9:38 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. McKay adjourned the meeting at 9:39 p.m.

Secretary

Mike Votto