

**WALLINGFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
ROBERT F. PARISI TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS – TOWN HALL
45 SOUTH MAIN STREET, WALLINGFORD, CT 06492
MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 2017
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 lifelong 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

A roll call was made by Linda Lavelle

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

CASTELLI, CEI, DOERR, GLIDDEN, HLAVAC, MCKAY, REYNOLDS

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

BROODER, VOTTO

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

MENZO, LATORRE, LAVALETTE, DEPTULA, KLIMASZEWSKI, MENSHER, VEILLEUX,
LAVELLE

STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

Student Board Representatives do not present during the summer.

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PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

There were no awards presented at this meeting.

QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

There were no questions brought before the Board.

MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF SUPERINTENDENT'S EVALUATION; AND DISCUSSION OF APPOINTMENT OF CANDIDATE(S) FOR TEACHING POSITION(S) AT 7:03 P.M.

MOTION: HLAVAC, SECOND BY CASTELLI

VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF SUPERINTENDENT'S EVALUATION; AND DISCUSSION OF APPOINTMENT OF CANDIDATE(S) FOR TEACHING POSITION(S) AT 7:03 P.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

CASTELLI, CEI, DOERR, GLIDDEN, HLAVAC, MCKAY, REYNOLDS

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MENZO

OTHERS PRESENT IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

NONE

MOTION TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:33 P.M.

MOTION: HLAVAC, SECOND BY CASTELLI

VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:33 P.M.

Meeting reconvened at 7:33 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: HLAVAC, SECOND BY CASTELLI

VOTE: Unanimous approval to accept items 7.1 – 7.6 as listed below:

Approval to Accept Board of Education Minutes dated July 24, 2017

Approval to Accept Special Board of Education Minutes dated July 31, 2017

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Approval to Accept Special Board of Education Minutes dated August 3, 2017
 Approval to Accept Special Board of Education Minutes dated August 21, 2017
 Approval to Accept GIFT of \$6,000 to Mary G. Fritz Elementary School from the Mary G. Fritz
 – Highland School PTO
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 Highland School PTO

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

No Items Removed From The Consent Agenda.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mrs. Hlavac reported Highland Elementary School received a monetary gift of \$6,000. from the Mary G. Fritz – Highland School PTO and the Mary G. Fritz Elementary School also received a monetary gift of \$6,000. from the Mary G. Fritz – Highland School PTO. Mrs. Hlavac thanked the Mary G. Fritz – Highland School PTO and stated how grateful and appreciative the Board is to receive the gifts.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A.C.E.S. Representative

Ms. Hlavac reported there was not a meeting this month and meetings will resume in September.

Wintergreen Magnet School Steering Committee

Mrs. LaTorre reported there are no meetings during the summer.

School to Career Representative / Business Think Tank

Dr. Menzo reported the Business Think Tank will be held on September 8, 2017.

PTAC Update

Dr. Menzo reported the PTAC will be held on September 19, 2017.

Plan of Conservation Development

Mr. Reynolds reported there was not a meeting this month.

Food Services Strategic Plan Committee

Mr. Mensher reported the Food Services Department has implemented a more user friendly monthly menu for parents, food service managers & students. The new elementary menu choices have been updated to five daily choices. At the high schools they have rolled out a new scratch pizza which will be used daily as a specialty pizza option. The middle schools are scheduled to roll out the new specialty pizza on October 1st.

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The department is currently looking at two companies to purchase software for menu planning, production and recipe needs. This will eliminate a Registered Dietitian and save the cost of consulting with one. They are currently working with the Technology Department on creating a Google program to record daily menu counts in all elementary classrooms electronically. This will eliminate students in the hallways / kitchen and Food Services would receive daily counts quicker in their kitchens.

The department is also working on a Food Services Survey. The draft is scheduled for completion on November 1st and the roll out is scheduled for the end of November. The Food Services Department has also joined the Connecticut School Nutrition Association. An opening of school meeting was held for all food services employees on August 23rd. Topics included expectations and goals, 6 hours of Professional Standards Training for employees was held as well.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business brought before the Board.

INSTRUCTIONAL COMMITTEE

Mastery – Based Learning Update - Watson

Dr. Menzo stated that the school district has been working in partnership with Office Depot, IBM and Watson and recently there was information shared on News Channel 8 regarding the launch of an aspect of Watson called *Watson Enlight for Educators*, the Darwin version, which is the first release. The launch will occur at the Middle School level for Math and English teachers. This is a teaching facing system. Student data will be for teacher interaction only. Professional Development will be held on Friday, September 1st for teachers. Professional Development will also be provided in November. The first phase will be looking at teacher planning and will move toward mastery. IBM Watson Classroom is a teacher-planning tool that will make the process more efficient, providing staff with more time to focus on instruction. Data will be taken from PowerSchool. The district has met all FERPA and HIPAA requirements. Dr. Menzo stated district attorneys have been very involved in this process. A letter was recently sent to parents regarding the partnership with Office Depot and IBM on developing and implementing IBM Watson Classroom. Wallingford is one of four innovation districts in the country. The other innovation districts are Sarasota, Florida, Oceanside, California and Lovejoy, Texas. All of the other districts involved are on the same timeline as Wallingford.

APPROVAL OF THE SUPERINTENDENT'S EVALUATION

MOTION: CEI, SECOND BY DOERR

VOTE: Unanimous approval that the Board of Education approve the Evaluation for Dr. Salvatore Menzo, Superintendent of Wallingford School District dated August 2017.

APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF CANDIDATE(S) TO TEACHING POSITION(S)

MOTION: DOERR, SECOND BY HLAVAC

VOTE: Unanimous approval that the Board of Education appoint the following candidates to teaching positions for the 2017-2018 school year, contingent upon proper Connecticut certification, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools:

PUPIL PERSONNEL SERVICES

ARTS Academy
Special Education Teacher

- Richard Esquivel

PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL REPORT 2016 – 2017

The Annual Report shares the district's objectives and goals as well as accomplishments of the year. This document is the hard work of all departments; Personnel, Curriculum, the Business Office, Information Technology, Pupil Personnel Services and Maintenance. Dr. Menzo stated he feels that this is a thorough report on what the district is doing and it represents all of the hard work of everyone in the district. Dr. Menzo stated the Annual Report will be sent to the Town Hall by October 1st and will be added to the district website. A link to the document will be sent to all staff members and parents as well. Mrs. McKay congratulated Dr. Menzo and the employees of the Wallingford Public Schools for all of their hard work and accomplishments throughout the year.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

APPROVAL OF 2017 – 2018 TUITION RATES FOR OUT OF DISTRICT STUDENTS

MOTION: GLIDDEN, SECOND BY HLAVAC

VOTE: Unanimous approval of the 2017 – 2018 Tuition Rates for Out of District Students

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. McKay stated there was no new business to report.

ADMINISTRATION

Administrative Report

Dr. Menzo gave his report as listed below.

- The first day of school was a successful one. Dr. Menzo thanked Mary Ann Croce for all of her hard work in the transportation department and stated that overall things ran smoothly.
- Convocation was very successful as well. It was held on Friday, August 25th at Lyman Hall High School. Dr. Menzo stated he received a lot of positive feedback for the video on Empathy.
- The Information Technology Staff has been looking at enrollment trends and is finding that our enrollment population is a little more transient than initially thought. Dr. Menzo will share more information at a later date.
- The district received a donation / gift from Dietters Water Garden, North Haven of flowers and maintenance of the pond at Central Office, 100 South Turnpike Road – Value of \$150.00
- The district received a monetary donation / gift from Kelly Lagase, the Aetna Foundation – The Volunteer Service Program given to the Mark T. Sheehan High School Girls' Soccer Program – Value of \$300.00.
- Dr. Menzo stated there is no school on Friday, September 1st. Professional Development is scheduled for teachers.
- Dr. Menzo shared that the Yalesville Elementary School Renaming Ceremony in honor of State Representative Mary G. Fritz was held on Monday, August 28, 2017, 2:00 p.m. at the school. The

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ceremony honored Mary G. Fritz for her service to the Town of Wallingford as State Representative of the 90th District, Deputy Speaker of the House, Chairwoman of the Wallingford Board of Education and Wallingford Public School educator. A display case is set up in the lobby of the school honoring Mrs. Fritz and well as the Learning Garden in front of the school. Dr. Menzo thanked the Fritz family in developing the plan and Mrs. Mary Poisson, Principal of the school for her work on the ceremony and for honoring Mrs. Fritz for all of her accomplishments. Dr. Menzo also thanked the Maintenance Department for their work as well.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Board of Education
Conference Room
100 South Turnpike Road**

Tuesday, September 5, 2017	Instructional Committee Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Monday, September 11, 2017	Operations Committee Meeting	7:00 p.m.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

**Robert F. Parisi
Town Council Chambers
Town Hall – 45 South Main Street
7:00 p.m.**

Monday, September 25, 2017	Board of Education Meeting
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ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. McKay adjourned the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

Mike Votto **Secretary**