

**WALLINGFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS – TOWN HALL
45 SOUTH MAIN STREET, WALLINGFORD
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 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, Chairman of the Board, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

BOLAT, BROODER, CASTELLI, HLAVAC, MARRONE, MCKAY, SHORTELL

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

MENZO, PARKHURST, LAVALETTE, WINTERS, VEILLEUX, MANCUSI, DEPTULA, NAPOLITANO

STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

Sheehan High School Student Board representative, Isabelle Fazzina, was not available to give a report.

Lyman Hall High School Student Board representative, Logan Metzger, came before the Board and gave his report as listed below.

- Last week we held a showing of Paper Tigers. There was not a large turnout, but there was great and very insightful discussion afterwards.
- The National Honor Society held their induction ceremony last Wednesday and the new members were welcomed to their first meeting last Friday.
- We had our homecoming on Friday as well. Great memories were made and plenty of fun times were had.

- On December 16th we will be holding our annual Holiday Concert.
- And now for by far the largest section this month: sports.
- The boys' soccer team made it all the way to the Quarter Finals this year and the winter sports are beginning to hold their first practices.
- The teachers held their tailgate party earlier this month. About 45 teachers attended and I have heard that it was AWESOME.
- The Ultimate Frisbee team has had two meetings now and is preparing for their first practice in a couple weeks.
- The brand new turf field was completed last week. Mr. Corso caught the very first pass on the new field and the football team was literally rolling around on the ground in joy during their practice. The freshmen team played the first game on the turf and succeeding in both scoring the first points and winning the first game on the new field. Thank you to all of you for everything you have done to help complete this beautiful field and the eventual full athletic complex. The ribbon-cutting ceremony will be this Wednesday before the powderpuff game.
- And the two most important games of the year: Powderpuff and the Thanksgiving Day game. Both the students and the faculty have been having a great time with Spirit Week. Today, the entire faculty wore white shirts and funny ties for Twin Day. Tomorrow we are having our motorcade to prove that we do, indeed, have the most spirit. The football team has been training hard in preparation for this year's Carini bowl.
- Practices for both the powderpuff team and the powderpuff cheerleaders have been going great and we are prepared to absolutely dominate in the Samaha Bowl this Wednesday.
- Mr. Corso would like to thank the Wallingford Police Department and the Wallingford Fire Department for all of their help preparing for the upcoming events.
- This month has been filled with school spirit and student morale is through the roof. The atmosphere is amazing and we are definitely having fun this year.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Recognition of Students from Dag with Panther News Network

Kelly Gilbert, teacher at Dag Hammarskjold, came before the Board and shared a video clip of the students in the Panther News Network. Dr. Menzo called the students up and presented them with a Certificate of excellence. Students who are on the Panther New Network are: David Vega, Ellery Campbell, Audrey Larson, Sean Formantes, Anthony DeBaise, Cameron Stawarz, Owen Twohill, Katelyn Cislo, Trista LeBlanc-Serbyn, and Emma Blake.

Dr. Menzo suggested that the video be put on Channel 19 to allow the community to see the work the students do also.

Recognition of Staff Members of the Month – Kate O'Donnell and Wendy Baker

Mr. Parkhurst stated that Kate O'Donnell is the Science Curriculum Resource department head and takes care of the website also. He said she is always willing to help and always says yes to whatever she is asked to do. Kate is also the Dr. Menzo called Kate before the Board and presented her with a certificate of excellence and a Subway Gift Card.

Dr. Menzo called Sashi Govin and Nick DaPonte up to say a few kinds words about Wendy Baker. Mrs. Govin reported that Wendy is a Language Arts teacher, Student Council Advisor, Pennies for Patients chair and many other committees and they are all for the good of the children. Wendy Received a certificate and a Subway Gift Card also.

Recognition of Committee members from System wide PTAC Underage Drinking Subcommittee (SPUDS)

Dr. Menzo called Beth Raccio before the Board and explained that the SPUD committee developed a presentation about underage drinking to help educate parents. They also sponsored an event before Prom and developed the Prom Pledge. He said at the end of October a presentation was also made in the Town Council Chambers about alcohol in parents homes for underage drinkers. He announced they are also developing a presentation for the community about safety in the home. Beth Raccio announced that the next step is going to be to develop a website so that people who can't attend the presentations can see it at home. Certificates of appreciation were presented to Carol Renna, Jonathan Chappell, Cheryl Wolansky, Greg Allen, Craig Turner, Ken Welch and police officer, Michael Fraenza.

Presentation from Pond Hill staff regarding the Outdoor Classroom

Principal of Pond Hill School, Danielle Bellizzi, introduced Jon Paul, Laura Clark, Amy Stewart and Kerry O'Sullivan. Mr. Paul explained that Jan Donovan was a wonderful teacher, a good friend, and a Good person who lost her battle with cancer. He stated that the staff wanted to come together to do Something in her memory. They turned a courtyard into an outdoor classroom with the help of Eagle Scout Emmett Pike and some other boy scouts. He explained that bricks were sold and \$22,000 was raised for the project. The whole Jan Donovan project was done through acts of kindness. A video was shown of the before and after pictures of the Outdoor Classroom.

Presentation by Board of Education members

Mr. Shortell and Mr. Marrone came before the Board and stated that they wanted to do something nice for Mr. Menzo, Mr. Parkhurst and Mrs. Lavalette before they left the Board. Mr. Shortell announced that he is donating the complete works of Eugene O'Neil to Lyman Hall High School in their names. Mr. Marrone announced that he is donated *Money Ball* by Michael Lewis, *Bradbury Stories* by Ray Bradbury and *Alice in Wonderland* to schools in the administrators names.

QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

There were no questions brought before the Board.

MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION CONCERNING A REAL ESTATE MATTER, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION PENDING LEGAL CLAIM CONCERNING A GRIEVANCE. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING NEGOTIATIONS AND DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING SUPERINTENDENTS CONTRACT AT 7:43 P.M.

MOTION: MARRONE, SECOND BY SHORTELL

VOTE: Unanimous approval to go into Executive Session for discussion and possible action concerning a real estate matter, discussion and possible action pending legal claim concerning a grievance. discussion and possible action regarding negotiations and discussion and possible action regarding superintendents contract at 7:43 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

BOLAT, BROODER, CASTELLI, HLAVAC, MARRONE, MCKAY, SHORTELL

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STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MENZO, PARKHURST, LAVALETTE

MOTION TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:35 P.M.

MOTION: HLAVAC, SECOND BY SHORTELL

VOTE: Unanimous approval to come out of Executive Session at 8:35 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 8:36 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: MARRONE, SECOND BY BROODER

VOTE: Unanimous approval to accept items 7.1 – 7.34 excluding 7.10 and 7.11. Mr. Marrone requested that Items 7.10 and 7.11 be removed from the Consent Agenda.

Approval to Accept Special Board of Education Minutes dated September 26, 2015
Approval to Accept Board of Education Minutes dated September 26, 2015
Approval to Accept Financial Report for October 2015
Approval to Accept Cafeteria Financial for October 2015
Approval to Accept **GIFT** of \$1,000 to Lyman Hall High School – Food Service/Culinary Program from Margaret Stalker, Wallingford
Approval to Accept **GIFT** of Aquarium stands and accessories to Lyman Hall High School Agricultural/Science Dept. from Petco, Wallingford valued at \$1750
Approval of Proposed Adoption of Parent Notification Letter for Independent Reading
Approval of Proposed Adoption of Revised Policy: School Year, School Day, and School Calendar - IC
Approval of Proposed Adoption of Revised Policy: Suspension and Expulsion - 5114
Approval of James H. Moran M.S. Jazz Band and Varsity Choir Trip to Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts and a Broadway Theater in New York City on November 18, 2015
Approval of Yale Robotics Research Project – *EfiT, The Robot Companion That Motivates Early Teenagers to Increase Physical Activity*
Approval of Textbook Inventory Update/Recommendation of Textbook Expenditures
Approval of Proposed Adoption of Revised H.S. Agricultural Science – Wildlife Biology Unit 1 – Environmental Science
Approval of Proposed Adoption of New H.S. Course: French 6 AP/ECE
Approval of Proposed Adoption of New H.S. Course: French V Honors
Approval of Proposed Adoption of New H.S. Course: Spanish V Honors
Approval of Proposed Deletion of H.S. Course: Trigonometry
Approval of Proposed Adoption of New H.S. Course: Topics in Mathematics
Approval of Proposed Adoption of New H.S. Course: Probability and Statistics
Approval of Proposed Adoption of New H.S. Course: Advanced Algebra with Financial Applications
Approval of Proposed Adoption of New H.S. Geometry Unit 3 – Polygons
Approval of Proposed Adoption of New H.S. Geometry Unit 4 – Similarity and Trigonometry
Approval of Proposed Adoption of New H.S. PreCalculus Unit 3 – Solving Trigonometric Functions
Approval of Proposed Adoption of New H.S. PreCalculus Unit 4 – Solving Triangles
Approval of Proposed Adoption of New H.S. Algebra 2 Unit 3 – Polynomial Functions
Approval of Transfer from Account #642A – Library Books to Account #611A Instructional Supplies \$3,600

Approval of Expanded Use of Horizon Software
Approval of Delay of Lyman Hall Track Surfacing
Approval to Accept **GIFT** of SMART Knapp Digital Whiteboard and Stand from Office Depot, Cincinnati, Ohio to the Information Technology Dept. \$1729
Approval to Accept **GIFT** of SMART Knapp Whiteboard from Office Depot, Cincinnati, Ohio To Information Technology Dept. \$880
Approval to Accept **GIFT** of Laptop Storage Cart, Standard from Office Depot, Cincinnati, Ohio To the Information Technology Dept. \$1999
Approval of Graduation Candidate from Mark T. Sheehan High School *Pursuant to Completion of All Graduation Requirements*

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

Item 7.10 Approval of Proposed Adoption of Revised Regulation: Request for Reconsideration of Instructional Materials – IIAF-R

Mr. Marrone explained that the word Reconsideration should be changed to Removal.

MOTION: BROODER, SECOND BY SHORTELL

ROLL CALL VOTE: Affirmative: BOLAT, BROODER, CASTELLI, HLAVAC, MCKAY, SHORTELL

Negative: MARRONE

Motion passed

Item 7.11 Approval of Proposed Adoption of Revised Form: Citizen's Request for Removal of Educational Materials

MOTION: CASTELLI, SECOND BY SHORTELL

VOTE: Unanimous Approval of Proposed Adoption of Revised Form: Citizen's Request for Removal of Educational Materials

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Marrone thanked the following for their donations: Margaret Stalker for gift of \$1,000 to Lyman Hall Food Service/Culinary program, Petco of Wallingford for gift of Aquarium stands and accessories to Lyman Hall Agricultural/Science Dept., Gift of SMART Knapp Digital Whiteboards from Office Depot to the Information Technology Department, and Gift of Laptop Storage Cart from Office Depot.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A.C.E.S. Representative

Mrs. Castelli reported that the Initial Review of the Annual Independent Auditor's Report – the auditor report finds no issues. The document will be discussed in further detail at the next meeting. A presentation from Thomas Hennick who works for the Freedom of Information Commission, was given and was very educational. The intent of FOI is to allow the public access to public meetings and public records. An acknowledgment of the request must be made within 4 business days and then the

documents must be made available within a 'reasonable' amount of time. The executive director's report resulted in a lengthy discussion regarding the potential purchase of a house in New Haven that has become available and is in close proximity to the ACES magnet school – ECA.

Wintergreen Magnet School Steering Committee

Mr. Parkhurst reported that the meeting was canceled.

School to Career Representative/Business ThinkTank

Dr. Menzo reported the meeting last month was very successful. He stated that there were several updates from Career Counselors. He announced the next meeting is in January.

PTAC Update

Dr. Menzo reported there was a meeting last Tuesday. He stated that the agenda started with a presentation by Linda Winters regarding bus cameras. Next was an update on school pictures and it was explained that there is no need to go out to bid. Linda Winters next explained that there are laws regarding buses idling and all schools should have proper signage. There was a discussion about wellness and underage drinking. He said some parents want to form a committee on dress codes in the schools. On November 30th there will be a parent evening for parents of Pre-K through grade 5 students regarding a SWOT Analysis. It is open to all parents with babysitting being provided. It is going to be in the Community room at the Ag Science Department of Lyman Hall High School at 6:00 p.m.

Lyman Hall Athletic Complex Improvement Committee

Mr. Deptula reported that the Fire Chief and inspectors were at the field and they were Extremely pleased with the field. He said it is safe to hold the Powder Puff.

Plan of Conservation Development

Mr. Bolat reported that he missed the last meeting but there was a discussion about the Town Center.

Food Services Strategic Plan Committee

Dr. Menzo reported that the meal count per day went up, but the funds have not due to the fact that there were 46 days last year compared to 42 days of service this year. He stated that the a la carte sales are less per day compared to last year. High Schools don't serve lunch on early dismissal days. There are still openings for full time staff. He said that there was a total of 15 complaints during the First two months of the school year from a total of six schools. Complaints were about milk tasting bad, melted ice cream, etc.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business brought before the Board

INSTRUCTIONAL COMMITTEE

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION, WITH REGRET, OF KRISTI MALER, EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 5, 2015

MOTION: SHORTELL, SECOND BY MARRONE

VOTE: Unanimous approval to accept the resignation, with regret, of Kristi Maler, effective November 5, 2015

Kristi Maler has been a high school English teacher since August, 2007.

APPROVAL OF SUPERINTENDENT'S CONTRACT FROM JULY 1, 2015 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2018

MOTION: SHORTELL, SECOND BY MARRONE

VOTE: Unanimous approval of the Superintendent's contract from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2018

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Report on Operations Committee meeting

Mr. Brooder reported that the meeting took place on November 9th. He stated that there was a review of the Food Service financial, the Board of Education financial, discussion about the Horizon software, and discussion about the resurfacing of the Lyman Hall High School track.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business brought to the Board.

ADMINISTRATION

Administrative Report

Dr. Menzo gave his report as listed below.

- He recognized the Wallingford Flower Shop for donating the 30 carnations for the Veterans Day Ceremony.
- He thanked everyone who held Veterans Day ceremonies in town.
- He announced that the Powder Puff game will be held on Wednesday at Lyman Hall and there will be a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at 1:30 p.m. just before the game.
- The Thanksgiving Game will be held at Sheehan High School this year on Thursday.
- Next Monday, November 30th, there will be a meeting for parents of Pre-K through Grade 5 at the Vo-Ag Community room at Lyman Hall at 6:00 p.m. The parents will be able to express what they think should happen at their child's school.
- He stated that at the next Instructional Committee meeting on December 7th there will be discussion about travel to other countries. That meeting will be held at the Ag Science Center also.
- He had a successful presentation with two teachers and Shawn Parkhurst at the State Legislative Office regarding the Mastery Based Learning in Wallingford. He received a lot of positive feedback.
- Last Friday he worked with four superintendents to present to the superintendents and Board members from other towns regarding Mastery Based Learning at the CABE/CAPSS Conference.
- He wished everyone in the district a Happy Thanksgiving.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday, December 7	Instructional Committee	Ag Science Community Room	6:00 p.m.
Monday, December 14	Operations Committee	Ag Science Community Room	6:00 p.m.
	Special Instructional	immediately following	

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday, December 21	Board of Education	Town Council Chambers	6:00 p.m.
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EXECUTIVE SESSION – This item was removed by Chairman Roxane McKay
Discussion of Superintendent’s Evaluation and Possible Action

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. McKay adjourned the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

Mike Votto Secretary