

**WALLINGFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS – TOWN HALL
45 SOUTH MAIN STREET, WALLINGFORD
MONDAY, MARCH 28, 2016
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, Board Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

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

STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

Sheehan High School Student Board representative, Isabelle Fazzina, came before the Board to give her report as listed below.

- The month of March at Sheehan kicked off with the juniors taking the new SATs.
- The junior class also held a spring fling dance open to all grades on Saturday, March 12th.
- On March 15th Sheehan had a successful school-wide volleyball tournament.
- Sheehan's Spring Musical of "All Shook Up" had a successful run on the 17th through the 19th.
- Also on the 18th, Sheehan held its last blood drive of the school year.
- On Saturday, the 19th, spring sports teams began their season. Teams have begun scrimmaging and are preparing for a successful season.
- Juniors who are participating in the Capstone class are holding events for their projects.
- The juniors took place in a testing and driving assimilation machine and assembly to set an example of how impairing texting is on driving.
- Sheehan's Student Council is planning a spring event of a Talent show which is set to take place on April 21st. It will possibly be an end of the year Kickball or Waffle Ball tournament.
- The Yearbook class is finishing up most of its work with their submission deadline approaching, which is April 23rd.

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

- He congratulated the faculty on their win over the students in the volleyball tournament early this month. Hopefully, it doesn't go to their heads because they still have an Ultimate Frisbee game to play in June
- On the 11th, Max Marino and Celeste Rolon were honored at the SCASA luncheon and Wills Shields and Leann Clark are attending the SCC leadership banquet tonight.
- Tonight, you will be honoring our DECA State Champions and our Indoor Track State Champions. Congratulations to all of you.
- Our spring sports have completed conditioning and have begun their official practices. We're going to have an awesome season.
- We kicked off our One Hundred Year Celebration Committee. They have begun preparation and planning for next year's events.
- Tomorrow is our International Celebration Day.
- This past month we have had our first two sessions of Office Hours. They were an enormous success. 600 students prearranged plans for office hours, 408 of those students initiated study sessions with teachers themselves. A number of students presented Capstone projects. Topics included: Shark finning, What It's like to be a foster child, The North Haven Animal Shelter and the horrors of puppy mills, Video game creation, Mental Health issues faced by teens and transgender issues.
- A freshman class meeting and also guided meditation sessions were also held during Office Hours. The juniors were also provided the opportunity to meet with an Admissions representative from Quinnipiac University.
- Looking ahead, the much needed break is just around the corner and we are putting on a production of "Shrek, the Musical" on April 28th, 29th, and 30th.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Recognition of Ryan Bell

Dr. Menzo called Ryan Bell before the Board and explained that Ryan has put in 600 hours of Community service and enlisted others to participate. He received the President's Volunteer Service Award for Outstanding Volunteerism in our community. He said Ryan is a great inspiration to others. He presented Ryan with a certificate of excellence.

Recognition of Indoor Track team from Lyman Hall

Dr. Menzo called Dave Palmer, the track coach, and Joe Corso, Principal at Lyman Hall High School before the Board to present certificates and recognize the Indoor Track team for winning the State Championship. Students who received certificates were: MacKenzie Wall, Jon Gill, John Witik, Mike Ransom, Brennan Toussaint, Brian Oliveira, Brandon Forbes, Randy McFarline, and Victoria Wall.

Recognition of DECA members

Dr. Menzo called Ann Winch, teacher at Lyman Hall, before the Board to say a few words about the DECA students. She began by saying that the students couldn't attend tonight because one was at the SCC Leadership Awards, one was at the Bruce Springsteen concert and one had to work. She stated that they participated in the State DECA competition for Sports and Entertainment Promotional Plan by writing a promotional piece for the Hartford Yard Goats and won first place. Students who were recognized and received a certificate were: Mackenzie Campbell, Will Shields, and Adam Brenner.

Recognition of Board for Board Member Appreciation Month

Dr. Menzo announced that March is Board Member Appreciation Month and each year a book is chosen to honor a board member and donated to an elementary school library. He explained that the Library/Media Center people send a list of books to Betty that they would like to have in their library and Betty and Sal choose specific books for each board member.

Mrs. McKay announced that Dr. Menzo received the UCONN Outstanding School Superintendent of the Year award and was recognized at a dinner which she, his parents, and Mr. Parkhurst attended. A video with pictures and narrative about the Award banquet was shown.

QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

There were no questions brought before the Board.

MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATIONS AND DISCUSSION OF ACCEPTANCE OF RETIREMENTS AT 7:30 P.M.

MOTION: HLAVAC, SECOND BY VOTTO

VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATIONS AND DISCUSSION OF ACCEPTANCE OF RETIREMENTS AT 7:30 P.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MENZO, PARKHURST, LAVALETTE

MOTION TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:35 P.M.

MOTION: HLAVAC, SECOND BY BROODER

VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:35 P.M.

Mrs. McKay moved items 12 up on the Agenda

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION, WITH REGRET, OF CHRISTINA PAHIS KRASNIQI, EFFECTIVE 21, 2016

MOTION: CEI, SECOND BY HLAVAC

VOTE: Unanimous approval that the Board of Education accept, with regret, the resignation of **Christina Pahis Krasniqi**, effective March 21, 2016.

Christina Pahis Krasniqi has been an Art teacher since August 2004.

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION, WITH REGRET, OF DEBORAH DAYO, EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2016

MOTION: CEI, SECOND BY HLAVAC

VOTE: Unanimous approval that the Board of Education accept, with regret, the resignation of **Deborah Dayo**, effective June 30, 2016.

Deborah Dayo has been the Principal of Yalesville Elementary School from November 2010 to present for a total of 6 years of service in the Wallingford Public Schools.

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION, WITH REGRET, OF PAUL FLINTER, EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2016

MOTION: CEI, SECOND BY DOERR

VOTE: Unanimous approval that the Board of Education accept, with regret, the resignation of **Paul Flinter**, effective June 30, 2016.

Paul Flinter has been the Director of Adult Education from July 2011 to present for a total of 5 years of service in the Wallingford Public Schools.

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION, WITH REGRET, OF ROBERT LOMBARDI, EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2016

MOTION: CEI, SECOND BY DOERR

VOTE: Unanimous approval that the Board of Education accept, with regret, the resignation of **Robert Lombardi**, effective June 30, 2016.

Robert Lombardi has been a School Counselor for the Adult Education program from January 2013 to present for a total of 2.5 years of service in the Wallingford Public Schools.

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF RETIREMENT, WITH REGRET, OF BARBARA BESITKA, EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2016

MOTION: CEI, SECOND BY DOERR

VOTE: Unanimous approval that the Board of Education accept, with regret, the retirement of **Barbara Besitka**, effective June 30, 2016.

Barbara Besitka has been a Special Education teacher from September 1977 to present for a total of 39 years of service in the Wallingford Public Schools.

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF RETIREMENT, WITH REGRET, OF MAUREEN BINDER, EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2016

MOTION: CEI, SECOND BY DOERR

VOTE: Unanimous approval that the Board of Education accept, with regret, the retirement of **Maureen Binder**, effective June 30, 2016.

Maureen Binder has been an Elementary and Middle School teacher for two years in the early 1970's and from August 1992 to present for a total of 26 years of service in the Wallingford Public Schools.

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF RETIREMENT, WITH REGRET, OF SALLY D'ALLESANTRO, EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2016

MOTION: CEI, SECOND BY DOERR

VOTE: Unanimous approval that the Board of Education accept, with regret, the retirement of **Sally D'Allesantro**, effective June 30, 2016.

Sally D'Allesantro has been an Elementary teacher from August 1990 to present for a total of 26 years of service in the Wallingford Public Schools.

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF RETIREMENT, WITH REGRET, OF CAROL HARKAWIK, EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2016

MOTION: CEI, SECOND BY DOERR

VOTE: Unanimous approval that the Board of Education accept, with regret, the retirement of **Carol Harkawik**, effective June 30, 2016.

Carol Harkawik has been a Middle School teacher from September 1977 to present for a total of 39 years of service in the Wallingford Public Schools.

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF RETIREMENT, WITH REGRET, OF COLIN LAVALETTE, EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2016

MOTION: CEI, SECOND BY DOERR

VOTE: Unanimous approval that the Board of Education accept, with regret, the retirement of **Colin Lavalette**, effective June 30, 2016.

Colin Lavalette has been an Art teacher from November 1980 to present for a total of 36 years of service in the Wallingford Public Schools.

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF RETIREMENT, WITH REGRET, OF RAFFAELINA LONETTI, EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2016

MOTION: CEI, SECOND BY DOERR

VOTE: Unanimous approval that the Board of Education accept, with regret, the retirement of **Raffaelina Lonetti**, effective June 30, 2016.

Raffaelina Lonetti has been a World Language teacher from October 2000 to present for a total of 16 years of service in the Wallingford Public Schools.

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF RETIREMENT, WITH REGRET, OF JANE MASSON, EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2016

MOTION: CEI, SECOND BY DOERR

VOTE: Unanimous approval that the Board of Education accept, with regret, the retirement of **Jane Masson**, effective June 30, 2016.

Jane Masson has been an Elementary teacher from August 1996 to present for a total of 20 years of service in the Wallingford Public Schools.

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF RETIREMENT, WITH REGRET, OF PATRICIA STEARNS, EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2016

MOTION: CEI, SECOND BY DOERR

VOTE: Unanimous approval that the Board of Education accept, with regret, the retirement of **Patricia Stearns**, effective June 30, 2016.

Patricia Stearns has been a Middle School teacher from September 1980 to present for a total of 36 years of service in the Wallingford Public Schools.

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF RETIREMENT, WITH REGRET, OF BONNIE SYMANSKY, EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2016

MOTION: CEI, SECOND BY DOERR

VOTE: Unanimous approval that the Board of Education accept, with regret, the retirement of **Bonnie Symansky**, effective June 30, 2016.

Bonnie Symansky has been a Library/Media Specialist from August 1996 to present for a total of 20 years of service in the Wallingford Public Schools.

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF RETIREMENT, WITH REGRET, OF CHRISTINE TAKORES, EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2016

MOTION: CEI, SECOND BY DOERR

VOTE: Unanimous approval that the Board of Education accept, with regret, the retirement of **Christine Takores**, effective June 30, 2016.

Christine Takores has been an English/Social Studies Teacher, a School Counselor and Special Education Department Head from September 1993 to present for a total of 23 years of service in the Wallingford Public Schools.

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF RETIREMENT, WITH REGRET, OF MARY WILLIAMS, EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2016

MOTION: CEI, SECOND BY DOERR

VOTE: Unanimous approval that the Board of Education accept, with regret, the retirement of **Mary Williams**, effective June 30, 2016.

Mary Williams has been a Special Education teacher from August 2004 to present for a total of 12 years of service in the Wallingford Public Schools.

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF RETIREMENT, WITH REGRET, OF GALE WORTH, EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2016

MOTION: CEI, SECOND BY DOERR

VOTE: Unanimous approval that the Board of Education accept, with regret, the retirement of **Gale Worth**, effective June 30, 2016.

Gale Worth has been a Middle School teacher from September 1986 to present for a total of 30 years of service in the Wallingford Public Schools.

PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED REVISED POLICY: SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION – 5114

Mr. Parkhurst explained there is some new language in this document specific to grade levels. An example is on page six which refers to grades K-8. The new legislative language is around grade level changes.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: HLAVAC, SECOND BY BROODER

VOTE: Unanimous approval to accept items 7.1 – 7.33 on the Consent Agenda.

- Approval to Accept Board of Education Minutes dated February 22, 2016
- Approval to Accept Special Board of Education Minutes dated February 24, 2016
- Approval to Accept Special Board of Education Minutes dated March 15, 2016
- Approval to Accept Special Board of Education Minutes dated March 16, 2016
- Approval to Accept Financial Report for February 2016
- Approval to Accept Cafeteria Financial for February 2016
- Approval to Accept **GIFT** of 22 Tickets & Parking Passes to Sesame Street Live at the Oakdale Theater from Steve Zion & Mr. Jeff Wallace to E.C. Stevens Elementary School with a value of \$2,500
- Approval to Accept **GIFT** of Darkroom equipment to Lyman Hall High School from Mr. Frank Ciccone, 6 Davenport Place, Wallingford valued at \$700.
- Approval to Accept **GIFT** of \$500 to the Credit for Life Program from the Wallingford Education Foundation
- Approval to Accept **GIFT** of \$750 to Mark T. Sheehan High School Girls' Swimming from Verizon Foundation 6.
- Approval to Accept **GIFT** toward lunch and building use for the Credit for Life Program from United Bank, c/o Kathy Larkin valued at \$1,500
- Approval to Accept **GIFT** of lunch for the Credit for Life Program from Chick Fil A c/o Todd Langston valued at \$500
- Approval of Proposed Adoption of New Policy: Cellular Telephones -4118.6
- Approval of Proposed Adoption of Revised Policy: Use of Tobacco/Substitute Devices – Policy: Smoking – 1316
- Approval of Proposed Adoption of New Policy: Concussion Management for Student Sports-5141.7
- Approval of Proposed Adoption of New Regulation: Concussion Management for Student Sports – 5141.7a
- Approval of Proposed Adoption of Revised Regulation: Field Trips – 6153a
- Approval of Proposed Adoption of Revised H.S. Grade 9 Literary Themes and Genres – Unit: Justice
- Approval of Proposed Adoption of Revised H.S. Grade 10 World Literature – Unit 4: Science and Technology
- Approval of Adoption of Revised H.S. Grade 11 American Literature – Unit 4: Reclaiming the American Dream
- Approval of Proposed Adoption of New H.S. Geometry Unit 5 – Circles
- Approval of Proposed Adoption of New H.S. Geometry Unit 6 – 3D Geometry
- Approval of Proposed Adoption of New H.S. Algebra 2 Unit 5 – Exponential & Logarithmic Functions
- Approval of Proposed Adoption of New H.S. PreCalculus Unit 6 – Vectors
- Approval of Proposed Adoption of New H.S. PreCalculus Unit 7 – Parametric
- Approval of Proposed Adoption of New Kindergarten Information Technology Units 1, 2 and 3
- Approval of Proposed Adoption of New Grade 1 Information Technology Units 1, 2 and 3
- Approval of Proposed Adoption of New Grade 2 Information Technology Units 1, 2 and 3
- Approval of Proposed Adoption of World Language Graduation Standards - Standard 1: Interpretive Communication, Standard 2: Interpersonal Communication, Standard 3: Presentational Communication and Standard 4: Global Awareness
- Approval of Proposed Adoption of Science Indicators
- Approval to Accept Transfer from Account #320A – Professional Services – Staff \$2,923, Account #430I – Repairs & Maintenance – Instructional \$3,545 to Account #730A – Instructional Equipment \$6,468
- Approval to Accept Transfer from Account 100B – Contingency to Account #890F – Other Expenses \$12,000
- Approval to Accept Transfer from Account #613K – Supplies – Carpentry to Account #430K – Repairs & Maintenance – Carpentry \$ 30,000

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

There were no items removed from the Consent Agenda

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Votto reported there were donations made: Tickets and parking passes to see Sesame Live at The Oakdale Theater from Steve Zion to Stevens Elementary School, Darkroom equipment made to Lyman Hall High School from Mr. Frank Ciccone, \$500 to the Credit for Life program from the Wallingford Education Foundation, \$750 to Mark T. Sheehan High School Girls' Swimming from Verizon Foundation, \$1,500 from United Bank toward building use and lunch for the Credit for Life Program; and \$500 from Chick Fil A toward lunch at the Credit for Life program. He stated there was a note received from the Quinnipiac Chamber with congratulations for receiving the NSBA Magna Award.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A.C.E.S. Representative

Mrs. Hlavac read into the minutes a report as listed below.

"The ACES Governing Board met on March 10, 2016. The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted. The Commissioner of Education, Dr. Dianna Wentzell, was a guest speaker. She indicated that the Governor's budget proposal held whole the ECS and the Alliance District Grants for next year but expected

cuts of around \$70 million will need to be absorbed. Discussion took place regarding a number of topics including the desire to have test scores back to districts more quickly; utilizing students' standardized test scores as part of teacher evaluations, the validity and reliability of the standardized tests being administered and information about school districts' evaluation plans. The Governing Board approved the filing of the fiscal reports (subject to audit) and authorized the following: acceptance of resignations, confirmation of retirements, leaves of absence, and the hiring of staff/transfers/position changes as detailed on the Human Resources Report. The monthly Early Head Start report was approved. The Governing Board approved the tuition and rates for 2016-2017. The Governing Board approved the following program budgets for the 2016-2017 school year: Mill Road School, Whitney High East/West, Whitney High North, Village School, Village School EIBI and the Center for Autism and Developmental Disorders, The Educational Center for the Arts, Technology Services and Transportation. The budgets for the Thomas Edison Middle School and the Wintergreen Inter-District Magnet School were approved by the respective Steering Committees for those schools. The Governing Board approved the Little Theater Building project, State project no. 244-0037 as complete. Under Old Business, guest speaker Dr. Alice Torres, Director of Early Childhood Services provided an update on the Early Head Start Program. The Governing Board approved the Early Head Start monthly report. Erika Forte, Asst. Executive Director indicated in the Curriculum Report that students participated appropriately during administration of the SAT, mid-year teacher evaluations were done and that the next PD will take place on March 24, 2016. There are 100 Wallingford students attending ACES programs."

Wintergreen Magnet School Steering Committee

Mr. Votto reported that there was a meeting on February 24th. He said the Assistant principal reported and the 2016-2017 budget was approved. There was discussion about having 190 school days with 195 days for teachers. There was a three percent increase to schools who participate.

School to Career Representative/Business ThinkTank

Dr. Menzo reported at the meeting this month there was an update on the Credit for Life program.

PTAC Update

Dr. Menzo stated that the meeting included an update on the bus cameras, a photography update, a budget update, formation of a Dress Code Committee, and the Prom Pledge. He explained that if students sign the Prom Pledge they will be able to be entered into a drawing to receive a limo ride to the prom, gift certificates to have nails and hair done and other items also.

Lyman Hall Athletic Complex Improvement Committee

Mr. Deptula reported that there have been no meetings but they will resume in May.

Plan of Conservation Development

There was no report.

Food Services Strategic Plan Committee

Dr. Menzo reported that the food service workers have met as a committee. He stated there have been some changes made to the food that is being served such as making pizzas right at the school and it is cut into 6 pieces instead of 8. He said the finances are looking better.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business brought to the Board.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Report on Operations Committee meeting

Mr. Brooder reported that the meeting was last Monday evening. The committee reviewed the cafeteria budget, the Board of Education budget, a transfer and there was discussion about the STEP program and discussion of naming the Sheehan High School baseball field.

Approval to Name the Baseball Field at Sheehan High School the *Robert Neubauer Baseball Field*

MOTION: BROODER, SECOND BY GLIDDEN

A roll call vote was made.

AFFIRMATIVE:

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

Motion passed

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business brought to the Board

ADMINISTRATION

Administrative Report

Dr. Menzo reported on items listed below.

- Next Wednesday there will be a Summit for administrators with Office Depot on Lean Culture.
- Thursday at 6:30 at HUBCAP there will be a Potluck dinner and budget review with Board members and Town Councilors.
- On Friday we should be receiving the approved budget amount from the Mayor. On April 7th there will be the public meeting at Town Hall where the public can ask questions. On April 19th the Town Council will ask questions of the Board. In May the Town Council will approve the budget.
- On April 21st students will get to meet Watson at a cognitive lab guided by the man who created the laser.
- The last Mastery Based Learning program will meet at 6:30 on Wednesday at 100 South Turnpike Road.
- Choate has donated iPads to the school system.
- The *All Shook Up* show at Sheehan High School was incredible. Can't wait to see *Shrek* at Lyman Hall.
- This year there will be a full April vacation.
- The tentative date for graduation is Friday, June 17th.
- He thanked Dunkin Donuts for donating \$250 of product for the Credit for Life program.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

04/04/16 Instructional Committee
04/18/16 Operations Committee

Board Conference Room

100 S. Turnpike Road 6:00 p.m.
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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday, April 25, 2016 Board of Education

Robert Parisi
Town Council Chambers
7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. McKay adjourned the meeting at 8:46 p.m.

Mike Votto Secretary