

**WALLINGFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**\*\*AUDITORIUM\*\***  
**MARK T. SHEEHAN HIGH SCHOOL**  
**142 HOPE HILL ROAD, WALLINGFORD**  
**May 19, 2008**

**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Mike Votto called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

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

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

**CASTELLI, CEI, FORD, HAYDEN, HENNESSEY, LAFFIN, MCKAY, REYNOLDS,  
VOTTO**

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT**

**WILSON, TAYLOR, WINTERS, NAPOLITANO**

**STUDENT-BOARD REPRESENTATIVES**

**Jillian Correa**, Student Board representative from Lyman Hall High School, came before the Board to give her report.

- Lyman Hall Productions presented the play Bye Bye Birdie from May 15<sup>th</sup> through May 17<sup>th</sup>. She reported that the play was a great success thanks to the students and faculty.
- Lyman Halls Baseball team is looking forward to the State Tournament, which will begin on Tuesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Lyman Hall had their Junior Prom on Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at Zandris Stillwood Inn
- The Senior Prom will be held at Anthony's Ocean View in New Haven on Friday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m.
- Lyman Hall will be hosting the Relay for Life this year and will also have a dinner on May 20<sup>th</sup> in order to raise funds for the event.
- The Pops Concert is scheduled for June 6<sup>th</sup> and June 7<sup>th</sup>
- Lyman Hall will be hosting their annual VoAg Fair all this week

**Elayna Roberts**, Student Board representative from Mark T. Sheehan High School, came before the Board to give her report.

- On May 6 – a Varsity Scholar Banquet was held at Sheehan where 19 seniors were honored for the academic excellence
- At Applebees there was a Project Graduation pancake breakfast held on May 10<sup>th</sup> where National Honor Society members volunteered.
- The Junior Prom was held at Zandris Stillwood Inn on Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>
- Students from Miss Cappellis Creative writing class were able to sign up to compete in a Statewide Poetry Slam at Middletown. There were six members from Sheehan who took part in the poetry slam yesterday. Senior Edlyz Ojeda and Junior Shanarra Hanna were picked for the Connecticut National Slam Poetry team. Jack Boyd was chosen as an alternate. They will now go on to a National Level competition.
- On May 21<sup>st</sup> Sheehan will hold their annual International Night where students from any of the four languages offered at the school share different parts of the culture through poems and songs.
- May 22 – Academic Awards Program
- May 23 – Senior Outing
- May 30 – Diversity Assembly during the day and Spring Concert at night
- June 7 – Senior Prom
- June 10 - Yearbook Signing and Ice Cream Social
- June 12 – Spring Sports Awards
- June 17 – Senior Night
- June 18 – Nurses Pinning Ceremony at Lyman Hall
- June 20 – Graduation at 6:00 p.m.

### **PRESENTATION OF AWARDS**

### **RECOGNITION OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO ACHIEVED SCORES OF DISTINCTION ON THE SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT TEST**

Mr. Wilson asked Mr. Votto to join him at the podium to present the Scholastic Achievement Test certificates. He thanked the parents for all of their support and encouragement they give to their children. He also thanked the teachers, support staff and administration. He reported that these students have received scores of distinction. He called Mr. Bryant and Ms. Duthie to the podium to call the students to the podium to receive a certificate.

Ms. Duthie reported that these students had to receive scores of at least 650 or better. The students who received the SAT Award from Sheehan High School were: Timothy Apuzzo, John Boyd, Charles Brittingham, Jody Brint, Kimberlee Brosnan, Alison Corriveau, Lisa DeVince, Benjamin Ditota, Aurelia Godard, Mary Hinman, Meghan Hoffman, Betsy Kadapuram, Jenna Krasowski, Brian Naples, Ellen Nikonova, Robin Richter, Sandesh Sekhara, Bryan Sidwell, Emily Slivinski, Michelle Stevens, Christopher Tagianetti, Nhi Tran, Jennifer Wright and Roman Zaets.

Mr. Bryant came before the Board to present the certificates to Lyman Hall students. Students who received SAT Awards from Lyman Hall High School were: Torrie Aldrich, Daniel Beckwith, Lauren Bishop, Daniel Brooks, Adam Buckley, David Burt, Michelle Churma, Amanda Cartier, Julia Czaplinski, Antonio DelGreco, Timothy Fekete, Christopher Gagne, Eric Habersang, Christopher Hart, Samantha Helm, Tom Hils, Lysle Kilbourn, Julian Knowlton, Evan LeClair, Katie Mantie, Alan Marcarelli, Lindsay Musgrove, Nicole Nevers, Stephanie Nieves, Kaitlyn Nolan, Eric Palmer, Katherine Piascyk, Amanda Pires, Christopher Raub, Sheila Reagan, Kyrie Sawicki, Leah Stone, Brittany Smith, Scott Thurston, Jessica Urbasik, Charlene VanBuiten, Thomas Ward, Louanne Woznicki.

### **PRESENTATION OF CABA LEADERSHIP AWARDS**

Mr. Wilson reported that the CABA Awards criteria includes willingness to take on challenges, concern for others, diplomacy, and ability to understand issues clearly. He called the two high school principals to the podium to present the awards.

Ms. Duthie called Elayna Roberts and Sandesh Sekhara to the podium and presented them with the CABA Student Leadership Award.

Mr. Bryant called Christopher Gatcomb and Mary Ellen Bonito to the podium and presented them with the CABA Student Leadership Award.

### **RECOGNITION OF 2008 YOUTH OF THE YEAR FOR ULBRICH BOYS & GIRLS CLUB**

Ms. Duthie reported that this award acknowledges the students volunteer efforts within the community. She went on to say that in addition to service in the Ulbrich Boys & Girls Club she has also contributed to Relay for Life and efforts on behalf of CREW with the hurricane Katrina victims. She said she is pleased to recognize Megan Lenzo.

### **COMMENDATION OF THE 2007-2008 STUDENT-BOARD REPRESENTATIVES**

Chairperson Mike Votto called Jillian Correa, Student Board representative from Lyman Hall, to the podium to present her with a certificate of resolution. He read:

#### **R E S O L U T I O N WALLINGFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

- WHEREAS,** the Wallingford Board of Education recognizes the importance of student representation in matters pertaining to the school; and
- WHEREAS,** the Board wishes to encourage continued participation and commend outstanding contributions of student representatives; and
- WHEREAS,** **JILLIAN PAIGE CORREA**, President of Lyman Hall High School Student Assembly, has represented the Lyman Hall High School students outstandingly at Board of Education meetings during 2007-2008;

**BE IT RESOLVED, THEREFORE, that the Board of Education on this Nineteenth day of May, in the year 2008, hereby commends and thanks Jillian Paige Correa for her service, and takes this opportunity to congratulate her parents Mr. & Mrs. Robert Correa, and her school advisor, Heather Morris, for their encouragement, support and guidance by the nine members of the Wallingford Board of Education.**

Mike Votto called Elayna Roberts, Student Board representative from Mark T. Sheehan High School, to the podium to present her with the certificate of resolution.

**R E S O L U T I O N**

**WALLINGFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**WHEREAS, the Wallingford Board of Education recognizes the importance of student representation in matters pertaining to the school; and**

**WHEREAS, the Board wishes to encourage continued participation and commend outstanding contributions of student representatives; and**

**WHEREAS, ELAYNA ROBERTS, President of the Mark T. Sheehan High School Student Assembly, has represented the Mark T. Sheehan High School students outstandingly at Board of Education meetings during 2007-2008;**

**BE IT RESOLVED, THEREFORE, that the Board of Education on this Nineteenth day of May, in the year 2008, hereby commends and thanks Elayna Roberts for her service, and takes this opportunity to congratulate her parents Mr. & Mrs. Roberts, and her school advisor, Xenon Popko for their encouragement, support and guidance. by the nine members of the Wallingford Board of Education.**

**COMMENDATION OF HIGHEST RANKING SCHOLAR FROM LHHS**

**R E S O L U T I O N**

**WALLINGFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**WHEREAS, the attainment of high scholastic achievement should be encouraged and acknowledged; and**

**WHEREAS, the attainment of the highest ranking scholastic average is an outstanding honor that should be fully appreciated and commended; and**

**WHEREAS, TIMOTHY FEKETE, a graduating senior of Mark T. Sheehan High School in Wallingford, has achieved the highest academic standing for four years of his high school education;**

**BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wallingford Board of Education wholeheartedly unites in congratulating Timothy Fekete for his noteworthy and, indeed, remarkable accomplishment and wishes him success in his future endeavors; and**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that on this nineteenth day of May, in the year 2008, Timothy Fekete is hereby officially honored by the nine members of the Wallingford Board of Education.**

**COMMENDATION OF HIGHEST RANKING SCHOLAR FROM MTSHS**

**R E S O L U T I O N  
WALLINGFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**WHEREAS,** the attainment of high scholastic achievement should be encouraged and acknowledged; and

**WHEREAS,** the attainment of the highest ranking scholastic average is an outstanding honor that should be fully appreciated and commended; and

**WHEREAS,** NHI TRAN, a graduating senior of Mark T. Sheehan High School in Wallingford, has achieved the highest academic standing for four years of her high school education;

**BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Wallingford Board of Education wholeheartedly unites in congratulating Nhi Tran for her noteworthy and, indeed, remarkable accomplishment and wishes her success in her future endeavors; and

**BE IT FURTHER, RESOLVED,** that on this nineteenth day of May, in the year 2008, Nhi Tran is hereby officially honored by the nine members of the Wallingford Board of Education.

**RECOGNITION OF MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO ACHIEVED SCORES OF DISTINCTION ON THE SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT TEST**

Mr. Wilson called the principals of the middle schools to come to the podium to present the certificates to their students who achieved scores of distinction on the Scholastic Achievement test.

Mr. Buccilli, Principal of Dag Hammarskjold, came before the Board to present the students with certificates. They were: Claire M. Benham, Julia L. Blanchard, Michael R. Marinelli, Alyssa M. Pichulo, Lane T. Proto, Kaitlyn M. Schuster, Jacob T. Struble, and Kimberly E. Towne.

Mr. Cyr, Principal of Moran Middle School, came before the Board to present Moran students with their certificates. They were: Emily S. Messinger and Ethan P. Noble.

Mr. Votto congratulated all the recipients of the awards and thanked the parents and teachers for all their support.

**MR. VOTTO CALLED FOR A MOTION TO HAVE A RECESS AT 8:11 P.M.**

**MOTION: HENNESSEY, SECOND BY CASTELLI**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL TO HAVE A RECESS AT 8:11 P.M.**

*The meeting reconvened at 8:17 p.m.*

**QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION**

Ann MacDonald, 175 North Branford Road, President of the Wallingford Paraprofessionals, came before the Board to distribute to all Board members copies of the findings from the health forum that was held a few weeks ago.

Frank Ricci, 20 Parkview Road, thanked the Board, the Superintendent and Trish Crowley, Principal from Parker Farms School for being so responsive to a situation with the classes at Parker Farms.

Heather Carrano, 47 Lynn Drive, thanked the Board from all the Parker Farms parents for not cutting the third grade class at Parker Farms.

**MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF CANDIDATES FOR TEACHING POSITIONS AT 8:20 P.M.**

**MOTION: HENNESSEY, SECOND BY HAYDEN**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF CANDIDATES FOR TEACHING POSITIONS AT 8:20 P.M.**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT IN EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**CASTELLI, CEI, FORD, HAYDEN, HENNESSEY, LAFFIN, MCKAY, REYNOLDS, VOTTO**

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT**

**WILSON, TAYLOR**

**MOTION TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:45 P.M.**

**MOTION: CASTELLI, SECOND BY HENNESSEY**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:45 P.M.**

*Mr. Hennessey requested that Items 7.40 and 7.41 be removed from the Consent agenda and be placed in line item 8.*

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION: HENNESSEY, SECOND BY CASTELLI**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL TO ACCEPT ITEMS 7.1 – 7.39 AS LISTED BELOW**

- Approval to Accept **Minutes** Dated April 28, 2008
- Approval to Accept **Financial Report** for April 2008
- Approval to Accept **Cafeteria Financial** Report for April 2008
- Approval of Graduation Candidates from LHHS *Pursuant to Completion of All Graduation Requirements*
- Approval of Graduation Candidates from MTS *Pursuant to Completion of All Graduation Requirements*
- Approval of Recipient of Yale-Brown Scholarship
- Approval of Wallingford High School Recipient of Finn Scholarship
- Approval of Annual Teacher Evaluation Report
- Approval to Grant Transfer Authority to the Superintendent of Schools for the 2007-2008 school year.
- Approval of Proposed Adoption of New Textbook for Medical Careers:  
Fundamentals - *Introduction to Health Science*
- Approval of Proposed Adoption of New H.S. Course Outline: The Developing Child – Prenatal Through Toddler
- Approval of Proposed Adoption of New H.S. Course Outline: The Developing Child – Preschool Through School Age
- Approval of Proposed Adoption of New H.S. Course Outline: Graphic Communication
- Approval of Proposed Adoption of New H.S. Course Outline: Home Repair and Maintenance
- Approval of Proposed Adoption of New H.S. Course Outline: The Middle East
- Approval of Proposed Adoption of New Textbooks for The Middle East – *Through Middle Eastern Eyes* and *Teen Voices from the Holy Land: Who Am I to You?*
- Approval of Proposed Adoption of New Textbook for United States History (Basic Level) *History Alive! The United States*
- Approval of Proposed Adoption of New Textbook for Civics (Basic & General Level) – *Civics: Government & Economics in Action*
- Approval of Proposed Adoption of New Textbook for Civics (Academic Level) – *Government Alive! Power, Politics, and You*
- Approval of Proposed Adoption of New Textbook for Civics (Honors Level) – *Magruder's American Government*
- Approval of Proposed Adoption of New Textbook for Physics (Academic Level) – *The Physics of Everyday Phenomena*
- Approval of Proposed Adoption of New Textbook for Physics (AP& Honors Level) - *Physics*
- Approval of Proposed Adoption of New Textbook for AP Calculus – *Single Variable Calculus: Early Transcendentals*
- Approval of Proposed Adoption of Revised Rubric for Grades 7-12 – Analytical Scoring Rubric for Mathematical Problem Solving
- Approval of Proposed Adoption of New H.S. Course Outline: English 3 AP
- Approval of Proposed Adoption of New Textbooks for English 3 AP – *The Norton Sampler: Short Essays* and *The Language of Composition*
- Approval of Proposed Adoption of New H.S. Course Outline: Art Photography
- Approval of Proposed Adoption of New H.S. Course Outline: Advanced Art Photography
- Approval of Proposed Revisions to Policy ABAA – Parent/Teacher Advisory Councils
- Approval of Proposed Revisions to Regulation ABAA-R – Bylaws for High School Parent/Teacher Advisory Councils

Approval of Proposed Revisions to Regulation JFCH-R – Student Substance Abuse and Dependency  
 Approval of Proposed Revisions to Regulation JED-R – Attendance: Absences and Tardies  
 Approval of Proposed Revisions to Policy JEDA – Truancy  
 Approval of Proposed Revisions to Policy JEB – Ages of Attendance  
 Approval of Proposed Revisions to Policy JO – Student Records  
 Approval of Proposed Revisions to Regulation IKE-R – Promotion and Retention of Students  
 Approval of Proposed Revisions to Regulation IGCA-R – Summer School  
 Approval of Proposed Revisions to Regulation ECC-R – Pesticide Management/Pesticide Application  
 Approval of Proposed Revisions to Policy EEA – Student Transportation Services

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

**MOTION: HENNESSEY, SECOND BY FORD**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL TO ACCEPT ITEMS 7.40 AND 7.41 AS LISTED BELOW**

Approval to Accept Preparing the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Workforce Grant in the amount of \$60,000  
 Approval to Accept English Literacy & Civics Education Grant in the amount of \$34,000

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Mrs. Castelli reported that correspondence was received from the Comforte family, Donna Williams, Debby Griffiths, and Abby Laffin. Mrs. Castelli read the note from baby Abby. “Dear Dale and the entire Wallingford Board of Education, Thank you for the beautiful floral bouquet! How thoughtful of you to welcome me as I made my big debut in this world. It’s the first floral arrangement I’ve ever received. Mommy and daddy put it in the living room so I can enjoy the pretty flowers every day – especially on these rainy days when it’s too wet to go outside. Well, I’m off to take a nap. Thank you again! Love, Abby

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

Mr. Hennessey reported that at the last ACES meeting Hamden and New Haven had not arrived at a mutual understanding about the funds and students that go between their school districts. He said they are hoping that by the end of June they will have it worked out so they can put together a budget. He went on to say that a budget has not been approved for ACES. He said some of this is due to the fact that two groups had negotiations for new contracts. He said the first part is accepted for the teacher’s organization but the second part was not accepted for support services. He reported that this was denied and sent back to negotiations. He said this was denied because they were asking for increases in salary at 5.41% which was too excessive. He said they hope this will be resolved by the next meeting.



**Wintergreen Magnet School Steering Committee**

Mr. Wilson said they are hoping to finalize the budget by the next meeting.

**Report from Building Committee Representative for Vo-Ag Building Project**

Mrs. Ford reported that the project is currently on hold. She said they are waiting for bids to come in with a price for the project before it can go before the Town Council. She reported that the project probably won't begin until June 11.

**Report from School to Career Representative**

Mr. Cei reported that at last weeks meeting there was discussion about establishing an internship program. He said Mr. Villano from Workforce Alliance was at the meeting and talked about the workforce and how high the level of skills will need to be in years to come. Cindy from the Quinnipiac Chamber of Commerce is going to help generate interest in businesses for the internship program. He reported their next meeting is in June.

Mrs. Castelli commented that she read that the Top 10 jobs that will be in demand in 2010 were not even existing in 2004.

**Report from Representative to Diversity in Action Committee**

Mrs. McKay reported that the next meeting is Tuesday afternoon. She reminded everyone that Celebrity Reading Day is this next Friday and she thanked the volunteers who will be reading.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**INSTRUCTIONAL COMMITTEE**

**APPROVAL TO ACCEPT BOARD OF EDUCATION CALENDAR OF MEETINGS FOR FEBRUARY 2009-JANUARY 2010**

**MOTION: CEI, SECOND BY HENNESSEY**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL TO ACCEPT BOARD OF EDUCATION CALENDAR OF MEETINGS FOR FEBRUARY 2009-JANUARY 2010**

**APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF CANDIDATES TO TEACHING POSITIONS**

**MOTION: CEI, SECOND BY HENNESSEY**

**VOTE: Unanimous approval** that the Board of Education approve the appointment of the following candidates to teaching positions for the 2008-2009 school year, contingent upon proper Connecticut certification, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools:

**LYMAN HALL HIGH SCHOOL**

Susan Lorenzo

-

Guidance Director

**MARK T. SHEEHAN HIGH SCHOOL**

Jason Bouffard - Mathematics

**APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF RETIREMENT, WITH REGRET, OF BARBARA BENJAMIN, EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2008**

**MOTION: CEI, SECOND BY LAFFIN**

**VOTE: Unanimous approval** that the Board of Education accept, with regret, the retirement of **Barbara Benjamin**, effective June 30, 2008.

**Barbara Benjamin** has been with the Wallingford Public Schools since 1972. From September, 1972 to the present, she has been a classroom teacher at Moran Middle School, Yalesville School and Parker Farms School for a total of **thirty-six years** of service in the Wallingford Public Schools.

Mrs. Crowley, Principal of Parker Farms School, came before the Board to say a few words.

**APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF RETIREMENT, WITH REGRET, OF MAUREEN DELUCIA, EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2008**

**MOTION: CEI, SECOND BY LAFFIN**

**VOTE: Unanimous approval** that the Board of Education accept, with regret, the retirement of **Maureen DeLucia**, effective June 30, 2008.

**Maureen DeLucia** has been with the Wallingford Public Schools since 1974. From September, 1974 to the present, she has been a teacher in the Enrichment Program and a kindergarten teacher at Rock Hill, Moses Y. Beach, Yalesville and Parkers Farms Schools for a total of **thirty-four years** of service in the Wallingford Public Schools.

Mrs. Crowley came before the Board to say a few words about Maureen DeLucia.

**APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF RETIREMENT, WITH REGRET, OF VICTORIA GERACE, EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2008**

**MOTION: CEI, SECOND BY LAFFIN**

**VOTE: Unanimous approval** that the Board of Education accept, with regret, the retirement of **Victoria Gerace**, effective June 30, 2008.

**Victoria Gerace** has been with the Wallingford Public Schools since 1970. From September, 1970 June, 1971 and from January, 1973 to the present, she has been an elementary classroom teacher at Cook Hill, Parker Farms, Whittlesey Avenue and Yalesville Schools for a total of **thirty-six and one-half years** of service in the Wallingford Public Schools.

Mr. Mikulski, Principal of Yalesville School, came before the Board to say a few words.

**APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF RETIREMENT, WITH REGRET, OF DIANE KIMBALL, EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2008**

**MOTION: CEI, SECOND BY LAFFIN**

**VOTE: Unanimous approval** that the Board of Education accept, with regret, the retirement of **Diane Kimball**, effective June 30, 2008.

**Diane Kimball** has been with the Wallingford Public Schools since 1992. From September, 1992 to the present, she has been an elementary library-media specialist at Rock Hill and Yalesville Schools for a total of **sixteen years** of service in the Wallingford Public Schools.

Mrs. Mikulski came before the Board to say a few words.

**APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF RETIREMENT, WITH REGRET, OF CYNTHIA LEN, EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2008**

**MOTION: CEI, SECOND BY LAFFIN**

**VOTE: Unanimous approval** that the Board of Education accept, with regret, the retirement of **Cynthia Len**, effective June 30, 2008.

**Cynthia Len** has been with the Wallingford Public Schools since 1970. From September, 1970 to the present, she has taught in the Enrichment Program, compensatory education and has been an elementary classroom teacher at Rock Hill and Cook Hill Schools for a total of **thirty-eight years** of service in the Wallingford Public Schools.

Mrs. Murphy, Principal of Cook Hill School, was not available to comment and Dale Wilson read remarks to the Board from Jan Murphy.

**APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF RETIREMENT, WITH REGRET, OF LINDA RANKIN, EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2008**

**MOTION: CEI, SECOND BY LAFFIN**

**VOTE: Unanimous approval** that the Board of Education accept, with regret, the retirement of **Linda Rankin**, effective June 30, 2008.

**Linda Rankin** has been with the Wallingford Public Schools since 1962. From September, 1962 to June, 1981 and from February, 1987 to the present, she has been a classroom teacher at Dag Hammarskjold Middle School, Highland School, Pond Hill School and Rock Hill School for a total of **forty and one-half years** of service in the Wallingford Public Schools.

Allyson Glass, Principal of Rock Hill School, came before the Board to say a few words.

**APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF RETIREMENTS, WITH REGRET, OF BARBARA RUBIN, EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2008**

**MOTION: CEI, SECOND BY LAFFIN**

**VOTE:** Unanimous approval that the Board of Education accept, with regret, the retirement of **Barbara Rubin**, effective June 30, 2008.

**Barbara Rubin** has been with the Wallingford Public Schools since 1967. From September, 1967 to June, 1969 and from October, 1987 to the present, she has been an elementary classroom teacher at Washington Street, Yalesville and E.C. Stevens Schools for a total of **twenty-four years** of service in the Wallingford Public Schools.

Mrs. Duren, Principal of Stevens School, came before the Board to say a few words.

**APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF RETIREMENT, WITH REGRET, OF DOROTHEA RUSSO, EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2008**

**MOTION: CEI, SECOND BY LAFFIN**

**VOTE:** Unanimous approval that the Board of Education accept, with regret, the retirement of **Dorothea Russo**, effective June 30, 2008.

**Dorothea Russo** has been with the Wallingford Public Schools since 1989. From September, 1989 to the present, she has been an art teacher at the elementary level for a total of **nineteen years** of service in the Wallingford Public Schools.

Mrs. Duren came before the Board to say a few words.

**APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF RETIREMENT, WITH REGRET, OF DR. JOSEPH BIVONA, EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2008**

**MOTION: CEI, SECOND BY LAFFIN**

**VOTE:** Unanimous approval that the Board of Education accept, with regret, the retirement of **Dr. Joseph Bivona**, effective June 30, 2008.

**Dr. Joseph Bivona** has been with the Wallingford Public Schools since 1983. From November, 1983 to the present, he has been the Director of Pupil Personnel Services for a total of **twenty-five years** of service in the Wallingford Public Schools.

Mr. Wilson said a few words about Dr. Bivona.

**APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION, WITH REGRET, OF DANIELLE MOIR, EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2008**

**MOTION:** CEI, SECOND BY LAFFIN

**VOTE:** Unanimous approval that the Board of Education accept, with regret, the resignation of **Danielle Moir**, effective June 30, 2008.

**Danielle Moir** has been an English teacher at Lyman Hall High School since August, 2007.

**APPROVAL OF LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR CHRISTINE CASSIDY FROM MAY 29, 2008 TO THE END OF THE 2007-2008 SCHOOL YEAR.**

**MOTION:** CEI, SECOND BY LAFFIN

**VOTE:** Unanimous approval that a \*leave of absence for **Christine Cassidy** from May 29, 2008 to the end of the 2007-2008 school year be approved, without pay and benefits, and in accordance with the provisions of the current teachers' contract.

\*The leave of absence is personal and confidential. (**Christine Cassidy** is on a family medical leave until May 28, 2008 and is requesting a leave of absence from May 29, 2008 to the end of the 2007-2008 school year.)

**OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

**DISCUSSION OF 2008 – 2009 BUDGET**

Ms. Winters gave a report on the surplus projection in the April Financial Report. She reported a surplus of \$650,000 in salaries account, \$369,379 in the Contingency account, \$340,000 in the Benefits account, \$96,749 in the transportation account, \$75,000 in the Electricity account, the Heating and Plant & Maintenance account are projected to break even and the Special Education Tuition account will be in deficit of \$273, 361. She reported that the total surplus balance at the end of the year is projected to be \$1,257,767.

Mr. Wilson said this surplus would be used for pre-buy and we would still be short \$175,000 to balance the budget since we were cut \$1.3 million. He said he is still working on balancing the budget and he will bring the Board more information at the Operations Committee meeting on June 9<sup>th</sup>.

**ADMINISTRATION**

**Administrative Report**

Mr. Wilson had nothing to report.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Board Conference Room**

Monday, 6/2/08	Instructional Committee	7:00 p.m.
Monday, 6/9/08	Operations Committee	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, 5/21/08	Community Volunteers Reception	4:00 p.m.
Wednesday, 6/4/08	Spring Sports Awards - LHHS	7:00 p.m.
Thursday, 6/12/08	Spring Sports Awards – MTS	7:00 p.m.
Friday, 6/20/08	Graduation	6:00 p.m.

Mr. Wilson explained that the Community Volunteers Reception has been changed to meet in Cafeteria B at Sheehan because so many people have responded to attend.

Mr. Votto asked Board members to let the Principals know if they will be attending the graduations and copy him on which school they will go to.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**Monday, 6/16/08**

**Board of Education**

**Drama/Lecture Room**

**7:30 p.m.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Votto adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Secretary**  
**Kathy Castelli**