

**WALLINGFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
LIBRARY/MEDIA CENTER
LYMAN HALL HIGH SCHOOL
POND HILL ROAD, WALLINGFORD
MONDAY, JUNE 14, 2010**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Tom Hennessey called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

STUDENT-BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

Rene Minnocci, Lyman Hall Student Board representative and Elvia Lopez, Sheehan Student Board representative gave their last report in May

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Recognition of Secretary of State Citizenship Award

Dr. Menzo explained that this is one of the most prestigious awards that a student can receive from the Secretary of State, Susan Bysiewicz. He said this award for academic excellence and citizenship also. He called Summer Edeen, a student at Dag Hammarskjold Middle School, to the podium and presented her with the 8th Grade Citizenship Award from the Secretary of State and a certificate from the Board of Education.

Recognition of DECA State Conference participants

Dr. Menzo called Mrs. Winch, teacher at Lyman Hall, to the podium to say a few words and call the students to be presented with a certificate of excellence. She explained that the DECA conference teaches the students to participate in speaking and to apply real life skills by developing business plans and presentation skills. She announced that the girls from Lyman Hall placed first in the State and the boys from Lyman Hall placed second in the competition. Students who received awards were: Cecilia Lavigne, Rachel Brenner, Aubrey Betzinger, John Aurora, and Paul Raffile.

Recognition of Invention Convention Participants

Dr. Menzo called Helene DeCataldo to the podium to call the recipients of the Invention Convention award. Honora Kenney, President of the State Invention Convention, also came before the Board to say a few words about the students. Each of the students came before the Board and displayed their invention and explained what they were. Students who were recognized were: From Moses Y. Beach - Olivia Mandy, Grace Mandy, Aedan VanHouten, Michael Rutigliano, Savannah Farkash, Samantha Bardelli, Camryn Chester, and Alexandra Tolla. From Rock Hill – Lisette Donewald, Melody Allen and Katie Broun. From Cook Hill – Joey Scala, Brendan Lindberg, Timothy Tangari, Elise Hummel, John “Jake” MacKenzie, Peter Wolfe, and Sarah Erlingheuser.

Recognition of Harvard Graduate Economics Competition

Dr. Menzo called Mr. Ives, teacher at Mark T. Sheehan High School, to the podium to talk about the competition. He explained that most of the students were from prep schools but Sheehan students beat more than half the teams that were there. The students were called to the podium to receive certificates. They were: Brian Bates, Colin Bradley, Christopher Celotto, Alexina DeVecchio, Alicia Gansley, Cody Grant, Tyler Holden, Michael Kadow, Lisa Naples, Kaitlyn Romania, and Alexander Scelzo.

QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

A parent came before the Board to ask about clarification regarding how many paraprofessionals would be at each school. Mrs. Lautier was available to explain that the intent is to have twelve paras between partner schools but every child's needs will be met and the paras will be adjusted accordingly.

Diane Malone, 25 Sutter Road, came to the podium to ask about the Open House in the fall and the bus run. She said she thought having an Open House the night before school begins isn't good because the students need to get up early for the first day of school. Dr. Menzo reported that he would be meeting with the elementary principals and he would bring her concerns to that meeting. Mrs. Malone also had a concern about the dry run with the buses. Dr. Menzo responded that a letter would be sent to parents regarding the bus run and explained that it is voluntary. He reported that it would be good for the students to follow the procedures and know where they will be seated before school starts.

John Farkash, 195 High Street, came before the Board to ask how it was determined to have the older students at Rock Hill School. Dr. Menzo explained that NESDEC in their report felt that the older students would do better there because of the steep inclines in the halls and that Moses Y. Beach is more of a community neighborhood school and has a lot of younger students who are walkers.

Lars Edeen, 104 Mapleview Road, inquired about why only ten students can attend ECA this year instead of eleven? Mrs. Lautier explained that we've always budgeted for ten students to attend. If there were more students there it was because the parents paid for them to attend.

Melinda Town, 23 Tremper Drive came to ask if the bus routes would be published in August and if anyone is able to give them dismissal times. Dr. Menzo reported that when the transportation study was done they found that the middle schools dismiss and get on the buses at 2:50 and those same buses are needed at the elementary schools at 3:15. The elementary students don't load the buses until 3:45 and get home quite a bit later. He said they initially had planned for 49 buses for next year, but when the consultant did the analysis he found that they don't need 49 buses. The extra buses will now be used for the middle school runs so that it should solve the elementary school issue. He said that by July 12th the start and end times for each school should be published. He announced that the bus runs will be published at the same time as every year in August. Mrs. Town asked if there would be other chances to meet the new principals. Dr. Menzo said the new principals would be sending letters out and there would be another time to meet them.

MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF THE ARBITRATION AWARD WITH THE CAFETERIA UNION (LOCAL 424, UNIT 30, UPSEU) FROM SEPTEMBER 1, 2009 TO AUGUST 31, 2011, FOR DISCUSSION OF CONTRACT AGREEMENT WITH THE CONNECTICUT HEALTH CARE SERVICE PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION, CONNECTICUT HEALTH CARE ASSOCIATES, AFSCME, AFL CIO FROM JULY 1, 2010 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2012 AND FOR DISCUSSION OF CANDIDATE FOR SCHOOL NURSE POSITION AT 8:10 P.M.

MOTION: MCKAY, SECOND BY VOTTO

VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF THE ARBITRATION AWARD WITH THE CAFETERIA UNION (LOCAL 424, UNIT 30, UPSEU) FROM SEPTEMBER 1, 2009 TO AUGUST 31, 2011, FOR DISCUSSION OF CONTRACT AGREEMENT WITH THE CONNECTICUT HEALTH CARE SERVICE PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION, CONNECTICUT HEALTH CARE ASSOCIATES, AFSCME, AFL-CIO FROM JULY 1, 2010 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2012 AND FOR DISCUSSION OF CANDIDATE FOR SCHOOL NURSE POSITION AT 8:10 P.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

BROODER, CASTELLI, FORD, HENNESSEY, MARRONE, MCKAY, MILLER, VOTTO

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MENZO, TAYLOR, GUARINO-RHONE

MOTION TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:34 P.M.

MOTION: FORD, SECOND BY VOTTO

VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:34 P.M.

The Regular meeting reconvened at 8:36 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: MCKAY, SECOND BY FORD

VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL TO ACCEPT ITEMS 7.1 – 7.15 AS LISTED BELOW WITH ONE CHANGE TO THE MINUTES DATED MAY 24, 2010

- Approval to Accept **Minutes** Dated Monday, May 24, 2010
- Approval to Accept **Minutes** Dated Thursday, June 10, 2010
- Approval to Accept **Financial Report** for May, 2010
- Approval to Accept **Cafeteria Financial Report** for May, 2010
- Approval of Proposed Adoption of Revised H.S. Course Outline: Advanced Automotive Systems Diagnostics
- Approval of Proposed Adoption of Revised H.S. Course Outline: Advanced Architectural Drafting and Design
- Approval of Proposed Adoption of Grades 9 to 12 Agriculture Education Textbook: *Principles of Food Science*
- Approval of Proposed Adoption of Grades 11 & 12 Agriculture Education Textbook: *Ornamental Horticulture – Science, Operations, and Management*
- Approval of Proposed Adoption of Grade 12 Family and Consumer Life Textbook: *Managing Life Skills*
- Approval of Proposed Adoption of Grades 9 & 10 Biology Textbook: *Biology – Concepts and Connections*
- Approval of Proposed Adoption of Job Description for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Resource Teacher
- Approval of Proposed Adoption of Job Description for Humanities Resource Teacher
- Approval of Proposed Adoption of Job Description for Athletic Director
- Approval to Accept GIFT of a Llama to the Lyman Hall Ag-Ed Department from Lakeside Feed “Toni”, 31 Lake Drive, Guilford, CT \$1,000.
- Approval of Transfer Authority for the Superintendent

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

There were no items removed from the Consent Agenda

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Votto reported that correspondence was received from Alison McWeeney.

COMMITTEE REPORTS
A.C.E.S. Representative

Mr. Hennessey reported that the end of the year meeting was held on Thursday. He said there was an Executive Session to discuss the contract of the Executive Director.

Wintergreen Magnet School Steering Committee

Dr. Menzo reported that there was no meeting

Building Committee Representative for Vo-Aq Building Project

Mrs. Ford reported that a meeting is being held this Thursday.

School to Career Representative

Mr. Miller reported that there was no meeting also.

Diversity in Action Committee Representative

Mrs. McKay reported that there was no meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was brought before the Board

INSTRUCTIONAL COMMITTEE

PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED REVISION TO POLICY IGAHA – DISTRICT WELLNESS

Mr. Taylor reported that at the last Instructional Committee meeting with the Board there were two minor changes made to this policy. He explained that the changes are on the first page of the policy. He said the first change would be to add a curriculum strand in nutrition at each of the grade levels – elementary, middle and high. He said the second change would be to add language that would guarantee that we would track fitness data at all three levels as well.

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT AGREEMENT WITH THE WALLINGFORD CONNECTICUT HEALTH CARE SERVICE PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION, CONNECTICUT HEALTH CARE ASSOCIATES, AFSCME, AFL-CIO FROM JULY 1, 2010 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2012

MOTION: MARRONE, SECOND BY VOTTO

VOTE: Unanimous approval that the Board of Education approve the agreement with The Wallingford Connecticut Health Care Service Professional Association, Connecticut Health Care Associates, AFSCME, AFL-CIO from July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2012.

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF LEAVE OF ABSENCE OF ERIN BOTELHO FOR THE 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR, WITHOUT PAY AND BENEFITS

MOTION: MARRONE, SECOND BY VOTTO

VOTE: Unanimous approval that a *leave of absence for **Erin Botelho** for the 2010-2011 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. (**Erin Botelho** is requesting a leave of absence for the 2010-2011 school year.)

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR LINDSAY PAGANINI FOR THE 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR, WITHOUT PAY AND BENEFITS

MOTION: MARRONE, SECOND BY VOTTO

VOTE: Unanimous approval that a *leave of absence for **Lindsay Paganini** for the 2010-2011 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. (**Lindsay Paganini** is requesting a leave of absence for the 2010-2011 school year.)

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF RETIREMENT, WITH REGRET, OF GAIL GIONET, EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2010

MOTION: MARRONE, SECOND BY VOTTO

VOTE: Unanimous approval that the Board of Education accept, with regret, the retirement of **Gail Gionet**, effective June 30, 2010.

Gail Gionet has been with the Wallingford Public Schools since September, 1971. From September, 1971 to June, 1978 and from September, 1982 to the present, she has been a mathematics teacher at Lyman Hall High School for a total of total of **thirty-five years** of service in the Wallingford Public Schools.

Mr. Bryant came before the Board to say a few kind words.

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF RETIREMENT, WITH REGRET, OF BRUCE ZUWALICK, EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2010

MOTION: MARRONE, SECOND BY VOTTO

VOTE: Unanimous approval that the Board of Education accept, with regret, the retirement of **Bruce ZuWalick**, effective June 30, 2010.

Bruce ZuWalick has been with the Wallingford Public Schools since August, 1998. From August, 1998 to the present, he has been a science teacher at Lyman Hall High School for a total of total of **twelve years** of service in the Wallingford Public Schools.

Mr. Bryant came to the podium to say a few words about Mr. Zuwalick.

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF RETIREMENT, WITH REGRET, OF GERMAINE HOSMER, EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2010

MOTION: MARRONE, SECOND BY VOTTO

VOTE: Unanimous approval that the Board of Education accept, with regret, the retirement of **Germaine Hosmer**, effective June 30, 2010.

Germaine Hosmer has been with the Wallingford Public Schools since 1991. From September, 1991 to the present, she has been a pre-school teacher at Rock Hill and Cook Hill Schools for a total of **nineteen years** of service in the Wallingford Public Schools.

Mrs. Lautier had some kind words to say about Mrs. Hosmer.

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION, WITH REGRET, OF JESSICA TAYLOR, EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2010

MOTION: MARRONE, SECOND BY VOTTO

VOTE: Unanimous approval that the Board of Education accept, with regret, the resignation of **Jessica Taylor**, effective June 30, 2010.

Jessica Taylor has been a fourth grade teacher at Pond Hill School since August, 2008 for a total of **two years** of service in the Wallingford Public Schools.

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION, WITH REGRET, OF JOEL NICK, EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2010

MOTION: MARRONE, SECOND BY VOTTO

VOTE: Unanimous approval that the Board of Education accept, with regret, the resignation of **Joel Nick**, effective June 30, 2010.

Joel Nick has been a social studies teacher at Lyman Hall High School since August, 2002 for a total of **eight years** of service in the Wallingford Public Schools.

Mr. Hennessey said Mr. Nick would be missed.

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION, WITH REGRET, OF TINA TWIGGS, EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2010

MOTION: MARRONE, SECOND BY VOTTO

VOTE: Unanimous approval that the Board of Education accept, with regret, the resignation of **Tina Twiggs**, effective June 30, 2010.

Tina Twiggs has been a family and consumer science teacher at M.T. Sheehan High School since August, 2005 for a total of **five years** of service in the Wallingford Public Schools.

APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF CANDIDATE TO SCHOOL NURSE POSITION**MOTION: MARRONE, SECOND BY VOTTO****VOTE: Unanimous approval** that the Board of Education approve the appointment of the following candidate to a school nurse position, effective as of August 27, 2010, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools:**Moran Middle School** - Katharine Duman**OPERATIONS COMMITTEE****Report on Operations Committee Meeting**

Mr. Brooder reported that the Operations Committee meeting was held last Monday. At that meeting the cafeteria report showed a surplus. He said the Board finance report was discussed. He said Dr. Menzo explained that the Excess Cost Grant that is funded by the State and he spoke with the Mayor and Comptroller from the Town to get an approval for it. He said it looks like there is a surplus of \$678,000. He said this will allow us to put 3.4 teachers back into the budget. He said there was also a Transfer Authority approved so that Dr. Menzo can approve the pre-buy severance.

APPROVAL OF 2010/2011 BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$86,427,640.**MOTION: BROODER, SECOND BY MILLER****VOTE: A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS MADE****AFFIRMATIVE: CASTELLI, FORD, HENNESSEY, MARRONE, MCKAY, MILLER, VOTTO****NEGATIVE: BROODER***Motion passed***ADMINISTRATION****Administrative Report**

Dr. Menzo reported that at the beginning of May we continued to communicate with the State regarding the Special Education funding for next year. He said on May 11th we found out we would be receiving \$231,221. in Excess Cost Sharing. He said this was factored into our budget and we shared this information with the Mayor. He explained that in order to increase the special ed. funding they decreased the transportation funding. In addition to the ECS funding the Town was reduced by \$171,000. He said the Town could have charged us for the shortfall of \$400,000 but the Mayor met with Linda Winters, Dr. Menzo and Jim Bowes and the school district will not be charged. He explained that 1.4 teachers will be put back into the high schools, .5 music person at each of the elementary schools, and 1.0 Instrumental music at the elementary level. He said he met with the music teachers to discuss this.

Dr. Menzo also congratulated the Baseball team.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Hennessey made announcements as listed below.

- He congratulated the Mark T. Sheehan High School Varsity Baseball team
- He wished Marty Taylor well in his retirement
- He said there are socials welcoming Carrie LaTorre at Rock Hill Elementary School and Ann Cochiolla at Dag Hammarskjold Middle School

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday, 7/19/10

Board of Education

Drama/Lecture Room

7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Hennessey adjourned the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

Secretary

Mike Votto