

**WALLINGFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
DRAMA/LECTURE ROOM
MARK T. SHEEHAN HIGH SCHOOL
142 HOPE HILL ROAD, WALLINGFORD
February 25, 2008**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Michael Votto at 7:35 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

CASTELLI, CEI, HAYDEN, HENNESSEY, LAFFIN, REYNOLDS, VOTTO

**FORD entered at 7:38 p.m.
McKAY was absent**

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

WILSON, TAYLOR, NAPOLITANO

STUDENT-BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

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

- There was a successful soft opening of the school restaurant "The Cooks Table"
- There will be a grand opening of the restaurant in the afternoon on March 5th.
- The "Names Can Hurt Us" assembly for sophomores on February 6th was very successful
- The Diversity Week Talent Show on February 8th allowed students to express themselves through dancing, singing and other performances
- Lyman Hall's basketball team is currently taking part in the SCC and State Tournaments
- Rashid Sofiane won a gold medal in the Regionals for track
- The Guidance Department is beginning to schedule students for the 2008-2009 academic school year
- The Class of 1957 recently donated a gift to Lyman Hall's Library
- CAPT testing will begin the week of March 3rd for freshmen and sophomores
- The Cooks Table is open to staff and faculty and is open for the lunch waves. The grand opening will be on March 5th.

Mr. Wilson explained that the Board is invited to the grand opening of the Cooks Table on March 5th.

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

- In January a comedy night fundraiser was held in the auditorium where Student Council members volunteered.
- Underclassmen held a fundraiser using IFLIRTS and candy grams on Valentine's Day where students were able to send candy to their friends or even find out their possible soul mates through the IFLIRT survey.
- Sheehan held a Military fair that was very successful. Senior court was filled with various armed service options for after high school.
- The Guidance Department has continued to inform the seniors of new scholarships via email which has been very convenient. Every month the seniors receive emails from Guidance Counselors that includes a list of the months newest scholarships and deadlines. The system just started this year and has been very successful.
- Most of Sheehan's winter sports are now moving into states. The Hockey team will participate in SCCs with a strong record of 15 – 4. The winter season will conclude some time in March.
- From March 3-13 CAPT testing will take place
- On March 4 - Jr. Parent/Student Post High School Planning Seminar at 6:30 p.m.
- On March 13 – Grade 9 Drug & Alcohol Safety Assembly
- On March 14 – Winter Carnival
- On March 15 – Magic Show
- On March 19 – Evening Conferences (Snow Date – March 20)
- On March 28 – Spring Musical at 7:00 p.m.
- On March 29 – Spring Musical at 2:00 and 7:00 p.m.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Presentation and Approval to Accept Dictionaries and Thesaurus from the Wallingford Rotary for 3rd and 5th grades

Mr. Wilson called Mr. Votto to the podium and introduced Lori Cooke-Marra from the Wallingford Rotary. Lori reported that this is the third year for the Rotary to make the dictionary donation to the schools and this year they have added the fifth grade thesaurus. She said this year they will be giving the dictionaries to third grades and the thesaurus to the fifth grades by going to each school and presenting them to each class. She said there are approximately 30 volunteers to help distribute the books. She added that this year they will also be giving them to Holy Trinity School and the Heritage Baptist School. She reported that the donation costs around \$2,000.

Mr. Votto thanked Lori Cooke-Marra for making the donation.

APPROVAL TO ACCEPT THE DICTIONARIES AND THESAURUS FROM THE WALLINGFORD ROTARY GRADES THREE AND GRADES FIVE

MOTION: HENNESSEY, SECOND BY CASTELLI

VOTE: Unanimous approval to accept the dictionaries and thesaurus from the Wallingford Rotary for grade three and grade five.

QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

No one came before the Board with questions.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: HENNESSEY, SECOND BY LAFFIN

VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL TO ACCEPT ITEMS 7.1 – 7.20 AS LISTED BELOW

Approval to Accept **Minutes** Dated January 28, 2008
Approval to Accept **Financial Report** for January 2008
Approval to Accept **Cafeteria Financial Report** for January 2008
Approval to Accept **GIFT** of Money for New School Sign in front of Stevens Elementary School from Stevens PTO \$3,832
Approval to Accept **GIFT** of Field Trip Money to Stevens Elementary School from Stevens PTO \$5,715
Approval to Accept **GIFT** of Reimbursement to Stevens School Teachers for Purchase of Classroom supplies from Stevens PTO \$1,350
Approval to Accept **GIFT** of Money for Stevens School Cultural Arts Program from Stevens PTO \$4,000
Approval to Accept **GIFT** of Video Toaster Editing Software upgrade to WPS TV Educational Access from Wallingford Public Access Assoc. (WPAA Cable) \$1,500
Proposed Adoption of New H.S. Course: Medical Careers: Fundamentals
Proposed Adoption of New H.S. Course Outline: Medical Careers: Fundamentals
Proposed Deletion of H.S. Course: Diversified Occupations 1
Proposed Deletion of H.S. Course: Diversified Occupations 2
Proposed Adoption of New H.S. Course: Cooperative Work Education/Diversified Occupations
Proposed Adoption of New H.S. Course Outline: Cooperative Work Education/Diversified Occupations
Proposed Adoption of Revised H.S. Course Outline: Residential Construction
Proposed Adoption of Revised H.S. Course Outlines: Jewelry, Ceramics, and Fiber Arts 1, 2, & 3
Proposed Adoption of Revised H.S. Course Outline: Trigonometry
Proposed Adoption of New H.S. Course: Honors Physics
Proposed Adoption of New H.S. Course Outline: Honors Physics
Proposed Adoption of Revised K-5 Science Scope and Sequence

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

No items were removed.

CORRESPONDENCE/RECOGNITION OF GIFTS

Mrs. Castelli acknowledged the gifts received as listed on the Consent Agenda. She also reported that correspondence was received from Cheryl and Ralph Priore, Marion Ruminski, Linda Hofbauer, Roberta Kania, and Carey Hile.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report from A.C.E.S. Representative

Mr. Hennessey reported that he was unable to attend the meeting last week.

Report from Representative to Wintergreen Magnet School Steering Committee

Mr. Wilson reported that the meeting is Wednesday, February 27 where they will be discussing the budget. He said he will report on this at the next Board meeting.

Report from Building Committee for Vo-Ag Building Project

Mrs. Ford reported that Ready Check has been selected to go over the drawings. She said they are expected to comment on the drawings by March 11th. She also reported that the drawings were also resubmitted to the State with any changes to be made to be sent to the State by March 7th. She said the preparation for moving the barn will start in the beginning of April.

Mr. Wilson said the move is due to take place on Memorial Day weekend.

Report of School to Career Committee Representative

Mr. Cei reported that there was a meeting last month. He said there were five or six new members from in the community who joined. He reported that there was discussion about starting a pilot for an internship program this summer or fall.

Mr. Votto reported that Mrs. Hayden is also on the School to Career Committee.

Report from Representative to Diversity in Action Committee

Mr. Wilson reported that the next meeting is Tuesday, February 26th in the Board Conference room at 3:00 p.m. and said that everyone is invited to attend.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was brought before the Board

INSTRUCTIONAL COMMITTEE

APPROVAL OF LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR LAURIE ESPOSITO FROM APRIL 7 TO MAY 23, 2008

MOTION: CEI, SECOND BY LAFFIN

VOTE: Unanimous approval that *a leave of absence for **Laurie Esposito** from April 7 to May 23, 2008 be approved, without pay and benefits, and in accordance with the current teachers' contract.

*The leave of absence is personal and confidential. (Laurie Esposito is on a family medical leave until April 4, 2008 and is requesting a leave of absence from April 7 to May 23, 2008.)

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION, WITH REGRET, OF KARLA BAIER, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 23, 2008

MOTION: CEI, SECOND BY LAFFIN

VOTE: Unanimous approval that the Board of Education accept, with regret, the resignation of Karla Baier, effective January 23, 2008.

Karla Baier has been a mathematics teacher at Mark T. Sheehan High School since August, 2005.

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION, WITH REGRET, OF MATTHEW ZABROSKI, EFFECTIVE ON A MUTUALLY AGREED UPON DATE

MOTION: CEI, SECOND BY LAFFIN

VOTE: Unanimous approval that the Board of Education accept, with regret, the resignation of Matthew Zabroski, effective as of a mutually agreed upon date.

Matthew Zabroski has been a special education teacher in the WISE Program since August 2003.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

ADMINISTRATION

There was no Administrative Report

ANNOUNCEMENTS

		<u>Board Conference Room</u>
Monday, 3/3/08	Instructional Committee	7:00 p.m.
Monday, 3/10/08	Operations Committee	7:00 p.m.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday, 3/17/08	Board of Education	<u>Drama/Lecture Room</u>
		7:30 p.m.

Mr. Votto announced that there is the 2nd Annual Transition Fair at Sheehan High School on March 4 at 6:30 p.m. This is held by the Special Education PTAC Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Votto adjourned the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

Kathy Castelli Secretary