

**WALLINGFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
DRAMA/LECTURE ROOM
MARK T. SHEEHAN HIGH SCHOOL
142 HOPE HILL ROAD, WALLINGFORD
June 15, 2009**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson, Mike Votto, 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

CASTELLI, CEI, FORD, HENNESSEY, MCKAY, REYNOLDS, VOTTO

LAFFFIN entered at 7:10 p.m.

ABSENT – HAYDEN

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

WILSON, TAYLOR, NOVAK, WINTERS, BACKUS, NAPOLITANO, WONG, LAUTIER

STUDENT-BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Mr. Votto moved Item 5.3 up on the agenda

Presentation by Community Health Care Charities

Mr. Gary Kozak, President of Community Health Care Charities and Steve Kirk, Regional Vice-President in New England came before the Board to present a plaque to Mr. Wilson. He reported that Mr. Wilson has been the coordinator since 1993 and thanked him for all his support over the years.

Recognition of Recipients of the CAFE Leadership Award

Mr. Wilson reported that students from both Sheehan and Lyman Hall will receive awards. He explained that the CAFE Student Leadership Awards program is designed to honor Connecticut High School Seniors who exhibit exemplary leadership skills. He said the theme this year is "Encourage Them!" to become leaders. He called David Bryant, Principal of Lyman Hall High School, to the podium who presented the certificates to Kelsey Loomis and Brendan Cei. Mrs. Duthie, Principal of Sheehan High School, came before the Board and presented certificates to Kaitlin LaFrance and Cody Ripa.

Recognition of Recipients of the State Invention Convention Award

Mr. Wilson announced that we have students who participated in the Connecticut State Invention Convention. He went on to say that on May 2nd forty eight inventors from Cook Hill and Moses Y. Beach schools participated in the 26th annual Connecticut Invention Convention held at the University of Connecticut at Storrs. He said this statewide competition hosted over 750 student inventors, who like our students, were considered the best from their local invention conventions. He reported that fourteen Wallingford children were judged to be among the best at this event and received awards. Additionally, three students received special recognition for inventions which make our world a safer place. He called STEP Teacher, Helene DeCataldo to the podium along with Principals from Cook Hill, Jan Murphy and Moses Y. Beach Principal, Carey Hile.

Helene thanked the Board, Mr. Wilson and parents for having the student participate. She also introduced Honey Kenney, curriculum manager for the Connecticut Invention Convention. Ms. Kenney came before the Board to thank them for their support. She said Connecticut has had more inventions than any other state. She said the new mantra is "Invent, Baby, Invent".

Helene introduced each of the students who told a little about their invention and received a certificate from the Board. The students who were from Moses Y. Beach School were Jacob Lynn, Piper Killen, Lauren Beverage, Emalee Pawloski, Katie Overstrum, Jordan Killen, Erika Marino and Benjamin Tyler. Students from Cook Hill School were Dara Malone, Thomas Skulski, Sarah Erlingheuser, Patricia Acorda, and Jennifer Skulski.

Presentation by Board

Mr. Votto invited all the Board members to come to the podium to present Mr. Wilson with a plaque. He read the plaque " Dale A. Wilson, 2009. Teacher, Principal, Assistant Superintendent, Superintendent. In Honor of thirty-six years of dedicated service to the students in the Wallingford School District. Presented by the Wallingford Board of Education on June 15, 2009".

Mr. Wilson said he accepts the plaque on behalf of the Board of Education and all the team who help run the district.

MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:35 P.M. FOR DISCUSSION OF CANDIDATES TO TEACHING POSITIONS, DISCUSSION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEPARTMENT HEAD, TEAM LEADER, ATHLETIC DIRECTOR AND SUBJECT AREA COORDINATOR POSITIONS AND DISCUSSION OF CANDIDATES FOR HEAD COACH POSITION

MOTION: HENNESSEY, SECOND BY FORD

VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL to go into Executive Session at 7:35 p.m. for Discussion of Candidates to Teaching Positions, Discussion of Candidates for Department Head, Team Leader, Athletic Director and Subject Area Coordinator Positions AND Discussion of Candidates for Head Coach Position

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

WILSON, TAYLOR, LAUTIER, CYR, BUCCILLI, BRYANT, DUTHIE

MOTION TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:55 P.M.

MOTION: HENNESSEY, SECOND BY FORD

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION
AT 7:55 P.M.**

Meeting reconvened at 7:56 p.m.

QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

Kathleen Adams, 608 North Elm Street, a senior at Lyman Hall High School, came before the Board with a presentation for implementing Arabic and Chinese language courses into the school district. She stated that a required English assignment for all seniors at Lyman Hall is to complete an assignment of what they believe will improve upon the quality of education at Lyman Hall. She reported that her teacher, Mrs. Lavalette, thought Kathleen's proposal on adding more languages to our school system would be interesting to actually present to the Board of Education.

Mr. Taylor said he would bring this to the management team to begin the process to look into the programs.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: HENNESSEY, SECOND BY FORD

VOTE: Unanimous approval of items 7.1 – 7.10 as listed below

- Approval to Accept **Minutes** Dated May 18, 2009
- Approval to Accept **Minutes** Dated June 8, 2009
- Approval to Accept **Financial Report** for May 2009
- Approval to Accept **Cafeteria Financial Report** for May 2009
- Approval of Proposed Adoption of New H.S. Course Outline: Introduction to Public Speaking
- Approval of Proposed Adoption of New Textbook for Introduction to Public Speaking: *Speech*
- Approval of Proposed Adoption of Revised H.S. Course Outline: Humanities
- Approval of Proposed Adoption of New U.S. History Textbook: *American Anthem*
- Approval of Proposed Adoption of New Mathematics Textbook: *Algebra 2*
- Approval of Prepurchase of 2009/2010 items out of the 2008/2009 Budget

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA**CORRESPONDENCE**

Mrs. Castelli reported that correspondence was received from Carol Desjardins, a teacher at Dag Hammarskjold.

COMMITTEE REPORTS**A.C.E.S. Representative**

Mr. Hennessey reported that the last meeting for this year took place last week. He reported that the Strategic Plan for ACES was approved. He went on to say that there was discussion about Wintergreen Magnet School and Hamden has cut the school enrollment at WIMS to 25 Kindergarten students and Meriden will be placing approximately 40 - 45 students. He stated that the contracts for four new people were approved. He announced that Craig Edmondson has been spending more time trying to get more even funding among the six districts that are involved with ACES. He reported that the next meeting is scheduled for September.

Wintergreen Magnet School Steering Committee

Mr. Wilson reported that Hamden Board approved funding for 25 additional Kindergarten students. He also said that the Education Committee and both the Appropriations and budget Committee of the General Assembly have included money for additional subsidy for Hamden. He also reported that we have contacted all our parents and will be sending 62 students to WIMS next year.

Report from Building Committee representative for V0-Ag Building Project

Mrs. Ford reported that there are two sets of minutes in the packet. She also reported that the exterior, windows and roof should be completed by the end of June. She went on to say that the greenhouse will be installed in August. She said the new anticipated date for completion is November. She stated that the FF&E has to be purchased from different vendors, not all from one vendor. She announced that the next meeting date is June 24th.

Report from School to Career representative

Mr. Cei said he had nothing to report at this time.

Report from Representative to Diversity in Action Committee

Mrs. McKay reported that Celebrity Readers Day has been scheduled for May 22nd, 2010. She said in the fall they will be looking for a new Chair for the committee. She announced that a Diversity program will be included in the professional development offerings for the following year. She reported the committee is looking for Outreach programs and new resources for parents. She said the committee is looking into what programs are offered at the high school level. She announced that the next meeting will be October 13, 2009 in the Board Conference room at Sheehan High School.

OLD BUSINESS**INSTRUCTIONAL COMMITTEE****APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF CANDIDATES TO TEACHING POSITIONS****MOTION: CEI, SECOND BY LAFFIN**

VOTE: Unanimous approval that the Board of Education approve the appointment of the named individuals on the list to teaching positions for the 2009-2010 school year, contingent upon proper Connecticut certification, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools. I further move that the above-referenced list be included as a part of the minutes of this Board of Education meeting.

Pupil Personnel Services

Melissa Benevento	-	Special Education (Cook Hill School)
Brian Roman	-	Special Education (Moran Middle School)
Kevin Hollis	-	Special Education Department Head (Middle/High School Level)

APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF DEPARTMENT HEAD, TEAM LEADER, ATHLETIC DIRECTOR, AND SUBJECT AREA COORDINATOR POSITIONS**MOTION: CEI, SECOND BY LAFFIN**

VOTE: Unanimous approval that the Board of Education approve the named individuals On the list as Department Head, Team Leader and Athletic Director for Appointment to their listed positions at Lyman Hall High School for the 2009-2010 school year, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools and contingent upon State of Connecticut Department Chairperson certification. I further move that the above referenced list be included as a part of the minutes of this Board of Education meeting.

Agriculture Education	Wilford Schultz
Career/Technical Education	Karin Pyskaty
Art/Music/Humanities	Susan Renkun
Athletic Director	Elaine Piazza
Business	William Paquette
Guidance Director	Susan Lorenzo
Language Arts	Susan Gomes
Mathematics	Jacqueline Tetreault
Physical Education/Health	Doreen Dressel
Science	Joseph Mongillo
Social Studies	Joel Nick
World Language	Denise Martha

APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF DEPARTMENT HEAD, TEAM LEADER, ATHLETIC DIRECTOR, AND SUBJECT AREA COORDINATOR POSITIONS

MOTION: CEI, SECOND BY LAFFIN

VOTE: Unanimous approval that the Board of Education approve the named individuals on the list as Department Head, Team Leader and Athletic Director for appointment to their listed positions at Mark T. Sheehan High School for the 2009-2010 school year, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools and contingent upon State of Connecticut Department Chairperson certification. I further move that the above-referenced list be included as a part of the minutes of this Board of Education meeting.

Art/Music	Amy Rogers
Business/Career/Technical Education	Alan Oblon
Guidance Director	Zenon Popko
Language Arts	Denise Cannata
Mathematics	Christina Madancy
Physical Education/Health	Frank Mohr
Science	Deborah Young
Social Studies	Heather Brinton
World Language	Debra Tucker

APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF DEPARTMENT HEAD, TEAM LEADER, ATHLETIC DIRECTOR, AND SUBJECT AREA COORDINATOR POSITIONS

MOTION: CEI, SECOND BY LAFFIN

VOTE: Unanimous approval that the Board of Education approve the named individuals on the list, Subject Area Coordinators, for appointment to their listed positions at Dag Hammarskjold Middle School for the 2009-2010 school year, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools. I further move that the above-referenced list be included as a part of the minutes of this Board of Education meeting.

Language Arts/Reading	Patricia Stearns
Mathematics	Clifford Overstrum
Science	George Giacco
Social Studies	Linda Binnix

APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF DEPARTMENT HEAD, TEAM LEADER, ATHLETIC DIRECTOR, AND SUBJECT AREA COORDINATOR POSITIONS

MOTION: CEI, SECOND BY LAFFIN

VOTE: Unanimous approval that the Board of Education approve the named individuals on the list, Subject Area Coordinators, for appointment to their listed positions at Moran Middle School for the 2009-2010 school year, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools. I further move that the above-referenced list be included as a part of the minutes of this Board of Education meeting.

Language Arts/Reading	Christine Lang
Mathematics	Tammy Clancy
Science	Christopher Baker
Social Studies	Aimee Giangrave

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION, WITH REGRET, OF DANIELLE MCMANUS, EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2009

MOTION: CEI, SECOND BY LAFFIN

VOTE: Unanimous approval that the Board of Education accept, with regret, the resignation of **Danielle McManus**, effective June 30, 2009.

Danielle McManus has been on a family medical leave and a leave of absence for the 2008-2009 school year.

APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF CANDIDATE TO HEAD COACH POSITION

MOTION: CEI, SECOND BY LAFFIN

VOTE: Unanimous approval that the Board of Education approve the appointment of the following candidate to a head coach position for the 2009-2010 school year, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools:

Lyman Hall High School

Tania Maust Lawrence - Girls' Field Hockey

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Report on Operations Committee meeting

Mrs. McKay reported that the year-to-date May Cafeteria Financial showed net income of \$50,000. She also reported that the Board of Education Financial showed a surplus of \$1.6 million at the end of the year. She said there was discussion about the 2009-2010 Budget and had a consensus reached to pre-purchase items for the 2009-2010 school year from the 2008-2009 balance of about \$1.4 million. She reported that there was also discussion about roof replacements in 2010 based upon the age of the roofs.

Re-Vote to Resolve that the Wallingford Board of Education approves as complete and accepts the Moses Y. Beach School Project #148-0134EA for school purposes

MOTION: MCKAY, SECOND BY CASTELLI

VOTE: Unanimous approval of Re-Vote to Resolve that the Wallingford Board of Education approves as complete and accepts the Moses Y. Beach School Project #148-0134EA for school purposes

Re-Vote to Resolve that the Wallingford Board of Education approves as complete and accepts the Cook Hill School Project #148-0135EA for school purposes

MOTION: MCKAY, SECOND BY CASTELLI

VOTE: Unanimous approval of Re-Vote to Resolve that the Wallingford Board of Education approves as complete and accepts the Cook Hill School Project #148-0135EA for school purposes

Re-Vote to Resolve that the Wallingford Board of Education approves as complete and accepts the Highland School Project #148-0136 EA for school purposes

MOTION: MCKAY, SECOND BY CASTELLI

VOTE: Unanimous approval of Re-Vote to Resolve that the Wallingford Board of Education approves as complete and accepts the Highland School Project #148-0136 EA for school purposes

Re-Vote to Resolve that the Wallingford Board of Education approves as complete and accepts the Parker Farms Project #148-0137EA for school purposes

MOTION: MCKAY, SECOND BY CASTELLI

VOTE: Unanimous approval of Re-Vote to Resolve that the Wallingford Board of Education approves as complete and accepts the Parker Farms Project #148-0137EA for school purposes

Re-Vote to Resolve that the Wallingford Board of Education approves as complete and accepts the Pond Hill School Project #148-1038EA for school purposes

MOTION: MCKAY, SECOND BY CASTELLI

VOTE: Unanimous approval of Re-Vote to Resolve that the Wallingford Board of Education approves as complete and accepts the Pond Hill School Project #148-1038EA for school purposes

Re-Vote to Resolve that the Wallingford Board of Education approves as complete and accepts the Rock Hill School Project #148-0139EA for school purposes

MOTION: MCKAY, SECOND BY CASTELLI

VOTE: Unanimous approval of Re-Vote to Resolve that the Wallingford Board of Education approves as complete and accepts the Rock Hill School Project #148-0139EA for school purposes

Re-Vote to Resolve that the Wallingford Board of Education approves as complete and accepts the Steven School Project #148-0140EA for school purposes

MOTION: MCKAY, SECOND BY CASTELLI

VOTE: Unanimous approval of Re-Vote to Resolve that the Wallingford Board of Education approves as complete and accepts the Steven School Project #148-0140EA for school purposes

Re-Vote to Resolve that the Wallingford Board of Education approves as complete and accepts the Lyman Hall High School Project #148-0141EA for school purposes

MOTION: MCKAY, SECOND BY CASTELLI

VOTE: Unanimous approval of Re-Vote to Resolve that the Wallingford Board of Education approves as complete and accepts the Lyman Hall High School Project #148-0141EA for school purposes

Mr. Hennessey abstained from the vote.

Re-Vote to Resolve that the Wallingford Board of Education approves as complete and accepts the Mark T. Sheehan High School Project #148-0142EA for school purposes

MOTION: MCKAY, SECOND BY CASTELLI

VOTE: Unanimous approval of Re-Vote to Resolve that the Wallingford Board of Education approves as complete and accepts the Mark T. Sheehan High School Project #148-0142EA for school purposes

Re-Vote to Resolve that the Wallingford Board of Education approves as complete and accepts the Moran Middle School Project #148-0143EA for school purposes

MOTION: MCKAY, SECOND BY CASTELLI

VOTE: Unanimous approval of Re-Vote to Resolve that the Wallingford Board of Education approves as complete and accepts the Moran Middle School Project #148-0143EA for school purposes

Re-Vote to Resolve that the Wallingford Board of Education approves as complete and accepts the Dag Hammarskjold Middle School Project #148-0144EA for school purposes

MOTION: MCKAY, SECOND BY CASTELLI

VOTE: Unanimous approval of Re-Vote to Resolve that the Wallingford Board of Education approves as complete and accepts the Dag Hammarskjold Middle School Project #148-0144EA for school purposes

APPROVAL OF 2009/2010 BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$85,057,113.

MOTION: MCKAY, SECOND BY FORD

ROLL CALL VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE – CASTELLI, FORD, HENNESSEY, LAFFIN, MCKAY, REYNOLDS, VOTTO

NEGATIVE – CEI

VOTE: Motion passes for the Approval of 2009/2010 Budget in the Amount of \$85,057,113

MOTION MADE TO RESCIND THE VOTE ON 13.6 Re-Vote to Resolve that the Wallingford Board of Education approves as complete and accepts the Pond Hill School Project #148 1038EA for school purposes

MOTION: MCKAY, SECOND BY CASTELLI

VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL TO RESCIND THE VOTE ON 13.6 Re-Vote to Resolve that the Wallingford Board of Education approves as complete and accepts the Pond Hill School Project #148-1038EA for school purposes

MOTION MADE TO VOTE ON ITEM 13.6 WITH CORRECTION TO THE PROJECT NUMBER Re-Vote to Resolve that the Wallingford Board of Education approves as complete and Accepts the Pond Hill School Project #148-138EA for school purposes

MOTION: MCKAY, SECOND BY CASTELLI

VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL TO VOTE ON ITEM 13.6 WITH CORRECTION TO THE PROJECT NUMBER Re-Vote to Resolve that the Wallingford Board of Education approves as complete and accepts the Pond Hill School Project #148-0138EA for school purposes

Mr. Cei explained that the reason he voted against the budget was the concern that he expressed last week.

Mr. Hennessey said that he voted against the approval to accept the completion of the Lyman Hall High School because years ago when the Board took the first vote on a budget for this he felt that not enough money was spent on the school.

ADMINISTRATION
Administrative Report

Mr. Wilson reported that this program is something that he has been looking at for a couple of months. He reported that the Credit for Life is a true to life, interactive student program that walks students through the real costs independent adults face to align income to wants and needs. Each student selects a career and receives the average salary he or she would earn 5 years after high school or completion of post-secondary education. He explained that on the day of the fair, students visit the following booths to explore possibilities related to their income: Saving/Investments, Housing, Auto Loans, Transportation, Personal Loans, Furniture, Clothing, Insurance, and Credit Cards. It tells them what kind of life they can live according to their salary. He said he sent Dave Bryant and a couple of people from Lyman Hall to see the fair at Middletown High School. He reported that Rotary called him and is excited about sponsoring the district. Mr. Wilson said he has been working with Marty Taylor and the two high school principals, and Andy Candido on this.

He also reported that Chuck Farley, former teacher at Sheehan High School and Head Track Coach, has been selected as a finalist for the National High School Athletic Coach of the Year for Boys' Track. He stated that there are 8 finalists for the award, one from each national geographic region. He said he will send him congratulations from the Board and himself.

He also announced that Patty DeFilio, secretary to Linda Winters, has completed the requirements for the certificate of Certified Educational Office Employee and received her re-certification for Associates Degree. He will send Patty congratulations on behalf of the Board and himself.

He thanked the Board for what they have meant to him and their support. He also thanked Randy, Linda, Janice, Darren, Sharlen, Linda and Betty and Katie, Sharon, and Jenn for their assistance. He said the school system is very fortunate to have Marty Taylor in the curriculum department.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thursday, June 25, 2009	Graduation	6:00 p.m.
Friday, June 26, 2009	Last Day of School	

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Drama/Lecture Room

Monday, July 13, 2009 Board of Education Meeting 7:00 p.m.**

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Mike Votto adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

_____ **Secretary**
Kathy Castelli