

**WALLINGFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
DRAMA/LECTURE ROOM
MARK T. SHEEHAN HIGH SCHOOL
142 HOPE HILL ROAD, WALLINGFORD
June 16, 2008**

A Tenure Reception was held in the Library Media Center at 6:45 p.m.

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Recognition of Recipients of the State Invention Convention Award

Mr. Wilson announced that tonight we are honoring the winners of the State Invention Convention from Cook Hill and Moses Y. Beach. He went on to say that we had 110 students participate and 44 went on to the State competition. He reported that over 700 students participated at the State level and Wallingford had 13 winners that we are honoring here tonight. He called the principals of Cook Hill – Jan Murphy and Moses Y. Beach – Mrs. Hile to the podium. He also called the teacher, Helen DeCataldo, to the podium to say a few words and present certificates to each of the students. Each student came before the Board to say a few words about their invention.

Mr. Votto extended congratulations to all the students who won.

A recess was called at 8:00 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 8:05 p.m.

QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

None came before the Board.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: HENNESSEY, SECOND BY FORD

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL TO ACCEPT THE CONSENT AGENDA
ITEMS 7.1 – 7.15 AS LISTED BELOW**

Approval to Accept **Minutes** Dated May 19, 2008
 Approval to Accept **Minutes** Dated June 12, 2008
 Approval to Accept **Financial Report** for May 2008
 Approval to Accept **Cafeteria Financial Report** for May 2008
 Approval to Accept **GIFT** to Stevens Elementary School Library in memory of Maria
 Sprouse a book cart, plaque and over 200 books \$3,452.48
 Approval to Accept **GIFT** of \$4,154. from the Ninety Nine Restaurant to the Wallingford
 School District \$4,154
 Approval of Proposed Adoption of New Textbook for Reading Strategies and Study Skills
 – *Active Reading Skills*
 Approval of Proposed Adoption of New Textbook for Mathematics (K-5) – *Growing with*
 Mathematics
 Approval of Proposed Adoption of New Textbook for Business Mathematics – *Business*
 Math
 Approval of Proposed Adoption of Revised H.S. Course Outline: Earth Science
 Approval of Proposed Adoption of New Textbook for Earth Science: *Investigating Earth*
 Systems Program
 Approval to Accept Lyman hall School Vo-Ag Equipment Grant 148-0146VE as
 Complete
 Approval that the Wallingford Board of Education elect not to participate in the Healthy
 Food Act Program outlined in Sec. 2 of the Public Act 06-63 in Section 10-215f of
 the CGS
 Approval of Lease Resolution for Technology Plan
 Approval of Pre-purchase Items for 2008-2009 out of the 2007-2008 Budget

**MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF CANDIDATES FOR
TEACHING POSITIONS AND DISCUSSION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEPARTMENT HEAD,
TEAM LEADER, ATHLETIC DIRECTOR AND SUBJECT AREA COORDINATOR POSITIONS
AT 8:06 P.M.**

MOTION: HENNESSEY, SECOND BY FORD

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR
DISCUSSION OF CANDIDATES FOR TEACHING POSITIONS AND
DISCUSSION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEPARTMENT HEAD, TEAM
LEADER, ATHLETIC DIRECTOR AND SUBJECT AREA
COORDINATOR POSITIONS AT 8:06 P.M.**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

WILSON, TAYLOR

MOTION TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:28 P.M.

MOTION: HENNESSEY, SECOND BY CASTELLI

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION
AT 8:28 P.M.**

Regular meeting reconvened at 8:30 p.m.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

CORRESPONDENCE

Mrs. Castelli acknowledged the gift from the Maria Sprouse family in her memory in the amount of \$3,452.48 to Stevens Elementary School Library. She also acknowledged the monetary gift from the 99 Restaurant to the school district in the amount of \$4,154. She also reported that correspondence was received from Sharon Hurlburt.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A.C.E.S. Representative

Mr. Hennessey reported that after months of deliberation New Haven and ACES came to a conclusion monetarily and student wise to cut back on their calendar year so that the students won't be attending the school as long as usual. He said ACEs will help to pay for some of the students from New Haven to attend in Hamden. He also reported that the budget was approved and the Superintendent's contract was reviewed and approved.

Wintergreen Magnet School Steering Committee

Mr. Wilson said the budget was settled and there was a very small increase. He reported that there was a savings in the budget of \$90,000.

Report from Building Committee representative for V0-Ag Building Project

Mrs. Ford reported that the next meeting is scheduled for June 23rd. Mr. Wilson reported that the project starting date of June 13, 2008 was entered into the State Grant management system website. He also reported that the contract was signed with Konover.

Report from School to Career representative

Mr. Cei reported that there has been no activity but the next meeting will take place in September.

Report from representative to Diversity in Action Committee

Mrs. McKay reported that Celebrity Reading day was a huge success. She thanked the Record Journal for the extra press for that day. She said everybody learned a little bit about diversity and enjoyed the day.

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 2008-2009 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.

Lyman Hall High School

Brian Wall	-	English
Daniel Battipaglia	-	Mathematics
Scott Robinson	-	Physical Education
William Notation	-	Technology Education

Mark T. Sheehan High School

Daniel Wostbrock	-	Chemistry
Carrie Javins	-	Integrated Science
Christopher Dailey	-	Mathematics
Dominick Lombardozzi	-	Mathematics
Michele Murgio	-	Mathematics
Nichol Whitehouse	-	Social Studies
Peter Fleischmann	-	World Language (4/6 German)

Dag Hammarskjold Middle School

Brian Marchitto	-	Physical Education
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Pupil Personnel Services

Amy Woronick	-	Special Education (Dag Hammarskjold School)
Lisa Ballard	-	Special Education (Moran Middle School)
William Davis	-	Special Education (M.T. Sheehan High School)
Holly Maynard	-	Special Education (M.T. Sheehan High School)
Brooke Johnson	-	Transition Counselor (High School Level)
Cara Ancona	-	School Psychologist (Yalesville School)

Cook Hill School

Ashley Hosmer	-	Grade 1 / 2 Loop
Pamela Grazioso	-	Grade 5

Highland School

Elizabeth Zimbaro	-	Grade 1
Jean Witz	-	Grade 4

Parker Farms School

Heidi DeFlippo	-	Half-time Kindergarten (PM)
Sara Cwirka	-	Grade 4/3 Loop

Pond Hill School

Jessica Taylor*	-	Grade 4
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E.C. Stevens School

Kara Lemkewich	-	Grade 3
Monica Aurora	-	Half-time Talented & Gifted

Yalesville School

Diana Pajak	-	Grade 5
Laura McCall	-	Library/Media Specialist

Elementary Level

Katrina Engelhardt	-	3/5 Art (Pond Hill/Stevens)
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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 2008-2009 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
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 Heads, Team Leaders and Athletic Director for appointment to their listed positions at Mark T. Sheehan High School for the 2008-2009 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
Athletic Director	Christina Madancy
Business/Career/Technical	
Education	Alan Oblon
Guidance Director	Zenon Popko
Language Arts	Denise Cannata
Mathematics	Joan Sattler
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 2008-2009 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

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 2008-2009 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.

Mathematics
Science
Social Studies

Tammy Clancy
Christopher Baker
Aimee Giangrave

APPROVAL OF LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR KRISTIN LENTINI WITHOUT PAY AND BENEFITS FOR THE 2008-2009 SCHOOL YEAR

MOTION: CEI, SECOND BY LAFFIN

VOTE: I make a motion that a *leave of absence for **Kristin Lentini** for the 2008-2009 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. (**Kristin Lentini** is requesting a leave of absence for the 2008-2009 school year.)

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION, WITH REGRET, OF NICOLE ALBANESE, EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2008

MOTION: CEI, SECOND BY LAFFIN

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

Nicole Albanese has been on a leave of absence for the 2007-2008 school year.

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION, WITH REGRET, OF PATRICIA FISHBEIN, EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2008

MOTION: CEI, SECOND BY LAFFIN

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

Patricia Fishbein has been a school social worker since August, 2000.

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION, WITH REGRET, OF HEATHER STEPHAN, EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2008

MOTION: CEI, SECOND BY LAFFIN

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

Heather Stephan has been a mathematics teacher at Mark T. Sheehan High School since August, 2003.

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION, WITH REGRET, OF TODD STEPHAN, EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2008

MOTION: CEI, SECOND BY LAFFIN

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

Todd Stephan has been a mathematics teacher at Mark T. Sheehan High School since August, 2000.

PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED REVISIONS TO POLICY JGD – SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION AND PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED REVISIONS TO REGULATION JGD – SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION

Mr. Taylor explained that 12.5 and 12.6 both refer to Policy JGD and Regulation JGD –R and there has been a number of meetings over the past few months to discuss JGD. He said they have been waiting for the State to decide on a date for the effective start date of In-School Initiative and regulation. He said they have decided on July 1, 2009 as a starting date for implementation. Mr. Taylor said they will not institute an ISS at Lyman Hall this year since they need to find a place to hold the suspensions. He said by July 1, 2009 next year they will have to implement it.

There was discussion about In-School Suspension at Lyman Hall and the issue of not enough space.

Mr. Votto requested that the item be put on the Instructional Committee meeting in the fall.

PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED REVISIONS TO POLICY JFCB – BULLYING AND PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED REVISIONS TO JFCB-R – BULLYING

Mr. Taylor reported that State Legislature has written new language into this policy with a correction in language to identify the bully rather than focus on identifying the victim. He said the principals support this and it has received good reviews. He said it is a change that has been incorporated into our policy and will be implemented in September. He said it will go on the July Board meeting agenda for approval.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Approval of Fiscal Year 2008/2009 Budget for the amount of \$84,077,560

Mr. Wilson explained that at the Operations Committee meeting the Board had to cut 3.1 million dollars made to balance this budget. He listed the items that were cut:

- 2 Language Arts reading/writing teachers at the elementary level
- 1 Special Education teacher at Moran Middle School
- Upgrade clerk to 12 months at PPS
- Reduced maintenance by \$100,000
- Three years of the Technology Plan was reduced by \$100,000 per year
- 14 Paraprofessionals were cut

He reported that this was not an easy task but this was the recommendation of the administration at the Operations Committee meeting this month.

MOTION: MCKAY, SECOND BY LAFFIN

VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL OF FISCAL YEAR 2008/2009 BUDGET FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$84,077,560

ADMINISTRATION

Administrative Report

Mr. Wilson commented that he is finishing his second year as Superintendent and he thanked the Board for their support. He also thanked his central office team – Marty Taylor, Linda Winters, Joe Bivona, Randy Backus, Sharlene Wong, and Darren Novak – for their support.

Mr. Votto also thanked Mr. Wilson and his office team for doing a good job and for their time and effort putting the budget together.

Mr. Cei thanked Dale, Marty and the administration also. He said there are three things he has observed. He said that he realizes that there is a lot to do to run the school system and that one person can't do it alone. He went on to say that Dale has done a great job of effectively motivating people and that's how he gets his work done. He said he thinks Dale knows how to make people feel important and conveys confidence in them. He said Dale has taken the time get involved and assess the needs of the school system and has looked into the future to see what needs to be done down the road. As a result of it he has come up with a three year Technology Plan, a three year Master Plan and a five year Facilities Plan. He also thanked Marty Taylor for his effective leadership. He said Marty just completed a five year project reviewing and revising the curriculum. He said it is a very progressive program "Understanding by Design". Marty was also recognized as Administrator of the Year.

Mr. Wilson also thanked his five secretaries – Betty Napolitano and Linda Reynolds in the Superintendent's Office and Katie Piekarski, Jennifer Krass and Sharon Gaboury in the Personnel Office.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday, June 18, 2008	Nurses Pinning – Lyman Hall	3:00 p.m.
Friday, June 20, 2008	Graduation	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, June 24, 2008	Last Day of School	

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday, July 21, 2008

Drama/Lecture Room

Board of Education Meeting 7:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Votto, Chairperson of the Board, adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Secretary

Kathy Castelli