

WALLINGFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
DRAMA/LECTURE ROOM
MARK T. SHEEHAN HIGH SCHOOL
142 HOPE HILL ROAD, WALLINGFORD
MONDAY, AUGUST 16, 2010

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairperson, Roxane McKay, 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, MARRONE, MCKAY, MILLER

ABSENT – BROODER, FORD, HENNESSEY, VOTTO

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

MENZO, GUARINO, COHN, WINTERS, BACKUS, LAUTIER, NAPOLITANO, WONG

STUDENT-BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

Student Board representatives do not report during the summer.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

There were no awards to be presented at this meeting.

QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

There were no questions brought before the Board.

MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION WITH THE UPSEU LOCAL 424-UNIT 18 MANAGEMENT, TO DISCUSS UPDATES ON NEGOTIATIONS WITH UPSEU-LOCAL 424 – LOCAL 18 MANAGEMENT, UPSEU-SECRETARIES, AND UPSEU-INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND FOR DISCUSSION OF CANDIDATE(S) TO TEACHING POSITION(S) AT 7:06 P.M.

MOTION: CASTELLI, SECOND BY MARRONE

VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION WITH THE UPSEU LOCAL 424-UNIT 18 MANAGEMENT, TO DISCUSS UPDATES ON NEGOTIATIONS WITH UPSEU-LOCAL 424 – LOCAL 18 MANAGEMENT, UPSEU-SECRETARIES, AND UPSEU-INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND FOR DISCUSSION OF CANDIDATE(S) TO TEACHING POSITION(S) AT 7:06 P.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

CASTELLI, CEI, MARRONE, MCKAY, MILLER

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MENZO, COHN, GUARINO

MOTION TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:53 P.M.

MOTION: CASTELLI, SECOND BY MARRONE

VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:53 P.M.

Meeting reconvened at 7:54 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: MILLER, SECOND BY MARRONE

VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL TO ACCEPT ITEMS 7.1-7.2 AS LISTED BELOW

Approval to Accept Board Meeting **Minutes** dated July 19, 2010
Approval to Accept GIFT of \$500 to be use to help students who are unable to pay for "Pay to Participate" fee for high school sports \$500

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

There were no items removed from the Consent Agenda

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to report.

Mrs. Castelli reported that a gift was received from Mike Bonini and Paul Niemiec from the Wallingford Elks Club in the amount of \$500 to help students who can't afford the "Pay to Participate" fee for high school sports.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A.C.E.S. Representative

There were no meetings during the summer

Wintergreen Magnet School Steering Committee

Dr. Menzo reported there wasn't any meeting

Building Committee Representative for Vo-Ag Building Project

Mrs. McKay reported that the minutes for this meeting are in the packet and there is no report.

School to Career Representative

There were no meetings to report on.

Diversity in Action Committee Representative

There was no meeting to report on.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to report on.

INSTRUCTIONAL COMMITTEE

BOARD CONSIDERATION OF THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS REGARDING THE TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT OF SEVENTEEN (17) SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS IN THE WALLINGFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS AS OF THE END OF THE 2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION

I recommend that the Board of Education vote to terminate, as of the end of the 2009-2010 school year, the employment of **seventeen** substitute teachers in the Wallingford School System, whose names are listed below and that the above referenced list be included as part of the minutes of this Board meeting:

**Lisa Bailey
Erin Bonini
Laura Carrano
Lisa Chester**

**Ellen Cooper
Wendy Dringoli
Brittany French
Geoffrey Gelinis
Gina Holdorf
Daniel Kahl
Jessica Kamens
Shelley LaBree
Desiree MacDonald
Caitlin Meehan
Keith Moore
Alyssa Roberts
Sandra Stickler**

The recommendation is for the following reasons:

1. Under the Teacher Tenure Law, Section 10-151, et seq. of the Connecticut General Statutes, the definition of “teacher” under that law includes any certified professional employee working for at least 90 days in a teaching position.
2. The specific substitute teachers I am recommending for termination fall within this definition of “teacher”.
3. Under the Teacher Tenure Law, anyone who is a “teacher” becomes subject to the statute’s provisions regarding the employment, non-renewal and termination. Accordingly, it is necessary that these “teachers” should have their employment concluded or terminated as of the completion of the 2009-2010 school year so that we will be free to determine our needs and utilization of substitutes for the coming school year.
4. This action should not affect our utilization of the services of substitute teachers for the coming 2010-2011 school year consistent with our prior policies and practices.

Finally, I also recommend that I be authorized and instructed to communicate notice of this action in writing to the individuals affected by this action and to respond for the Board of Education to any appropriate request which may be forthcoming from them or their representative, or as otherwise required.

BOARD ACTION REGARDING THE SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATION TO TERMINATE THE EMPLOYMENT OF SEVENTEEN (17) SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

MOTION: CEI, SECOND BY MARRONE

VOTE: Unanimous approval that the Board of Education approve the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools regarding the termination of employment of the **seventeen** (17) substitute teachers in the Wallingford School System whose names are listed below and that the above referenced list be included as part of the minutes of this Board meeting:

**Lisa Bailey
Erin Bonini
Laura Carrano
Lisa Chester
Ellen Cooper**

**Wendy Dringoli
Brittany French
Geoffrey Gelinias
Gina Holdorf
Daniel Kahl
Jessica Kamens
Shelley LaBree
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Keith Moore
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Sandra Stickler**

And, further move that the Superintendent of Schools be directed to communicate this action in writing to those individuals and that the Superintendent of Schools be authorized to respond on behalf of the Board of Education to any requests which may be forthcoming from them and /or their representative or as otherwise required.

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF RETIREMENT

MOTION: CEI, SECOND BY MARRONE

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

Bonnie Pierpont has been with the Wallingford Public Schools since 1987. From August, 1987 to the present, she has been a special education teacher at Lyman Hall High School for a total of **twenty-three years** of service in the Wallingford Public Schools.

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION, WITH REGRET, OF STEPHANIE CAPASSO, EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2010

MOTION: CEI, SECOND BY MARRONE

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

Stephanie Capasso has been a speech/language pathologist at the elementary level since August, 2004.

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION, WITH REGRET, OF TONI CARMON, EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2010

MOTION: CEI, SECOND BY MARRONE

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

Toni Carmon has been a Spanish teacher at Mark T. Sheehan High School since August, 2005.

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION, WITH REGRET, OF VALERIE CENTONE, EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2010

MOTION: CEI, SECOND BY MARRONE

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

Valerie Centone has been a compensatory education teacher at the elementary level since September, 2008.

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION, WITH REGRET, OF HEIDI DEFILIPPO, EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2010

MOTION: CEI, SECOND BY MARRONE

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

Heidi DeFlippo was a teacher at the elementary level from August, 1994 to June, 1999. and from August, 2008 to the present.

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION, WITH REGRET, OF KEVIN HOLLIS, EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2010

MOTION: CEI, SECOND BY MARRONE

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

Kevin Hollis has been a special education department head at the middle/high school level since August, 2009.

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION, WITH REGRET, OF SANDRA KUJAWSKI, EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2010

MOTION: CEI, SECOND BY MARRONE

VOTE: Unanimous approval that the Board of Education accept, with regret, the resignation of Sandra Kujawski, effective June 30, 2010.

Sandra Kujawski has been a special education department head at the elementary school level since August, 2007.

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION, WITH REGRET, OF SHERI MCGREEN, EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2010

MOTION: CEI, SECOND BY MARRONE

VOTE: I make a motion that the Board of Education accept, with regret, the resignation of **Sheri McGreen**, effective June 30, 2010.

Sheri McGreen has been a compensatory education teacher at the elementary level since August, 2005.

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION, WITH REGRET, ELIZABETH SALGADO, EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2010

MOTION: CEI, SECOND BY MARRONE

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

Elizabeth Salgado has been a teacher at the elementary level since August, 2007.

Mr. Bryant, Principal at Lyman Hall High School, came before the Board to say a few nice words about Bonnie Pierpont.

APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF CANDIDATE(S) TO TEACHING POSITION(S)

MOTION: CEI, SECOND BY MARRONE

VOTE: I make a motion that the Board of Education approve the appointment of the following candidate(s) to teaching positions for the 2010-2011 school year, contingent upon proper Connecticut certification, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools:

Dag Hammarskjold Middle School

Paul Santagata - Guidance Counselor

Lyman Hall High School

Amy Labas-Barbosa - Athletic Director
Tamara Cheyette-Cohen - .7 Family & Consumer Science

Mark T. Sheehan High School

Beth Cafferty - Family & Consumer Science

Pupil Personnel Services

Brittany French - Special Education (Lyman Hall High School)

Presentation, Discussion and Possible Action on Powder Puff film

Dr. Menzo reported that he has been working on this with Mr. Serra. Dr. Menzo reported that according to the Board Attorney, Peter Janus, there would be significant revisions necessary to the proposed contract. Dr. Menzo was concerned about the expense and said he would contact the town attorney which would be at no charge.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Report on Operations Committee Meeting

Chet Miller reported that there was no meeting this month.

Approval to Accept Board Financial Report for June

Business Manager, Linda Winters, reviewed the financial report. She explained that she was able to close the fiscal year out on July 20th, a little earlier than usual. She explained that there was an unencumbered amount of \$56,176. that was returned to the Town.

MOTION: MILLER, SECOND BY MARRONE

VOTE: Unanimous approval to accept the Board Financial Report for June 2010

Approval to Accept Cafeteria Financial Report for June

Sharlene Wong reported that the month of June had only 15 days of service. She explained that she took a loss of \$58,272.38 for the month of June. She reported that her end of year loss was \$16,484.50.

MOTION: MILLER, SECOND BY MARRONE

VOTE: Unanimous approval to accept the Cafeteria Financial Report for June 2010

Approval to Accept Tuition Rates for 2010-2011 School Year

Ms. Winters explained that the Board policy requires that the Board approve the tuition rates for the new school year. She reported that there was a 2% increase and the last time the tuition rates were used was 2001-2002.

MOTION: MILLER, SECOND BY MARRONE

VOTE: Unanimous approval to accept the tuition rates for the 2010-2011 School Year

ADMINISTRATION**Administrative Report**

Dr. Menzo gave his administrative report as listed below.

- Dr. Menzo distributed a Budget Reduction report as related to Reconfiguration. There was discussion about how much money was saved by reconfiguration. He explained that the blue sheet was the class size report without reconfiguration and the pink sheet is the class sizes with reconfiguration.
- He distributed a copy of the schedule for the Administrators Professional Development days which will be held on August 17, 18 and 19 at the Spanish Community of Wallingford center.
- He asked Randy Backus to give an update on Powerschool.
- He announced that there will be a Bus Driver Breakfast and Orientation on Friday, August 20th.
- He reported that there was a breakfast meeting held for secretaries from central office and the Pupil Personnel department on Monday morning. He said that packets of information were distributed so that everyone would be able to answer most questions about transportation if they needed to.
- He explained that by Wednesday parents will be able to go on the Wallingford Public School website to see the bus routes. He explained that the Wintergreen and Thomas Edison bus maps are also posted.
- He reported that included in the packet is a Personnel Update for August 2010
- He announced that there will be a simultaneous bell ringing at elementary schools across the district on opening day
- Ellen Cohn, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, gave a report on Professional Development.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday, 9/7/10	Instructional Committee
Monday, 9/13/10	Operations Committee

Board Conference Room

7:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING**Monday, September 20, 2010****Board of Education****7:00 p.m.****Drama/Lecture Room****ADJOURNMENT**

Mrs. McKay adjourned the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

Secretary

Mike Votto