

**WALLINGFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION CONFERENCE ROOM
4 FAIRFIELD BOULEVARD, SUITE 2, WALLINGFORD
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2026 - 6:30 P.M.**

Mission

To inspire through innovative and engaging experiences that lead all learners to pursue and discover their personal best.

Vision

Wallingford Public Schools, in partnership with our families and community, will provide a safe, healthy, and supportive environment that ignites an enduring passion for excellence in every learner, so that each becomes a lifelong contributor to the local, national and global communities.

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Michael J. Votto, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

A roll call was made by Linda Lavelle, Clerk of the Board

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

CRAIG, DOERING, DOERR, PASSARETTI, RAYNIS, REED, REGAN, ROSCOE, VOTTO

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

NONE

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

BELLIZZI, LATORRE, TURNER, STACY, BARONE, VEILLEUX, DEPTULA, LAVELLE

OTHERS PRESENT

CYR, JEE, PERRICONE, MORHARDT (SLAM), FURTAK (SLAM), PELLMAN (COLLIERS)

Cyr Exited the Meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Jee Exited the Meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Perricone Exited the Meeting at 6:43 p.m.

Morhardt Exited the Meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Furtak Exited the Meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Pellman Exited the Meeting at 8:50 p.m.

STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

Jason Perricone, Student Representative for Lyman Hall High School - Jason introduced himself to the Board of Education and shared the following:

October 1st - Save a Life Tour
 October 17th - LHHS Home Band Competition
 October 21st - PSAT Day
 Seal of Biliteracy Testing for Grade 12 Students
 October 22nd - Evening Conferences
 November 11th - Veterans Day: Community Day Leaf Raking
 November 21st - Homecoming

Julianna Cyr and Olivia Jee, Student Representatives for Mark T. Sheehan High School - Julianna and Olivia introduced themselves to the Board of Education and shared the following:

"In mid-August, our school counselors held a very successful Common Application College workshop for seniors and their families before the school year started. The counselors had the most attendees ever at this workshop and look forward to assisting students as their application process continues! In early September, College Representative visits began for senior and junior students, continuing through this past week. Coalition for a Better Wallingford also visited our lunch waves to spread substance abuse awareness to our students and cultivate a positive community within our student body.

This past week, our student Yearbook Staff was invited to Walsworth yearbook's Southern Connecticut State University Conference, where they learned important skills to create a memorable time capsule for the senior class. The program was an excellent experience for our students, sparking their creativity and enhancing their teamwork. The Student Council also hosted Sheehan's 4th Annual Staff vs. Student Volleyball game. This was our first spirit point competition of the school year, and our juniors took a strong lead, followed closely by our seniors in exciting and competitive matches against our staff teams.

We look forward into the next week with our upcoming Open House on September 30th from 6:00 to 8:00pm. During this time, Student Council members will be stationed around the school to help guide parents to their child's classes during passing times. Student Council will also be holding a bake sale during Open House in order to help support their activities and events throughout the school year. We will also be holding our October Blood Drive for students during the school day on October 9th.

Sheehan sports have kicked off their season with an exciting start. Our field hockey team has begun the season with an excellent record of 5-1 and ranking 4th in the SCC conference. Our volleyball team has a record of 6-1 with an impressive rank at 2nd in the SCCs. Our football team is at a record of 2-1 with its next game being this Friday at home. Our outstanding Marching Band placed first at their first competition at Maloney High school this past week. Their next show is this Saturday, the 3rd, home at Sheehan!"

MOTION TO MOVE AGENDA ITEMS 13.1 - DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF PROPOSED ASTE EDUCATION SPECIFICATIONS FOR PROPOSED NEW WALLINGFORD HIGH SCHOOL AND AGENDA ITEM 13.2, - DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF EDUCATION SPECIFICATION FOR PROPOSED NEW WALLINGFORD HIGH SCHOOL TO COME AFTER AGENDA ITEM 6 - PUBLIC COMMENT AND BEFORE AGENDA ITEM 7 - CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: VOTTO SECOND BY DOERR

VOTE: Unanimous Approval to move Agenda items 13.1 - Discussion and Possible Approval of Proposed ASTE Education Specifications for Proposed New Wallingford High School and Agenda Item 13.2 - Discussion and Possible Approval of Education Specifications for Proposed New Wallingford High School to come after Agenda Item 6 - Public Comment and Before Agenda Item 7 - Consent Agenda.

Motion Passed - Approval to move Agenda items 13.1 - Discussion and Possible Approval of Proposed ASTE Education Specifications for Proposed New Wallingford High School and Agenda Item 13.2 - Discussion and Possible Approval of Education Specifications for Proposed New Wallingford High School to come after Agenda Item 6 -

Public Comment and Before Agenda Item 7 - Consent Agenda.

PRESENTATION

WALLINGFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS - ASTE DRAFT EDUCATIONAL SPECIFICATIONS PRESENTATION

Ms. Bellizzi introduced Mr. Morhardt and Ms. Furtak of SLAM, the consultants working on the Educational Specifications for the ASTE Program for the proposed new Wallingford High School. The consultants explained the process used to develop the Draft Educational Specifications for the proposed ASTE program. They met with multiple user groups to gather input and information, reviewed the existing ASTE building plans and currently required equipment, and briefly reviewed the Draft ASTE Educational Specifications and proposed programs. The consultants also reviewed the proposed building area and applicable reimbursement rates. They discussed the next steps, including obtaining feedback on the Educational Specifications and incorporating that feedback into the final documents. The final Educational Specifications will then be presented to the Board of Education for approval.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Laura Lana, 52 Clearview Drive - Ms. Lana stated that she is opposed to consolidating the two high schools. She expressed her disappointment that, at the previous meeting, an agenda item was added without prior notice and discussed the outcome of adding the item. Ms. Lana noted that a number of residents have invested considerable time in sharing their thoughts and perspectives regarding the project. She stated that adding an agenda item at the last minute erodes trust and emphasized that the community is watching and cares about the decisions being made regarding this project.

Kathryn Monigan - 10 Terrell Farm Way - Ms. Monigan expressed her disappointment with the addition of an agenda item at the previous meeting and the subsequent vote to rescind the original motion to add 17 classrooms and a pool. She asked the Board to listen to the concerns and perspectives of teachers. Ms. Monigan stated that she believes it is the responsibility of the Board of Education to support its teachers.

Laura Clark, WEA President - Mrs. Clark, a teacher in the district and President of the Wallingford Education Association (WEA), shared her concerns regarding the possibility of removing the 17 additional classrooms that had previously been added to the proposed plan. She stated that a classroom is a “toolbox” for teachers, and without a classroom, teachers are essentially working without their toolbox. Mrs. Clark noted that the number of students with IEPs continues to grow and that shared spaces do not provide students with an appropriate opportunity to speak privately with their teachers after class. She stated that the WEA is asking the Board of Education to retain the 17 additional classrooms.

Amy Stewart, 17 Wall Street - Teacher - Mrs. Stewart encouraged everyone to work together. She suggested that, rather than continuing to point fingers at one another on social media, everyone should come together, work collaboratively, make Wallingford proud, and focus on doing what is best for the students and families of the community.

Christina Tata, Town Farm Road - Mrs. Tata asked whether the ASTE Program was included in the price estimate for the entire project. Ms. Bellizzi explained that the ASTE Program was included in the total project price estimate. Mrs. Tata also asked whether the proposed One New Wallingford High School would be the largest high school in the State. Ms. Bellizzi and staff explained that this would not be the case, noting that there are other larger school districts, including Stamford, Danbury, and New Britain.

Jessica Wysocki, 76 Knollwood Drive -.Ms. Wysocki asked whether the draft Educational Specifications include the same ASTE programs and equipment that the district currently has. It was explained that the draft Educational Specifications are based on the programming and equipment currently offered by the district. Ms. Wysocki suggested that the district consider expanding its programming to include emerging fields, such as genetic engineering technology. She encouraged the Board to consider the inclusion of new and developing areas of science moving forward.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF PROPOSED ASTE EDUCATION SPECIFICATIONS FOR PROPOSED NEW WALLINGFORD HIGH SCHOOL

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the ASTE Educational Specifications and the importance of obtaining feedback from parents, staff, and community members. Board members shared their thoughts and suggestions on the matter. It was suggested that the district distribute a Google Form to gather feedback on the ASTE Educational Specifications and schedule a Community Forum at Lyman Hall High School to provide an opportunity for parents, staff, and community members to share their input. Ms. Bellizzi will distribute the Google Form on Friday and work on scheduling the Community Forum.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF EDUCATION SPECIFICATIONS FOR PROPOSED NEW WALLINGFORD HIGH SCHOOL

Mrs. Regan explained that there was a motion at the August meeting that had been tabled. The original motion was to *Accept Option 1 - Educational Specification without 17 additional Classrooms and the Natatorium*. Mrs. Regan asked if the Sheehan High School pool was ADA compliant. Mr. Deptula shared that it would take significant effort to make the pool ADA compliant. Mrs. Regan requested to amend her motion.

MOTION TO TAKE OUT THE 17 ADDITIONAL CLASSROOMS AND ADD THE NATATORIUM TO THE EDUCATION SPECIFICATIONS - OPTION 2

MOTION: REGAN SECOND BY ROSCOE

MOTION TO AMEND THE MOTION TO ADD BACK IN THE POOL (NATATORIUM) AND THE 17 CLASSROOMS TO THE ORIGINAL MOTION.

MOTION: REED SECOND BY CRAIG

VOTE: Affirmative - CRAIG, DOERING, DOERR, RAYNIS, REED
 Opposed - PASSARETTI, REGAN, ROSCOE, VOTTO
*Motion Passed - 5 Affirmative Votes
 4 Opposed Votes*

Approval to Amend the Motion to add back in the Pool (Natatorium) and the 17 Classrooms to the Original Motion.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION TO ACCEPT ITEMS 7.1 - 7.5, 7.10 and 7.15 ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: VOTTO, SECOND BY CRAIG

VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL TO ACCEPT ITEMS 7.1 - 7.5, 7.10 AND 7.15 ON THE CONSENT AGENDA
Motion Passed - Unanimous Approval to Accept Items 7.1 - 7.5, 7.10 and 7.15 on the Consent Agenda

MOTION TO RESCIND THE PREVIOUS MOTION TO ACCEPT ITEMS 7.1 - 7.5, 7.10 and 7.15 ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: VOTTO, SECOND BY REED

VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL TO RESCIND THE PREVIOUS MOTION TO ACCEPT ITEMS 7.1 - 7.5, 7.10 and 7.15 ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

Motion Passed - Unanimous Approval to Rescind the Previous Motion to Accept Items 7.1 - 7.5, 7.10 and 7.15 on the Consent Agenda

MOTION TO ACCEPT ITEMS 7.1 - 7.3.4, 7.4, 7.5, 7.10 and 7.15 ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: VOTTO, SECOND BY REGAN

VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL TO ACCEPT ITEMS 7.1 - 7.3.4, 7.4, 7.5, 7.10 and 7.15 ON THE CONSENT AGENDA AS LISTED BELOW:

Approval to Accept Board of Education Meeting Minutes - August 24, 2026

Approval to Accept Special Board of Education Meeting Minutes - September 10, 2026

Approval to Accept Financial Report - September 2026

Financial Projection Report

Financial Year to Date Budget Report

Detail of 2% Fund

Waterfall / 10 Year Capital Improvement Plan - 1.28.26

Approval to Accept Cafeteria/Food Service Financial Report - September 2026

Food Service Report Summary

Food Service Profit-Loss YTD Comparison Report

Food Service Operations Meal Summary

Food Service Balance Sheet

Improvement Opportunity Log

Approval to Accept **Gift** of a Miscellaneous Backpacks with School Supplies from Burns & McDonnell, % Sarah Radziunas & Doug Reitmeyer, 108 Leigus Road, Wlfd donated to Wallingford Public Schools - Value of \$1,000.00

Approval of Proposed Adoption/Revisions of: Bylaw 9325.5 - Request for Information by Board Members

Approval of Proposed Adoption/Revisions of: Policy 1110.2 - Parent Portal Acceptable Use and Safety

Motion Passed - Unanimous Approval to Accept Items 7.1 - 7.3.4, 7.4, 7.5, 7.10 and 7.15 on the Consent Agenda.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

There were lengthy discussions on the Items Removed from the Consent Agenda. Board of Education members all took turns sharing their thoughts and suggestions on the changes proposed.

MOTION TO APPROVE ITEM 7.3.5 ON THE CONSENT AGENDA - Budget Transfer Request 2026 - 2027 - from Contingency 2601400 2100B to 2321400 330D S0001 - Professional / Technical Legal Fees and Budget Transfer Request 2026 - 2027 - Projection

MOTION: VOTTO, SECOND BY REED

VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE: CRAIG, DOERR, PASSARETTI, REED, REGAN, ROSCOE, VOTTO

OPPOSED: None

ABSTAINED: RAYNIS

Motion Passed - 8 Affirmative Votes

0 Negative Votes

1 Abstained

Approval to Accept Items 7.3.5 on the Consent Agenda - Budget Transfer Request 2026 - 2027 - from Contingency 2601400 2100B to 2321400 330D S0001 - Professional / Technical Legal Fees and Budget Transfer Request 2026 - 2027 - Projection

MOTION TO TABLE ITEM 8 - REMAINING ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: RAYNIS, SECOND BY DOERR

VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE: CRAIG, DOERR, RAYNIS, REED

OPPOSED: DOERING, PASSARETTI, REGAN, ROSCOE, VOTTO

Motion Fails - 4 Affirmative Votes

5 Opposed Votes

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED ADOPTION/REVISION OF: BYLAW 9222 - REMOVAL OF BOARD OFFICER

MOTION TO REMOVE THE WORDS "BONA FIDE" FROM POLICY 9222 REMOVAL OF BOARD OFFICER

MOTION: RAYNIS, SECOND BY DOERR

AMENDMENT TO MOTION TO REMOVE THE WORDS "BONA FIDE" FROM POLICY 9222 REMOVAL OF BOARD OFFICER AND ADDING "ANY COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS" AFTER OFFICER UNDER REMOVAL FROM OFFICE AND PROCEDURE FOR REMOVAL TO POLICY 9222 REMOVAL OF BOARD OFFICER

MOTION: REGAN, SECOND BY DOERR

VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE: CRAIG, DOERR, PASSARETTI, RAYNIS, REED, REGAN, ROSCOE, VOTTO

OPPOSED: DOERING,

Motion Passed - 8 Affirmative Votes

1 Opposed Votes

Approval to Accept Amendment to Motion to Remove the Words "Bona Fide" from Policy 9222 - Removal of Board Officer and Adding "Any Committee Chairperson" after Officer under Removal Office and Procedure for Removal to Policy 9222 Removal of Board Officer.

MOTION TO REMOVE THE WORDING "OTHER DISCIPLINARY ACTION" AND REPLACE IT WITH "ANY FORMAL ACTION WHICH COULD CONSTITUTE ANYTHING FROM A VERBAL/WRITTEN WARNING TO CENSOR DEPENDING ON THE SPECIFIC CIRCUMSTANCES" TO POLICY 9222 REMOVAL OF BOARD OFFICER

MOTION: RAYNIS, SECOND BY REED

VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE: CRAIG, DOERR, RAYNIS, REED

OPPOSED: DOERING, PASSARETTI, REGAN, ROSCOE, VOTTO

Motion Fails - 4 Affirmative Votes

5 Opposed Votes

MOTION TO ADD “IN CONSULTATION WITH THE BOARD OFFICER” IN TWO PLACES UNDER PROCEDURES FOR REMOVABLE (Paragraph 2, line 2 and Paragraph 4, line 3) TO POLICY 9222 REMOVAL OF BOARD OFFICER

MOTION: RAYNIS, SECOND BY REED

VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE: DOERING, DOERR, PASSARETTI, RAYNIS, REED, REGAN, ROSCOE, VOTTO
ABSENT: CRAIG

Motion Passed - 8 Affirmative Votes

Approval to Add “In Consultation with the Board Officer” in two places under Procedures for Removal to Policy 9222.

MOTION TO ADD “ANY COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS” AFTER BOARD OFFICER UNDER STANDARD FOR REMOVAL TO POLICY 9222 REMOVAL OF BOARD OFFICER

MOTION: RAYNIS, SECOND BY REGAN

VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE: CRAIG, DOERING, DOERR, PASSARETTI, RAYNIS, REED, REGAN, ROSCOE, VOTTO
OPPOSED:

Motion Passed - 9 Affirmative Votes

Approval to Add “Any Committee Chairpersons” after Board Officer Under Standard for Removal to Policy 9222.

MOTION TO ADD TO THE LAST SENTENCE UNDER PROCEDURE FOR REMOVAL ADDITIONALLY THE BOARD ATTORNEY WILL BE PRESENT AND WILL SPECIFICALLY DEVELOP PROTOCOL THAT WILL FIT THE CIRCUMSTANCE TO POLICY 9222 REMOVAL OF BOARD OFFICER (Mrs. LaTorre will work on the wording)

MOTION: RAYNIS, SECOND BY REED

VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE: CRAIG, DOERING, DOERR, PASSARETTI, RAYNIS, REED, REGAN, ROSCOE, VOTTO
OPPOSED: NONE

Motion Passed - 9 Affirmative Votes

Approval to Add to the last sentence under Procedure for Removal - additionally the Board Attorney will be present and will specifically develop protocol that will fit the circumstance to Policy 9222.

MOTION TO APPROVE BYLAW 9222 - RESIGNATION/REMOVAL OF BOARD OFFICERS INCORPORATING EDITS DISCUSSED AND VOTED ON

MOTION: RAYNIS, SECOND BY REED

VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL TO APPROVE BYLAW 9222 - RESIGNATION/REMOVAL OF BOARD OFFICERS INCORPORATING EDITS DISCUSSED AND VOTED ON

Motion Passed

Approval of Bylaw 9222 - Resignation/Removal of Board Officers Incorporating Edits Discussed and Voted on.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED ADOPTION/REVISION OF BYLAW 9312 - BOARD BYLAW

MOTION TO REMOVE THE WORD “NORMALLY” AND ADD “BONA FIDE” TO BYLAW 9312 - BOARD POLICY

MOTION: RAYNIS, SECOND BY REED

VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL TO REMOVE THE WORD “NORMALLY” AND ADD “BONA FIDE” TO BYLAW 9312 - BOARD POLICY

Motion Passed

Approval to Remove the Word “Normally” and Add “Bona Fide” to Bylaw 9312 - Board Policy

MOTION TO ACCEPT BYLAW 9312 - BOARD POLICY WITH EDITS

MOTION: VOTTO, SECOND BY REED

VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL TO ACCEPT BYLAW 9312 - BOARD POLICY WITH EDITS

Motion Passed

Approval to Accept Bylaw 9312 - Board Policy with Edits

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED ADOPTION/REVISION OF BYLAW 9313 - FORMULATION, ADOPTION AMENDMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS

MOTION TO ADD “IT SHALL DO SO UPON FIVE AFFIRMATIVE VOTES” TO BYLAW 9313 - FORMULATION, ADOPTION AMENDMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS AND APPROVE WITH EDITS

MOTION: PASSARETTI, SECOND BY RAYNIS

VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE: CRAIG, DOERING, DOERR, PASSARETTI, RAYNIS, REED, REGAN, ROSCOE

OPPOSED: VOTTO

Motion Passed - 8 Affirmative Votes

1 Opposed Votes

Approval to Add “It shall do so upon five affirmative votes” to Bylaw 9313 - Formulation, Adoption Amendment of Administrative Regulations and Approve with Edits.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED ADOPTION/REVISION OF BYLAW 9325.1 - QUORUM AND VOTING PROCEDURES

MOTION TO ACCEPT BYLAW 9325.1 - QUORUM AND VOTING PROCEDURES

MOTION: PASSARETTI, SECOND BY DOERR

VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL TO ACCEPT BYLAW 9325.1 - QUORUM AND VOTING PROCEDURES

Motion Passed

Approval to Accept Bylaw 9325.1 - Quorum and Voting Procedures

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED ADOPTION/REVISION OF BYLAW 9327.1 - BOARD MEMBER USE OF SOCIAL NETWORKS

MOTION TO REMOVE THE SENTENCE “AVOID POSTING CONTENT THAT INDICATES THE REACHING OF AN OPINION ON PENDING MATTERS”

MOTION: DOERR, SECOND BY RAYNIS

MOTION TO AMEND AND ACCEPT BYLAW 9327.1 - BOARD MEMBER USE OF SOCIAL NETWORKS TO REMOVE THE SENTENCE - "AVOID POSTING CONTENT THAT INDICATES THE REACHING OF AN OPINION ON PENDING MATTERS"

MOTION: DOERR, SECOND BY PASSARETTI

MOTION TO AMEND AND ACCEPT BYLAW 9327.1 - BOARD MEMBER USE OF SOCIAL NETWORKS TO REMOVE "POST ONLY CONTENT THAT THE DISTRICT HAS ALREADY RELEASED TO THE PUBLIC" AND REPLACE THE SENTENCE WITH - "AVOID POSTING CONTENT OF A SENSITIVE OR CONFIDENTIAL NATURE SUCH AS PERSONNEL, REAL ESTATE ETC."

MOTION: DOERR, SECOND BY PASSARETTI

VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL TO ACCEPT BYLAW 9327.1 - BOARD MEMBER USE OF SOCIAL NETWORKS TO REMOVE "POST ONLY CONTENT THAT THE DISTRICT HAS ALREADY RELEASED TO THE PUBLIC" AND REPLACE THE SENTENCE WITH - "AVOID POSTING CONTENT OF A SENSITIVE OR CONFIDENT SUCH AS PERSONNEL, REAL ESTATE ETC.

Motion Passed

Approval to Amend and Accept Bylaw 9327.1 - Board Member Use of Social Networks to Remove "Post Only Content that the District has Already Released to the Public: and Replace the Sentence with "Avoid Posting Content of a Sensitive or Confidential Nature such as Personnel, Real Estate etc.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED ADOPTION/REVISION OF BYLAW 9311 - BOARD POLICIES

MOTION TO ACCEPT BYLAW 9311 - BOARD POLICIES WITH TWO EDITS - FIRST PARAGRAPH, FIRST LINE "CONSIDERS POLICY DEVELOPMENT ONE OF ITS CHIEF FUNCTIONS" AND ADDING TO PAGE 4, 1D TO READ "MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY, THE STAFF AND STUDENTS"

MOTION: PASSARETTI, SECOND BY DOERR

VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL TO ACCEPT BYLAW 9311 - BOARD POLICIES WITH TWO EDITS - FIRST PARAGRAPH, FIRST LINE "CONSIDERS POLICY DEVELOPMENT ONE OF ITS CHIEF FUNCTIONS" AND ADDING TO PAGE 4, 1D TO READ "MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY, THE STAFF AND STUDENTS"

Motion Passed

Approval to Accept Bylaw 9311 - Board Policies with Two Edits - First Paragraph, First Line "Considers Policy Development One of its Chief Functions" and Adding to Page 4, 1D to Read "Members of the Community, the Staff and Students".

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED ADOPTION/REVISION OF BYLAW 9326 - MINUTES

MOTION TO ACCEPT BYLAW 9326 - MINUTES WITH TWO EDITS, PAGE 1, #4, THE NAMES OF THOSE "BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS, DISTRICT PERSONNEL AND INVITED GUESTS" IN ATTENDANCE AND THE TIME A MEMBER ARRIVED AND DEPARTED AND PAGE 1, #7 "A RECORD OF ALL COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS PRESENTED TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION"

MOTION: PASSARETTI, SECOND BY RAYNIS

VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL TO ACCEPT BYLAW 9326 - MINUTES WITH TWO EDITS, PAGE 1, #4, THE NAMES OF THOSE "BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS, DISTRICT PERSONNEL AND INVITED GUESTS" IN ATTENDANCE AND THE TIME A MEMBER ARRIVED AND DEPARTED AND PAGE 1, #7 "A RECORD OF ALL COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS PRESENTED TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION"

Motion Passed

Approval to Accept Bylaw 9326 - Minutes with two edits, Page 1, #4, The Names of those "Board of Education Members, District Personnel and Invited Guests" in Attendance and the Time a Members arrived and departed and Page 1,#7 "A Record of all Communications and Reports presented to the Board of Education.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED ADOPTION/REVISION OF BYLAW 9327 - ELECTRONIC MAIL

MOTION TO ACCEPT BYLAW 9327 - ELECTRONIC MAIL COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE FOLLOWING EDITS - ADDING AN ADDITIONAL PARAGRAPH AS DISCUSSED EARLIER TO MIRROR THE PERSONNEL RELATED EMAIL POLICY DISCUSSED EARLIER AND TO STRIKE COMPLETELY "SHOULD A MEMBER CHOOSE NOT TO UTILIZE THEIR DISTRICT EMAIL. PRINTED VERSIONS OF ALL BOARD-RELATED CORRESPONDENCE SHALL BE INCLUDED IN THE COURIER-DELIVERED BOARD PACKET AND REMAIN AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW AT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OFFICE"

MOTION: PASSARETTI, SECOND BY REED

VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE: CRAIG, DOERING, PASSARETTI, RAYNIS, REED, REGAN, ROSCOE, VOTTO

OPPOSED: DOERR

Motion Passed - 8 Affirmative Votes

1 Opposed Vote

Approval to Accept Bylaw 9327 - Electronic Mail Communications with the following edits - Adding an additional paragraph as discussed earlier to mirror the Personnel related email policy discussed earlier and to strike completely "Should a member choose not to utilize their district email, a printed version of all Board-related correspondence shall be included in the courier-delivered Board packet and remain available for review at the Board of Education Office".

CORRESPONDENCE

Mrs. Raynis shared that Mr. Jawidzik, Principal of Dag Hammarskjold Middle School received a donation of Dental Kits from Dr. Kelly Rykowski of Feldman Orthodontics. This donation was given to the Wallingford Public Schools Nursing Department. Mrs. Raynis continued sharing the Wallingford Elementary Schools received a **Gift** of Miscellaneous Backpacks filled with School Supplies from Burns & McDonnell, % Sarah Radziunas & Doug Reitmeyer. Mrs. Raynis thanked the donors on behalf of the Board of Education and expressed how grateful and appreciative the Board is to receive such gifts

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACES Governing Board Update - Mr. Votto stated that he will send a memo from the Director of ACES that he recently received. Mr. Votto also attended a Special Meeting Regards ACES at Chase School in Waterbury.

SYSTEM-WIDE PTAC UPDATE

Mrs. LaTorre reported that the meeting was canceled.

SPECIAL EDUCATION PTAC UPDATE

Mrs. Turner reported that the first Special Education PTAC Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 1, 2026. This will be a hybrid meeting.

CABE REPORT - Mr. Doering reported that CABE is preparing for the Legislative Session.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business brought before the Board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION(S) AND DISCUSSION OF CANDIDATES FOR BUSINESS MANAGER POSITION AT 11:57 P.M.

MOTION: REED SECOND BY RAYNIS

VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION(S) AND DISCUSSION OF CANDIDATES FOR BUSINESS MANAGER POSITION AT 11:57 P.M.

Motion Passed - Unanimous Approval to go into Executive Session for Discussion of Acceptance of Resignation(s) and Discussion of Candidates for Business Manager with Superintendent Bellizzi, Mr. Stacy and Board of Education Members at 11:57 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

CRAIG, DOERING, DOERR, PASSARETTI, RAYNIS, REED, REGAN, ROSCOE, VOTTO

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

BELLIZZI, STACY

OTHERS PRESENT IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

NONE

The meeting reconvened at 12:07 a.m.

INSTRUCTIONAL COMMITTEE

PRESENTATION OF WALLINGFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS ANNUAL REPORT 2025 - 2026

Ms. Bellizzi shared the following highlights of the Annual Report 2025 - 2026

- **Donations**
 - Collected \$56,339 in donations during 2025–2026, bringing five-year total donations to \$386,437.
 - Secured a five-year peak of \$1,234,294 in competitive grant funding through 11 distinct awards to support innovative programming and technology.
- **Graduation Rates and Post-High School Pathways**
 - Sustained strong graduation rates, with Lyman Hall High School increasing to 93.5% and Mark T. Sheehan High School remaining steady at 93.9%.
 - Reported that 81.5% of graduates plan to attend higher education, with 4-year college enrollment at 60.5% and 2-year college enrollment reaching a five-year high of 21%.
- **Workforce Development Programs**
 - Expanded career-connected learning through local internships, union job shadows (e.g., electrical, carpenters), and Certified Nursing Assistant training.

- Offered agricultural placements via the ASTE program and pre-apprenticeship certification pathways in Pre-Engineering and Advanced Manufacturing.
- **Scholarships Awarded**
 - Distributed \$478,590 in total scholarship funding to graduating seniors during the 2025–2026 school year.
 - Reached over \$2.1 million in cumulative scholarship awards over the past five-year period.
- **Curriculum, Instruction, and Professional Development**
 - Revised and developed new K–12 courses across elementary ELA, middle school science/social studies, and high school electives like AP Latin, Computer Science, and Financial Independence.
 - Provided district-led and self-directed staff professional learning focused on technology integration, specialized IEP compliance, mathematics instruction, and social-emotional learning.
- **Human Resources and Staff Retention**
 - Welcomed 18 new teachers and key administrative leaders, including a new Director of Human Resources and Director of Food Services.
 - Maintained workforce stability with a 92.8% retention rate for certified teachers (closely matching the state average of 93.2%) and an 85.9% retention rate for non-certified support staff.
 - Refined educator evaluation systems and completed labor contract negotiations for Food Service, School Nurses, and Teachers unions.
- **Business Office and District Operations**
 - Processed essential operational services and completed the state-mandated Education Finance System (EFS) report with a modest fiscal surplus.
 - Welcomed new personnel across accounts payable, payroll, and courier operations.
- **Special Education and Mental Health Supports**
 - Integrated community mental health partnerships with organizations such as Connecticut Behavioral Health and Soul Friends across all 12 district buildings.
 - Used the Multi-Tiered Suicide Prevention Grant to train staff in QPR and the Columbia Screener, and used LEAP programs to address attendance barriers.
- **Maintenance and Facility Upgrades**
 - Finished interior renovations for the new Central Office at 4 Fairfield Boulevard and upgraded security vestibules in elementary schools.
 - Managed major infrastructure initiatives, including boiler replacements across multiple schools and elevator renovations at Dag Hammarskjöld Middle School.
- **Technology Infrastructure and Security**
 - Maintained a 1:1 device deployment ratio for Grades K–12 and refreshed 900 student Chromebooks and 58 teacher laptops.
 - Implemented district-wide cybersecurity upgrades, including Cisco Duo MFA, CrowdStrike, Navigate 360 visitor management, and upgraded telephone networks.

PRESENTATION OF WALLINGFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS - DISTRICT PROFILE AND PERFORMANCE REPORT - 2024-2025

Ms. Bellizzi shared the following highlights of the Annual Report 2025 - 2026

District Demographics & Enrollment:

- Serving **5,241 students** across **23 schools/programs**.
- Student population demographics: **67.3% White, 22.4% Hispanic/Latino, 4.3% Asian, and 3.8% Two or More Races**.
- High-needs subgroups include **35.6% eligible for free/reduced-price meals, 19.2% students with disabilities, and 7.8% English/Multilingual Learners**.

- **Academic Performance & Postsecondary Readiness:**
 - **District Performance Index (DPI):** Scores were **65.9 in ELA, 62.3 in Math, and 66.0 in Science.**
 - **Next Generation Accountability Index:** The district earned **74.1% of possible points** (1,075.0 out of 1,450). None of the achievement gaps between high-needs and non-high-needs students are statistical outliers.
 - **College & Career Readiness:** **96.9% of 11th graders** and **99.3% of 12th graders** were enrolled in CCR courses.
 - **Graduation & College Rates:** The 4-year cohort graduation rate reached **90.9%** (above the state average of 88.9%), and **69.9% of graduates entered college.**
- **Student Attendance & Discipline:**
 - **Chronic Absenteeism:** The district rate stands at **12.5%**, performing better than the state average of **17.2%.**
 - **Suspensions:** The district suspension rate is **4.1%**, compared to the state average of **6.8%.**
- **Financial Summary & Resource Allocation:**
 - Total expenditures for 2023–24 were **\$126,325,781**, representing **\$23,520 per pupil.**
 - **Direct Instruction** accounts for the largest portion at **\$81,395,756** (\$15,155 per pupil).
 - **Special Education Expenditures:** Totaled **\$35,367,348**, comprising **28.0% of overall district spending.**
 - **Revenue Sources:** Local taxes cover **75.2%**, state grants cover **20.0%**, federal grants cover **3.7%**, and tuition/other sources cover **1.1%.**
- **Staffing & Educators:**
 - Certified educator attrition rate was **7.2%** (44 educators), with top exit reasons including taking jobs in other CT districts (37.0%), retirement (25.9%), and position elimination (18.5%).
 - Current staff diversity is **97.8% White**, emphasizing ongoing recruitment partnerships (e.g., TEACHCT) to diversify staff.
- **Strategic Improvement Focus Areas:**
 - Continued focus on structured literacy training via *Literacy HOW* and expanding *Universal Design for Learning (UDL)*.
 - Strong ongoing partnerships with local organizations such as SCOW, Youth and Social Services, the YMCA, and CPAC to support families and student development.

PRESENTATION OF WALLINGFORD ADULT EDUCATION - PROFILE REPORT 2025

Ms. Bellizzi shared the following highlights of the Annual Report 2025 - 2026

- Served **253 students**, representing the **highest enrollment ever for Wallingford Adult Education**, based on all the information I could find.
- The state's **Measurable Skill Gain (MSG) target was 39.6%**, and Wallingford Adult Education achieved **44.66%—more than five percentage points above the state target.**
- Students can achieve an **MSG in several ways**, including **graduating, demonstrating an academic gain between a pre- and post-test, or earning certain recognized credentials, such as CNA or ServSafe.** MSGs provide a way to measure meaningful academic and workforce progress during the year.
- Our students represented **more than 40 different countries**, reflecting the diversity of the adult learners we serve.
- The **25–44 age group** continues to represent the largest percentage of our student population.
- Our enrollment was approximately **65% female and 35% male.**

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION OF CHRISTINA MADANCY EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 19, 2026.

MOTION: PASSARETTI SECOND BY REED

VOTE: Unanimous approval that the Board of Education accept the resignation of **Christina Madancy** effective September 19, 2026.

Christina was hired as a Mathematics teacher in August 2001. She held various roles with Wallingford Public Schools including Coach, Athletic Director (2006), Math Department Head, Math Resource teacher (2012), Curriculum Coordinator (2014) and K-8 STEM Coordinator (2026). She previously worked as a Mathematics teacher from August 1998 through September 2000.

*Motion Passed - Unanimous approval that the Board of Education accept the resignation of **Christina Madancy** effective September 19, 2026.*

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF CANDIDATE TO BUSINESS MANAGER POSITION

No Action Was Taken

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT**

Mrs. Regan reported the final results from the 2025-2026 school year. There was a surplus of \$564,808.06. This surplus includes the adjustment of the \$200,000 Excess Cost grant overpayment. The surplus represents .046% of the budget. Thank you and best wishes to Mr. Barone.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Ms. Bellizzi reported the following:

- **2027 Connecticut Teacher of the Year Finalist** - We are thrilled to share that Mrs. Alison Gibertoni, Grade 5 teacher at Parker Farms Elementary School, has been named a finalist for the 2027 Connecticut Teacher of the Year! This incredible honor recognizes Alison's dedication, passion, and commitment to students and our school community. Please join me in congratulating her on this outstanding achievement. We are incredibly proud to have Mrs. Alison Gibertoni representing Wallingford Public Schools! The 2027 CT Teacher of the Year Committee will be in the district on Friday, October 2nd, to conduct a site visit where they will have an opportunity to see her teach and interview students, colleagues, administration, and Board of Education members. Good Luck and Congratulations, Mrs. Alison Gibertoni
- **Open House at The Schools** - This week, LHHS & MTS are hosting an Open House at their schools.
- **State Board of Education Meeting** - On October 7, 2026, the State Board of Education will be holding at the LHHS ASTE Community Room. The meeting begins at 4:00. Students from ASTE will be providing the State Board of Education Members with a tour of ASTE.
- **Last Meeting for Dominic Barone** - Thank him for his many years of service here at Wallingford Public Schools. We wish him all the best of luck as he transitions into his role with Cromwell Public Schools.

Mrs. LaTorre reported the following:

- *Universal Screening concluded on Friday. Parents should be expecting results towards the end of the week.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday, October 14, 2026	Operations Committee	Via Google Meet 6:00 p.m.
Monday, October 14, 2026	Instructional Committee	6:45 p.m.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday, October 26, 2026	Board of Education	Board of Education Conference Room 4 Fairfield Blvd., Suite 2 6:30 p.m.
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ADJOURNMENT

The Meeting was Adjourned at 12:33 a.m.

Caroline Raynis

Secretary

[Click here to view the meeting in its entirety on YouTube.](#)