

***BOARD OF EDUCATION
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT***

A Board of Education meeting was held on Tuesday, May 27, 2014, at Wolcott High School. In attendance were: Patricia Najarian, Chairman of the Board; Gloria Gubitosi, Vice Chairman of the Board; Cynthia Mancini, Secretary of the Board; Gloria Clair, Lori DelBuono, and Roberta Leonard, all Board members. Also in attendance: Joseph Macary, Superintendent of Schools; Joseph Monroe, Principal of Wolcott High School; Deborah Osvald, Assistant Principal of Wolcott High School; Shawn Simpson, Assistant Principal of Tyrrell Middle School; Holly Wrenn, Principal of Alcott School; Robert Nagashima, Principal of Wakelee School; Wendie Rodriguez, Supervisor of Special Education; Jodi Giglio, Wakelee Teacher; a WEA Representative; and Joan Gray, Board Clerk.

The regular Board meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m., the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mrs. Najarian read the Wolcott Public Schools' Mission Statement.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 12, 2014. So voted.

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to approve the minutes of the public session of the expulsion hearing of May 19, 2014-Student 1.
So voted.

Motion: by Mrs. Clair, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to approve the minutes of the public session of the expulsion hearing of May 19, 2014-Student 2.
So voted.

Communications:

Letter from the Wolcott Historical Society

Business Manager's Report:**Expenditures:**

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Ms. DelBuono, to approve expenditures in the amount of **\$271,043.74** paid on May 28, 2014 for fiscal year 2013-2014. So voted.

Superintendent's Report:

Ms. Giglio explained to the Board how the Grade 4 students at Wakelee researched specific states for Wakelee's State Fair being held June 2nd at the school. Wakelee Students, Erin Manzolli and Emma Simpson reported on Nebraska; Ashley Page and Alexandria Maisto reported on Colorado; and Joseph Garbus and Elian Medina reported on Washington. They gave the Board specific facts about the state each group studied.

The Principals gave two minute updates on their schools. Mr. Nagashima reported for Wakelee and Frisbie, and Mr. Simpson reported for Tyrrell.

The Smarter Balanced Assessment testing has been completed in Grades 4, 5, 7, 8, and 11. Students in Grades 3 and 6 will finish on June 6th.

Wolcott Summer Studies is starting on June 30th. The Program is held at Tyrrell Middle School for five weeks from 8:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Monday to Friday.

Graduation for Tyrrell Middle School will be June 24th at 4:00 p.m. in Tyrrell's Gymnasium and graduation for Wolcott High School will be June 24th at 7:00 p.m. at the high school on Monroe Field (weather permitting). The last day of school for all students is Tuesday, June 24, 2014. June 23 and 24 will be early dismissal days for students.

Motion: by Ms. DelBuono, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to approve the Superintendent's Report. So voted.

Public Comment:

No one came forward.

Committee Reports:

Mrs. Mancini said the Finance Committee met earlier. Pending invoices, budget reports for fiscal year 2013-2014, oil prices, and the milk bid were all reviewed.

Ms. Leonard indicated that the Programs and Operations Committee met on May 19th and reviewed the 2014-2015 School Handbooks and received a report by Mrs. Iles. In addition, Ms. Leonard reported that the ACES Board met and the new director, Tom Danehy was introduced.

NEW BUSINESS:

Approve – Resignation:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to accept the resignation of:
1. **Alison Regan** in the position of Special Education Teacher at Tyrrell Middle School at the end of the 2013-2014 school year.
So voted.

Approve – Transfer Between Jobs:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to approve the following transfer to the position indicated:
1. **Anthony Gentile** from the position of Applied Education Teacher at Wolcott High School to the position of Family and Consumer Science Teacher at Wolcott High School effective August 25, 2014.
So voted.

Approve – Nominations:

Motion: by Ms. DelBuono, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to appoint the following person(s) as indicated:

2014 Summer Studies Staff:

Certified Staff:

- Andrea Curcio – Preschool Special Education Teacher
- Michelle Kulmann – Special Education Teacher
- Raquel Madar – Speech-Language Pathologist
- Bobbi Thompson – Life Skills Special Education Teacher

Instructional Assistants:

- Rosanna Ali
- Matthew Angelone
- Aubrie Baris
- Troy Bond
- Gilda Burns
- Adriana D’Amico
- Naomi Desroches
- Lynn DiManno
- Lori Eagan
- Anna Famiglietti
- Janice Gallagher
- Cheryl Lago
- Fallon Mesaros
- Kari Prescott
- Brenda Ruegg
- Carmen Slebonick
- Kari Yashenko
- Susan Zabbara

Substitute IAs:

Emily Cantor
Robin Japs

Teaching Staff:

Dawn Bertrand
Mark Berube
Scott Blacker
Marian Boisvert
Cristy Bredice
Tony Cianchetti
Karen Craig
Jason Creem
Bianca Daniels
Kerianne Falencki
John Fish
Sarah Garbus
Andy Gargano
Jane Gargano
Lisa Goldberg
Katrina Kane
Lee Kelsey
Lisa Klemenz
Michelle LaRochelle
Helene Leder
Dyann Mango
Michelle McNerney
Jane Natoli
David Pape
Jeanne Pittman
John Richardson
Sarah Stabile
Kristin Stec
Michael Terry
Linda Vaivoda
Nancy Warzecha

Secretary:

Phyllis Jones

Other Staff:

Tanya Tafuto

Substitutes:

Sheila Cossette
Jennifer Edwards
Stacey Finke
Shannon Gomez
Julia Matthews

Debbie Nicol
John Perrier
Kayla Sharkey
Mary Szabo
Diana Wohlhieter

So voted.

Approve – 2014-2015 School Handbooks – Initial Vote:

Motion: by Ms. Leonard, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to approve on initial vote the 2014-2015 Handbooks as follows:

The Elementary Schools Parents/Guardians Handbook
Tyrrell Middle School Student Handbook
Wolcott High School Student Handbook

So voted.

Approve – Contracts:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to approve the following contracts:

Todd Bendtsen Business Manager 2014-2017
Patti Ann Welton Central Office Administrative Specialist 2014-2017

So voted.

Time for the Public:

Kaitlynn Styles, 189 Munson Road, spoke about SBAC testing at Tyrrell Middle School.
Kathy Cordone, 80 Old Boundline Road, commented on the impact of common core on students' early years.

Items for the Next Agenda:

School Handbooks – final vote.

Board members can contact the Board of Education Office if you have additional agenda items.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: by Ms. DelBuono, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:20 p.m. So voted.