

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT**


A meeting of the Board of Education was held on Monday, April 06, 2020, on Google Meet. In attendance were: Cynthia Mancini, Chairman of the Board; Paul D'Angelo, Vice Chairman of the Board; Roberta Leonard, Secretary of the Board; Christopher Charette, Kathleen Cordone, Tony Gugliotti, Sean Hughes, Timothy McMurray, and Kelly Mazza, all Board members. Also in attendance: Dr. Anthony Gasper, Superintendent of Schools, Shawn Simpson, Assistant Superintendent; Todd Bendtsen, Business Manager; Walter Drewry, Principal of Wolcott High School; Alex Pagan, Director of Technology, Erich Urban, Senior desktop Technician; and Jessica Kenny, Board Clerk.

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 p.m. by Mrs. Cynthia Mancini, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a Moment of Silence was given for Thomas Wayne Buchanan and everyone impacted by COVID 19. Mrs. Mancini then read the Wolcott Public Schools' Mission Statement.

Approval of Minutes:

- Motion: by Ms. Leonard, seconded by Mr. Gugliotti, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 09, 2020.
So voted
- Motion: by Mr. Gugliotti, seconded by Mr. Charette, to approve the minutes of the special meeting of March 16, 2020;
So voted.
- Motion: by Mrs. Mazza, seconded by Mr. Gugliotti, to approve the minutes of the Special meeting of March 26, 2020.
So voted.

APPROVED


Cynthia Mancini, BOE Chairman
Wolcott Public Schools

Committee Reports:

Mr. Gugliotti gave an update on the Building Committee, the Business Offices are 80% completed. One of the holdup are going to be the fire alarms, for the company is not operating due to COVID 19.

Communications:

There were no communications for the Board

Business Manager's Report:

Mr. Bendtsen gave his Business Manager's Report and reviewed health claim, pending vendor invoices, transfers, and spoke on Fuel Oil and Diesel Oil prices.

Expenditures:

Motion: by Mr. Gugliotti, seconded by Mr. D'Angelo, to approve the following expenditures:
To approve expenditures in the amount of **\$1,131,185.06** paid on April 07, 2020;
To approve the May 2020 payroll expenditures in the amount of **\$1,558,000** for fiscal year 2019-2020.
So voted.

Transfers:

Motion: by Ms. Leonard, seconded by Mr. Gugliotti, to authorize the transfer of **\$68,538** from fiscal year 2019-2020 as presented in the Business Manager's Report.
So voted.

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Simpson gave an update on Distant learning. As we are entering Week 3, he gave a big thank you to everyone for the team effort that has been going on. He explained grades 3-12 have been digital and that we launched grades K-2 digitally this week. The first day for grades K-3 went smooth. Teachers are using Google Classroom with no video streaming from Students. Mr. Simpson addressed hacker's and that our Technology Department is aware of it and keeping a close eye on it. He went on to speak of a survey that was sent out to Staff members and one of the biggest responses back was that they miss seeing their students. Mr. Simpson explained that there will not be state testing this year, PSAT have cancelled. AP Courses are being done online and although the exams will have reduced content students will still be receiving college credits for them.

Mr. Simpson, Dr. Gasper, and the Board also discussed any Wolcott Resident that attends a school outside of Wolcott should contact their child's school if they are in need of a Chromebook.

Lastly, they spoke of students that are not completing their assignments and the risk that students will have of being held back or Seniors not being able to Graduate. Each Digital Learning Assignment does count as a grade and any student not completing the assignments will be at risk of failing.

Dr. Gasper gave his report and stated that at this time he does not have an update on a return date for students. We are still following the Governor and State of Connecticut guidelines on a return date.

The Superintendent gave great credit to our staff, our students, and our parents for how smoothly and effectively Wolcott Public Schools has moved to Distant Learning format. He stated that we know that distant learning will never fully take the place of highly effective teacher in the classroom, he is confident that our staff has made the best of this difficult circumstance and continue to develop and improve each day.

Motion: by Mr. D'Angelo, seconded by Mr. Charette, to approve the Superintendent's Report.
So voted.

OLD BUSINESS:

Approval of 2021-2022 School Calendar:

Motion: by Mr. Gugliotti, seconded by Ms. Leonard to approve on final vote the 2021-2022 school calendar as presented.
So voted

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion: by Mr. Gugliotti, seconded by Ms. Leonard to add a Bid Waiver for Fuel Oil and Diesel Oil for the 2021-2022 School Year and to add the Authorization for the Business Manager to buy oil fuel and diesel fuel for the 2021-2022 School Year.
So Voted.

The Board than had a discussion on waiving the community service graduation requirements.

Motion: by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Gugliotti to waive Community Service requirements for the Senior Class graduating in 2020.
So voted.

Consent Agenda:

Motion: by Mr. Gugliotti, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented:

1. Resignation(s):

- a. **Audrey Jankiewicz** from the position of Language Arts Teacher at Tyrrell Middle School, effective upon completion of the 2019-2020 school year.

2. WEF Grant Award:

- a. **Kimberly Murtaugh – Frisbie School** **\$1000.00**
Location: Camp Sloper
Project Title: Team Building

3. Permission to Dispose of Equipment:

- a. To give Student Services Department permission to dispose of
 - 6 Neo Alpha Smarts that are obsolete and will never be used;
 - 2 iPads that have been shattered beyond repair.

4. 2020-2021 Healthy Food Certification Statement:

- a. **Healthy Food Option:** Pursuant to C.G.S. Section 10-215f, the board of education or governing authority certifies that all food items offered for sale to students in the schools under its jurisdiction, and not exempted from the Connecticut Nutrition Standards published by the Connecticut State Department of Education, will comply with the Connecticut Nutrition Standards during the period of July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021. This certification shall include all food offered for sale to students separately from reimbursable meals at all times and from all sources, including but not limited to, school stores, vending machines, school cafeterias, and any fundraising activities on school premises sponsored by the school or by non-school organizations and groups

5. 2020-2021 Healthy Food Certification Statement:**a. Food Exemptions: for Exemption for Food Items:**

The board of education or governing authority will allow the sale to students of food items that do not meet the Connecticut Nutrition Standards provided that the following conditions are met: 1) the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; 2) the sale is at the location of the event; and 3) the food items are not sold from a vending machine or school store. An “event” is an occurrence that involves more than just a regularly scheduled practice, meeting, or extracurricular activity. For example, soccer games, school plays, and interscholastic debates are events but soccer practices, play rehearsals, and debate team meetings are not. The “regular school

day” is the period from midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day. “Location” means where the event is being held.

b. Beverage Exemptions:

The board of education will allow the sale to students of beverages not listed in Section 10-221q of the Connecticut General Statutes provided that the following conditions are met: 1) the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; 2) the sale is at the location of the event; and 3) the beverages are not sold from a vending machine or school store. An “event” is an occurrence that involves more than just a regularly scheduled practice, meeting or extracurricular activity. The “school day” is the period from midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day. “Location” means where the event is being held, and must be the same place as the beverage sales.

So voted.

Motion: by Mr. Gugliotti, seconded by Mrs. Mazza, to approve the Bid Waiver for Fuel Oil and Diesel Oil for the 2021-2022 School Year.

So Voted.

Motion: by Ms. Leonard, seconded by Mr. Gugliotti to authorize the Business Manager to buy fuel oil and diesel oil for \$1.70 or less for the 2021-2022 school year.

Motion: by Ms. Leonard, seconded by Mr. Gugliotti to rescind the Motion Gugliotti to authorize the Business Manager to buy fuel oil and diesel oil for \$1.70 or less for the 2021-2022 school year.

Motion: by Ms. Leonard, seconded by Mr. Gugliotti to authorize the Business Manager to lock in fuel oil and diesel oil for \$1.75 or less for the 2021-2022 school year.

So voted.

Items for the Next Agenda:

The next meeting is April 20th. At this meeting the Board will discuss the transportation contract.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: by Mr. Gugliotti, seconded by Mr. Hughes, to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m. So voted.