

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT**

A regular meeting of the Board of Education was held on Monday, April 11, 2016, at Tyrrell Middle School. In attendance were: Patricia Najarian, Chairman of the Board; Gloria Gubitosi, Vice Chairman of the Board; Kimberly Lumia, Secretary of the Board; Thomas Buzzelli, Gloria Clair, Anthony Gugliotti, Roberta Leonard, and Cynthia Mancini, all Board members. Also in attendance: Todd Bendtsen, Business Manager; Frank Purcaro, Director of Student Learning & Teaching; Kevin Hollis, Director of Student Services; Rosa Ramalhete, Supervisor of Special Education; Joseph Monroe, Principal of Wolcott High School; Walter Drewry, Assistant Principal of Wolcott High School; Deborah Osvald, Assistant Principal of Wolcott High School; Arline Tansley, Principal of Tyrrell Middle School; Daniel Caetano, Assistant Principal of Tyrrell Middle School; Shawn Simpson, Principal of Alcott School; Joseph Norcross, Principal of Frisbie School; Robert Nagashima, Principal of Wakelee School; Barbara Jackson, Alcott Teacher; and Joan Gray, Board Clerk.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mrs. Najarian, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Mrs. Najarian stated that Mr. Purcaro would be standing in at the meeting for the Superintendent, who is out of state serving on a NEASC Committee.

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

**Approval of Minutes:**

Motion:           by Mrs. Clair, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 28, 2016. So voted.

**Communications:**

Invitation to WHS' Spring Sports Banquet  
Rotella Monthly Montage – April 2016

**Business Manager's Report:**

**Budget Transfers:**

Motion:           by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Lumia, to authorize the transfer of **\$157,491.61** presented in the Business Manager's report. So voted.

**Expenditures:**

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Lumia, to approve expenditures as follows:

To approve the May 2016 payroll expenditure in the amount of **\$1,600,000.**

To approve expenditures in the amount of **\$371,406.02** paid on April 12, 2016 for fiscal year 2015-2016.

So voted.

**Superintendent's Report:**

Mr. Purcaro introduced Mr. Simpson, who in turn introduced Alcott student, Logan Caruso, who reported on his fund raising efforts at Alcott school for Fidelco and the Wolcott Animal Shelter.

Mr. Simpson then introduced Alcott student, Jeremy Scanlon, who told the Board about Go Green Day on May 1<sup>st</sup> at Peterson Park from 1:00-3:00 p.m. TAKE 2 Recycling will be there to accept used electronics. After Mr. Scanlon finished his report, Mr. Simpson surprised him with a letter from the Secretary of the State commending him for his activities to better his community.

The School Principals gave the Board their two minute school highlights, and Mr. Hollis reported on the activities of the Student Services Department.

Mr. Purcaro and the Administrators all congratulated Mr. Norcross for being chosen the Connecticut Association of Schools Distinguished Elementary Principal of the Year. We all agree that it is a well-deserved honor.

The Smarter Balanced Assessment will be administered between April 26 and May 24 for students in grades three through eight.

Kindergarten registration for the next school year is currently underway. Mr. Purcaro encouraged parents to contact their neighborhood school to register their children. Having an accurate count of incoming students is critical to our budgeting and preparations for the next school year.

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

**Public Comment:**

No one came forward.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

No items

**NEW BUSINESS:****Approve – Resignation(s):**

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Lumia to accept the resignation(s) of:

1. **Jessica Geddes** in the position of Varsity Head Coach of the Girls Basketball Team at Wolcott High School effective immediately;
2. **Jennifer Whipple** in the position of Grade 3 Teacher at Wakelee Elementary School effective at the end of the 2015-2016 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. **Paula Luis** from the position of Paraprofessional at Wakelee Elementary School to the position of Paraprofessional at Frisbie Elementary School effective April 13, 2016.

So voted.

**Approve – Nominations:**

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

1. **Anjeza Cuko** to the position of Long Term Substitute Social Studies Teacher at Wolcott High School effective on April 25, 2016;
2. **Tim Jackson** to the position of Sports Volunteer for the Varsity Baseball Team at Wolcott High School for the 2016 Spring Season;
3. **Peter Lawlor** to the position of Sports Volunteer for the Girls' Softball Team at Tyrrell Middle School effective with the 2016 Spring Season;
4. **Tyler Meccariello** in the position of Assistant (JV) Volleyball Coach at Wolcott High School effective with the 2016 Fall Season.

So voted.

**Approve – Out of State Field Trips:**

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to approve the following out-of- state field trip:

1. Wolcott High School's Marketing Students (40) request permission to go to New York City's Financial District on May 10, 2016 for a tour of the District.

So voted.

**Approve a Graduation Date:**

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to approve June 13, 2016 as the date for the following graduation ceremonies:

Tyrrell Middle School at 4:00 p.m., and  
Wolcott High School at 7:00 p.m.

So voted.

**Approve a Contract with the Wolcott Educational Secretaries:**

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to approve the agreement between the Wolcott Board of Education and the Wolcott Educational Secretaries, United Public Service Employees Union, effective July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2019. So voted.

**Adopt Mathematics Resources (K-8):**

Motion: by Ms. Leonard, seconded by Mrs. Lumia, to adopt EnVision Mathematics (K-8) from Pearson Publishing. So voted.

**Bid Award – Alcott Boiler:**

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Mrs. Clair, to approve the bid and award a contract to Rivco Construction, LLC to replace the boiler burner and feed tank at Alcott Elementary School in the amount of \$78,386.00.  
So voted.

**Committee Reports:**

Mrs. Gubitosi stated that the Facilities Committee met at 6:00 p.m. The District's Facilities Director Mr. Stankus gave them a report on the Five Year Capital Maintenance Plan, and discussed the bid award for the boiler at Alcott School. Mrs. Najarian gave the Committee an update on the Building Committee's renovation projects.

Ms. Leonard said that the Operations and Program Committee met this evening, and received a presentation from Mr. Purcaro on the K-8 Math Pilot Results. The District Teachers who participated in the pilot were also present to lend their support.

Mrs. Mancini said that the Finance Committee met earlier with Mr. Bendtsen, who discussed pending invoices, budget transfers, the Internal Service report, and gave them an update on the Affordable Care Act. Mrs. Lumia, who is the Chair of the Negotiations Committee, gave them an overview of the Educational Secretaries' contract.

**Time for the Public:**

No one came forward.

**Items for the Next Agenda:**

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

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:10 p.m. So voted.

Note: A videotape of this meeting in its entirety can be viewed on the WLCT96 site on the Town of Wolcott's website, [www.wolcottct.org](http://www.wolcottct.org).