

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT**

A meeting of the Board of Education was held on Monday, June 12, 2017, at Wolcott High 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: Dr. Anthony Gasper, Superintendent of Schools, Todd Bendtsen, Business Manager; Kevin Hollis, Director of Student Services, Rosa Ramalhete, Supervisor of Special Education; Walter Drewry, Interim Principal of Wolcott High School; Bryan MacKay, Assistant Principal of Wolcott High School; Joseph Morgan, Interim Assistant Principal of Wolcott High School; Arline Tansley, Principal of Tyrrell Middle School; Daniel Caetano, Assistant Principal of Tyrrell Middle School; Joseph Norcross, Principal of Frisbie Elementary School; Deborah Oswald, Principal of Wakelee Elementary School; Shawn Simpson, Principal of Alcott Elementary School; David Stankus, Facilities Director; and Joan Gray, Board Clerk.

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Mrs. Najarian, 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 22, 2017. So voted.

Communications:

Thank you notes
Colliers postcards
Rotella Monthly Montage – June 2017

Business Manager's Report:

Budget Transfers:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Lumia, to authorize the transfer of **\$326,669.13** from fiscal year 2016-2017 as presented in the Business Manager's report. So voted.

Expenditures:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to approve the following expenditures:
To approve the July 2017 payroll expenditure in the amount of **\$475,000.**
To approve expenditures in the amount of **\$995,992.44** paid on June 13, 2017 for fiscal year 2016-2017.
So voted.

Superintendent's Report:

The Top 25 Seniors were introduced by Mr. Drewry, and congratulated by Mrs. Najarian and Dr. Gasper. The 2017 Top 25 Seniors are:

- 25 Reagan, Emma Olivia
- 24 Comeau, Nicholas Carmine
- 23 Mastropietro, Matthew Robert
- 22 Alka, Saranda
- 21 Costello, Carrigan Sheeran
- 20 DeLuco, Anthony Dominic
- 19 Charbonneau, Serena Sue
- 18 Gould, Mackenzie Adelaide
- 17 Filippone, Joseph Michael
- 16 Doubleday, Megan Lee
- 15 Dias, Cynthia Moura
- 14 Chance, Chloe Rebecca
- 13 Dunlap, Kelsey Nicole
- 12 Vaccarelli, Angelina Marie
- 11 Drewry, Patrick Cabot
- 10 Michaud, Gilbert Joseph
- 9 Bracco, Justine A
- 8 Mayo, Kayla Marie
- 7 Lepore, Zachary John
- 6 Yost, Jackson John
- 5 DeLuca, Alyse Marie
- 4 Nadeau, Serena
- 3 Nguyen, Tu Anh
- 2 Fishbein, Ryan Edward
- 1 Romeo, Lauren Soraya

Dr. Gasper requested that the Board consider agenda item VIII.B.1 at this time. Mrs. Najarian approved his request.

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to approve the following transfer to the position indicated:

1. **Kimberly Murtaugh** from the position of Grade 5 Teacher at Wakelee Elementary School to the position of Principal of Frisbie Elementary School effective July 1, 2017. So voted.

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to take a 10 minute recess to congratulate the Top 25 Seniors for their achievement, and Mrs. Murtaugh for her new position. So voted.

The meeting was reconvened by Mrs. Najarian.

Two minute school highlights were presented by each principal.

The Superintendent said that at its special meeting on Thursday, June 8th, the Town Council deferred action on the Town's and the Board of Education's budget. Actually, the Council voted down both budgets and also delayed action until tomorrow, Tuesday, June 13th. He thanked all of the parents and community members who have been so engaged in the budget process this year.

He also clarified once more about the 1.78% increase that the Board has requested. The requested increase is less than the total of the contractual changes that we cannot easily control: such as electricity, fuel oil, utilities, and employment contracts. So, the requested increase cannot be treated as optional. These costs must be covered. Any reduction in our budget from the 1.78% requested will necessarily come from classroom supplies, activities, and/or employees' salaries. He stated with confidence that the Board's budget has no fat, no padding, and that the data shows that the Board of Education is very efficient with the funds that the residents provide to their schools.

Dr. Gasper mentioned that on June 13 at 6:00 PM, Town Council will hold a workshop meeting in the Council Chambers. Following the workshop, the Council plans to adopt a budget for 2017-2018. The meeting is open to the public.

The Superintendent thanked Mr. Jeffrey Jump for his second monetary donation to our Food Service Program to be used for students who cannot afford to reimburse their accounts.

He also commended Mr. Stankus for obtaining the Green Circle Recognition for the District.

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

Public Comment:

No one came forward.

NEW BUSINESS:**Resignations:**

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

1. **Karen LeBlanc** in the position of Homework Club Advisor at Tyrrell Middle School effective for the 2017-2018 school year;
2. **Kate Lynch** in the position of Science Teacher at Wolcott High School effective at the end of the 2016-2017 school year.

So voted.

Transfer Between Jobs:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to approve the following transfer to the position indicated:

Loretta Maintanis from the position of a one to one Paraprofessional at Wakelee Elementary School to the same position, but at Tyrrell Middle School effective with the 2017-2018 school year.

So voted.

Nominations:

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Mrs. Clair, to appoint the following person(s) to the position as indicated:

1. **2017-2018 Stipend Positions:**

Karen LeBlanc	K-12 ELA Coordinator
Deborah Stange	K-12 Fine Arts Coordinator
Tammi Treen	Sub Coordinator
Aisha Mobley	Department Head, School Counseling (WHS)
Lisa Durant	Team Leader, English (WHS)
Scott Blacker	Homework Club Advisor (TMS)
2. **Jane Natoli** to the position of Teacher for the Summer Studies Program effective June 26, 2017.

So voted.

Accept a Bid Award – Milk:

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to approve the bid and award a contract to Wade's Dairy, Inc. to provide milk to the Wolcott Public Schools with fluctuating prices for the 2017-2018 school year. So voted.

Approve a Union Contract – Cafeteria Workers:

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to approve the agreement between the Wolcott Board of Education and Local 1303-370 of CT Council 4 AFSCME, AFL-CIO (Cafeteria Employees), effective July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2021. So voted.

Committee Reports:

Ms. Leonard stated that the Operations & Programs Committee met earlier, and discussed WHS' Student Government's two policy requests.

Mrs. Gubitosi reported on the Facilities Committee meeting held at 6:30 p.m. The Committee discussed the completed work and pending work for all the schools.

Mrs. Mancini said the Finance Committee met earlier and discussed pending vendor invoices, transfers, the internal service report and the milk bid award.

Mrs. Lumia, the Chair of the Negotiations Committee, said the Committee had to reschedule the negotiations with the Custodians and the Nurses' Unions due to the Town Council's budget workshops and special meetings, which the Committee members needed to attend.

Time for the Public:

No one came forward

Items for the Next Agenda:

The next meeting is June 26th and will be at Tyrrell Middle School.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to go into Executive Session to discuss 1) unaffiliated employees' contracts; and 2) the contract status of certain non-tenured staff members. So voted.

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mr. Buzzelli, to come out of Executive Session and reconvene the regular meeting. So voted.

Approve Unaffiliated Employees' Contracts:

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to approve the following contracts with the changes indicated during Executive Session:

Andrew Bundock	Desktop Technician	2017-2020
Erich Urban	Senior Desktop Technician	2017-2020
Nancy Cyr	Career Center Specialist	2017-2020
Eileen Girgenti	Food Service Director	2017-2020
Todd Bendtsen	Business Manager	2017-2020
Carolyn DeiDolori	Software Training Consultant	2017-2018

So voted.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to adjourn the meeting at 9:58 p.m. So voted.

Note: The Board of Education meetings are videotaped, and as result are available to be viewed on the WLCT96 site on the Town of Wolcott's website, www.wolcottct.org.