

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT**

A regular meeting of the Board of Education was held on Monday, April 29, 2019, at Tyrrell Middle School. In attendance were: Cynthia Mancini, Vice Chairman of the Board; Roberta Leonard, Secretary of the Board; Thomas Buzzelli, Christopher Charette, Kathleen Cordone, Paul D'Angelo, Anthony Gugliotti. Also in attendance: Dr. Anthony Gasper, Superintendent of Schools; Frank Purcaro, Assistant Superintendant of Schools; Todd Bendtsen, Business Manager; Kevin Hollis, Director of Student Services; Rosa Ramahlete, Supervisor of Special Service; Walter Drewry, Principal of Wolcott High School; Bryan MacKay, Assistant Principal of Wolcott High School; Joseph Morgan, Assistant Principal of Wolcott High School; Joseph Norcross, Principal of Tyrrell Middle School; Dan Ceatano, Assistant Principal of Tyrrell Middle School; Shawn Simpson, Alcott Elementary School Principal; Kimberly Murtaugh, Principal of Frisbie Elementary School; Wayne Natzel, Facilities Director; Sara Tedesco, Teacher at Alcott Elementary; and Sara Vumbaca, Art Teacher at Alcott and Frisbie Elementary; and Jessica Kenny, Board Clerk.

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 p.m. by Mrs. Mancini, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Mrs. Mancini then read the Wolcott Public Schools' Mission Statement.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Motion:           by Mr. D'Angelo, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 8, 2019.  
So voted.

APPROVED



Lori DelBuono Bartlett, Chairman  
Wolcott Board of Education

**Committee Reports:**

A Committee of the Whole meeting was held at 6:30 p.m., during the meeting Finance topics were reviewed. They discussed pending vendor invoices, Variable Accounts Report and Transfers.

Lastly, Principals presented the 2019 – 2020 Handbooks for Elementary, Middle, and High School to Programs and Operations. Also, they discussed Payments for School Athletes, this will be discussed further as a future topic.

**Communications:**

Invitation to the Wolcott High School, Spring Sports Banquet,  
Invitation to Wolcott High Schools, Super Senior Banquet;  
Invitation to Tyrrell Middle Schools, National Junior Honor Society Induction,  
Invitation to National Teacher Day, Retirement, Recognition & Renewal Celebrations  
Thank you cards;  
Draft minutes from the April 24<sup>th</sup>, Building Committee.

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

Motion: by Mr. Charette, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to approve the following Expenditures:  
To approve expenditures in the amount of **\$275,663.79** paid on April 30, 2019 for fiscal year 2018-2019.  
So voted.

**Budget Transfer(s):**

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Mrs. Cordone, to approve the following Budget Transfers:  
To authorize the transfer of **\$300,718.80** from fiscal year 2018-2019 as presented in the Business Manager's report.  
So voted.

**Superintendent's Report:**

Mrs. Vumbaca spoke to the Board about the Art Integration ILeap project. Mrs. Vumbaca explained had she used Art to help help 5 students with Math Intervention, "The Fab Five" For example they used counting by 1's and 10's to make art projects of their names. When the "Fab Five" would return back to the classroom, they would become the teacher's and teach the other student's in their classroom what they did and how they came to the answer that they showed through art work.

Mrs. Tedesco spoke of her ILeap project "Neighboring Classrooms," she did suspend the project for the year, but spoke of the positives and negatives of her project.

Motion: by Ms. Leonard, seconded by Mr. D'Angelo, to approve the Superintendent's Report.

So voted.

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelly seconded by Ms. Leonard to add executive session to the agenda in regards to the performance of a Public Officer.

So voted.

**Public Comment:**

Jennifer Silva, 210 Central Avenue, spoke of Mrs. Tedesco's ILeap project and explained that they do the same concept in her school district. She encouraged Mrs. Tedesco not to give up because it is a great thing for the teachers and students.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Approve the 2019 – 2020 Handbooks - Final Vote**

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to approve on final vote of the 2019-2020 Student Handbooks, as presented in Committee of the Whole, as follows:

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

So voted.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Approve a Graduation Date:**

Motion: by Mr. Gugliotti, seconded by Ms. Leonard, To approve June 14, 2019 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

Dr. Gasper asked to Removed the first original candidate from the nominations, due to the candidate withdrawing his name.

**Nominations:**

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to approve the following nomination(s) to the position indicated as presented:

1. **Ellen Hughes** to the position of Special Education Paraprofessional at Frisbie Elementary School effective May 1, 2018;
2. **WHS Football Volunteers:**

Anthony Bell  
Ryan Caggiano  
John Kiely  
Kevin Nicol  
Jim Maisto

So Voted.

**Adopt Revised Policies – Initial Vote:**

Motion: by Ms. Leonard, seconded by Mr. Gugliotti to adopt on initial vote the following revised Board policies and regulations:

- Policy/Regulation 5123 – Students:  
Promotion and /Retention of Students
- Policy/Regulation 6146 - Graduation Requirements
- Policy/Regulation 6152 - Grouping Policy

**Consent Agenda:**

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Mr. Charette, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented:

1. **Resignations:**
  - a. Beverly Fulmer in the position of Library Paraprofessional at Alcott School, for the purpose of retirement, effective May 1, 2019;
  - b. Margaret Miller in the position of Food Service Worker at Frisbie School, for the purpose of retirement, effective May 3, 2019;
  - c. Patricia Stanco in the position of Paraprofessional at Alcott School, for the purpose of retirement, effective July 31, 2019;
  - d. Lori Hubeny in the position of Food Service Worker at Wolcott High School, effective the end of the 2018 – 2019 school year.
2. **Out of State/Overnight Field Trips:**
  - a. Alcott School's Grade 4 (32) requests permission to go to Old Sturbridge Village in Sturbridge, MA on June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019 for the purpose of Research/Experience Colonial Life.
3. **Dispose of Equipment:**
  - a. To give Wolcott High School permission to dispose of the following text books that are no longer needed:
    - a. 48 - Office 97 Textbooks (Outdated & Replaced with Office 2016 Text)
    - b. 3 – Office 2000 Textbooks (Outdated & Replaced with Office 2016 Text)
    - c. 24 – Computer Programming in Basic (1991) (No Longer Relevant to Curriculum)
    - d. 40 – Typing Drill Textbooks (No Longer Part of the Curricula)
    - e. 21 – Keyboarding Textbooks (No Longer Part of the Curricula)
    - f. 23 – Speed Writing Textbooks (No Longer Part of the Curricula)
    - g. 13 – Office Workplace Textbooks (No Longer Part of the Curricula)

- h. 13 – Shorthand Textbooks (No Longer Part of the Curricula)
  - i. 28 – Office 2007 Textbooks (Outdated & Replaced with Office 2016 Text)
  - j. 13 – Miscellaneous Textbooks (Outdated & No Longer Relevant to Curriculum)
- So Voted.

**Time for the Public:**

Jennifer Silva, 210 Central Avenue, would like the Latchkey part of the website updated.

**Items for the Next Agenda:**

The next meeting is May 13, 2019 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 Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to go into Executive Session for the purposes of discussing a Public Officer.  
So voted.

Motion: by Mr. Gugliotti, seconded by Mr. Charette, to come out of Executive Session and reconvene the regular meeting at 8:25 p.m. So voted.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Mr. Charette, to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m.  
So voted.

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