

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT**

A meeting of the Board of Education was held on Monday, October 23, 2017, 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, Arthur Lerz and Cynthia Mancini, all Board members. Also in attendance: Dr. Anthony Gasper, Superintendent of Schools, Todd Bendtsen, Business Manager; Frank Purcaro, Director of Student Learning & Teaching; Kevin Hollis, Director of Student Services; 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; Daniel Caetano, Assistant Principal of Tyrrell Middle School; Shawn Simpson, Principal of Alcott Elementary School; Kimberly Murtaugh, Principal of Frisbie Elementary School; David Stankus, Facilities Director; 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 read the Wolcott Public Schools' Mission Statement.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mrs. Clair, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 10, 2017. So voted.

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mr. Lerz, to approve the minutes of the residency hearing of October 11, 2017 – Case #1.
All Board Members voted “aye”, except Mr. Buzzelli, Mrs. Clair, and Ms. Leonard, who abstained.
The motion carries.

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mr. Lerz, to approve the minutes of the residency hearing of October 11, 2017 – Case #2.
All Board Members voted “aye”, except Mr. Buzzelli, Mrs. Clair, and Ms. Leonard, who abstained.
The motion carries.

Communications:

E-mail from a parent regarding a sports banquet

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

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Lumia, to approve the following expenditures:

To approve expenditures in the amount of **\$484,689.84** paid on October 24, 2017 for fiscal year 2017-2018.

So voted.

Superintendent's Report:

Andy Bridges and Stephanie Rogers of Eversource and Diane Duva, the Director of Energy Demand for the Department of Energy Environmental Protection for the State of CT presented the Board of Education the Energy Star status award for each of our district's five schools.

Mrs. Nicol and Mrs. Discepolo introduced students who each introduced the 2018 Teachers of the Year. They are

Alcott Elementary School	Jennifer Sullivan
Frisbie Elementary School	Linda Vaivoda
Wakelee Elementary School	Danielle Morek
Tyrrell Middle School	Lee Kelsey
Wolcott High School	Michelle Thies

The 2018 Wolcott School District Teacher of the Year is Mrs. Michelle Thies.

The School Principals gave two minute school highlights, and Mr. Purcaro gave an update on the Student Learning and Teaching for the district.

Dr. Gasper said that as the cooler months approach, it's important to ensure that your school has up-to-date information on how to reach you on your home phone, cell phone, and email. When school closings, delays, and early dismissals are necessary, our School Messenger service is the quickest and most reliable way for us to get information to you. When we make these decisions, School Messenger is the first place that we post this information. Next, information about changes is shared with TV stations and on our social media pages but these should not be considered your best source. If your contact information has changed, please get in touch with your child's school secretary to make the necessary updates. Thanks for your cooperation.

Tonight's meeting, the Superintendent said, marks a milestone for our current Board of Education. Five standing members have chosen not to run for reelection: Patricia Najarian (32 years of service), Gloria Gubitosi (10 years of service), Kimberly Lumia (8 years of service), Gloria Clair (4 years of service), and Arthur Lerz Sr. (4 years of

service). All of our Board Members dedicate hundreds of hours each year, taking time away from their families, to serve the children of Wolcott and we appreciate their dedication. While the staff members and I honor and appreciate the commitment of each of our Board members, it is unusual for Wolcott's Board to have such a large changeover in membership. Tonight's meeting marks the final one for five members who bring a total of 58 years of experience to this work. To the Members who are seeking reelection, we wish you the best of luck and sincerely thank you for your service to date.

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

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to take a brief recess.

Mrs. Najarian called the meeting back into session.

Public Comment:

Rachel Wisler, 14 Tunxis Road, thanked the Board members, especially those retiring, for all their hard work.

OLD BUSINESS:

Adopt Revised Series 1000 Board Policies – Final Vote:

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mrs. Clair, to revise on final vote the following Community Relations Series 1000 Board policies/regulations:

- 1110.1 R – Parent Involvement
- 1111 R - Use of Educational/Government Television Channel
- 1120 R – Public Participation at Board Meeting
- 1210 P - School-Community Associations
- 1250 P – Visits to the Schools
- 1250 R – Visits to the Schools – Deleted
- 1313 P – Gifts to Schools – Deleted & Content Moved to Policy 1323
- 1320 P – Student Community Relations
- 1321 R – Video Studio Facility & Broadcast Regulations
- 1322 P – Contests for Students
- 1323 P – Gifts
- 1324 P – Fundraising
- 1330 Form 1 – Insurance Liability
- 1360 P – Awards & Scholarships

P = Policy
R = Regulation

So voted.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nominations:

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to appoint the individual(s) as indicated:

1. **Matthew Angelone** to the position of Long Term Substitute Grade 3 Teacher at Wakelee Elementary School effective October 24, 2017;
2. **Kyle Camerato** to the position of Long Term Substitute Music Teacher at Wolcott High School effective as soon as possible;
3. **Hannah Critelli** to the position of Dance Team Advisor at Tyrrell Middle School effective as soon as possible pending receipt of certification;
4. **Michael Terry** to the position of Video Production/Media Club Advisor at Wolcott High School effective immediately.

So voted.

Adopt a 2017-2018 Tuition Rate:

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mr. Gugliotti, to approve the following tuition rate for the 2017-2018 School Year:

ALL GRADES	-	\$13,862
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So voted.

Adopt 2017-2018 Special Education Tuition Rates:

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mrs. Clair, to approve the following Special Education tuition and related services rates for the 2017-2018 School

Year:

Special Education Teacher	-	\$65.00/hour
Speech Therapy	-	\$95.00/hour
Counseling	-	\$85.00/hour
Social Work Services	-	\$85.00/hour
Occupational Therapy	-	\$85.00/hour
Physical Therapy	-	\$76.00/hour
Music Therapy	-	\$63.00/hour
Nursing Services	-	\$58.00/hour
Instructional Assistant	-	\$17.00/hour

So voted.

Revise the 2017-2018 Board of Education Meeting Schedule:

Motion: by Ms. Leonard, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to revise the Board of Education’s regular meeting schedule as indicated:

- Move November 13 meeting to November 14

So voted.

Approve Out of State Field Trips:

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

1. Wolcott High School’s Model UN Students (80) request permission to go to the United Nations in New York City on October 26, 2017.

So voted.

Bid Award Oil & Diesel:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to approve the bid and award a contract to Dime Oil Co LLC for #2 Fuel Oil and Diesel in the following amounts:

#2 Fuel Oil	<u>\$0.1198</u>	Mark-up (Prepayment Option)
Diesel	<u>\$0.1198</u>	Mark-up (Prepayment Option)

So voted.

Permission to Teach a Sixth Class:

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Mrs. Clair, to approve teaching a 6th class at Wolcott High School by the following person(s) as indicated:

Chuck Tutalo - Family Consumer Science: Introduction to Foods

So voted.

Committee Reports:

Ms. Leonard reported that the Operations & Programs Committee met earlier and Mr. Purcaro and the administrators gave the Committee a presentation on Assessment Results. Dr. Gasper gave them a presentation on I-LEAP.

Mrs. Mancini said the Finance Committee met at 7:10 and discussed pending invoices, budget report, bid summaries for oil and diesel, and special education/regular education transportation bids.

Mrs. Lumia stated that the Negotiations Committee will be entering mediation with the teachers’ union on October 30th.

Time for the Public:

Michael Bruce, 424 Bound Line Road, acknowledged the difficult job the Board of Education members have, and wished the members who weren’t running for election well, and wished those who were running good luck.

Items for the Next Agenda:

The next meeting is November 14 and will be at Tyrrell Middle School, and the new Board of Education will be sworn in at that time.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to go into Executive Session for the purpose of conducting the Superintendent's evaluation and discuss a pending legal matter. So voted.

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

Approve the Superintendent's Evaluation:

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

ADD TO THE AGENDA:**Approve the Superintendent's Contract:**

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to add to the agenda to approve the Superintendent's contract as discussed. So voted.

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Mr. Buzzelli, to approve the Superintendent's contract. So voted.

ADD TO THE AGENDA:**Approve Entering into a Residency Agreement:**

Motion: by Mr. Gugliotti, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to add a resolution to enter into a residency agreement. So voted.

Motion: by Mr. Gugliotti, seconded by Mrs. Lumia, to direct the Superintendent to enter into a residency agreement in Case #1. So voted.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Mrs. Lumia, to adjourn the meeting at 9:38 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.