

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT**

A regular meeting of the Board of Education was held on Monday, July 18, 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, Anthony Gugliotti, Arthur Lerz, and Cynthia Mancini, all Board members. Also in attendance: Dr. Anthony Gasper, Superintendent of Schools, Frank Purcaro, Director of Student Learning & Teaching; Rosa Ramalhete, Supervisor of Special Education; Joseph Monroe, Principal of Wolcott High School; Deborah Osvald, Assistant Principal of Wolcott High School; Daniel Caetano, Assistant Principal of Tyrrell Middle School; Christine Lofgren, Wolcott High School 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 read the Wolcott Public Schools' Mission Statement.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Motion:           by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 20, 2016. So voted.

**Communications:**

Thank You notes from a recipient of the Olga Krasnovsky Scholarship  
Thank You note from a Teacher  
Invitations to Freshman Orientation

**Business Manager's Report:**

**Budget Transfers:**

Motion:           by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to authorize the transfer of **\$184,849.33** from fiscal year 2015-2016 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 August 2016 payroll expenditure in the amount of **\$855,000.**

To approve expenditures in the amount of **\$154,014.36** paid on July 19, 2016 for fiscal year 2015-2016.

To approve expenditures in the amount of **\$771,668.29** paid on July 19, 2016 for fiscal year 2016-2017.

So voted.

**Superintendent's Report:**

The Superintendent introduced Ms. Lofgren, who is a teacher at Wolcott High School and also the advisor to SkillsUSA. She explained to the Board members about the annual SkillsUSA competition. One of her students, Haley Pollo, won the State competition in the Medical Technology category, and went on to win on the National level. She introduced Haley, who told the Board about her experience. Mrs. Najarian and Dr. Gasper gave her a plaque from the Board commemorating her achievement.

Dr. Gasper continued his report:

- He thanked the Board for their support of technology, and reported the addition of 750 new devices in the schools;
- The District will be upgrading their computer network on August 9, 10 and 11;
- Wolcott Summer Studies Program is running smoothly with additional academic offerings this year;
- He thanked the staff and contractors for their work this summer in preparing the schools' facilities for the coming school year;
- The Wolcott Public Schools Annual Report is in the Board packet for their review;
- He reminded everyone that certified staff return on August 25, and the first day for students is August 29.

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

**Public Comment:**

No one came forward.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Approve – Resignation(s):**

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Lumia, to accept the resignation(s) of:  
1. **Amber Thibeau** in the position of Administrative Assistant to the CASA Grant Director effective June 22, 2016. So voted.

**Rescind a Nomination:**

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to rescind offers of employment to the following person(s) as indicated:

1. **Angela McIntyre** from the position of Special Education Teacher (18-21 year old population) at Wolcott High School effective immediately;
2. **Jennifer Spino** from the position of Food Service Worker at Wolcott High School effective immediately.

So voted.

**Transfer Between Jobs:**

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

1. **Cheryl Gray** from the position of Secretary to the Principal at Wolcott High School to the position of Purchasing Coordinator for the Business Office effective September 1, 2016;
2. **Judith Sweeney** from the position of 4.0 hour Food Service Worker at Tyrrell Middle School to the position of 5.0 hour Food Service Worker at Tyrrell Middle School effective August 23, 2016.

So voted.

**Approve – Nominations:**

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

1. **Steve Dreifach** to the position of Special Education Teacher (18-21 year old population) at Wolcott High School effective August 25, 2016;
2. **Julie Fell** to the position of Special Education Teacher at Wolcott High School effective August 25, 2016;
3. **Megan Lefevre** to the position of Grade 1 Teacher at Frisbie Elementary School effective August 25, 2016.

So voted.

**Permission to Teach a 6<sup>th</sup> Class:**

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to approve teaching a 6<sup>th</sup> class by the following person(s) as indicated:

**Wolcott High School:**

Carrie Fiske	Academic Support. Large Numbers per IEP's
David Niemitz	STEP English
Steve Jasulavic	STEP Science
Will Balanda	Modern History
John Waitkus	Algebra II, College and Career

**Tyrrell Middle School:**

Lisa Tassinari French

So voted.

**Adopt a Textbook – Initial Vote:**

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to adopt on initial vote the following textbook:

1. Biology, by Dr. Kenneth Miller & Dr. Joseph Levine, Publisher is Pearson Education, Copyright 2014, for Grades 9-12.

So voted.

**Approve the 2015-2016 Wolcott Public Schools' Annual Report:**

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to approve the 2015-2016 Wolcott Public Schools' Annual Report. So voted.

**Authorization to Relocate the Phoenix Alternative Program:**

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to approve relocating the Phoenix Alternative Program to the Wolcott High School building.

So voted.

**Adopt the District Data Growth Plan:**

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to adopt the District Growth Plan as presented by the Superintendent. So voted.

**Committee Reports:**

Mrs. Mancini reported that the Finance Committee met earlier and discussed pending invoices, budget reports, the transfer summary sheet, and the internal service report.

Mrs. Najarian said the Operations and Programs Committee met and reviewed a new Biology textbook for the high school.

**Time for the Public:**

No one came forward.

**Items for the Next Agenda:**

Final vote to adopt a Biology textbook for the high school.

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 discuss certified and non-certified employee matters. So voted.

Motion: by Mr. Lerz, seconded by Mr. Buzzelli, to come out of Executive

Session and reconvene the regular meeting at 8:35 p.m. So voted.

**Approval to Extend Benefits:**

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to approve one hundred (100) additional hospice care visits for a teacher on disability leave.  
*The motion passed unanimously.*

**Authorization to Transfer Staff:**

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mr. Lerz, to authorize the Superintendent to execute two involuntary transfers in accordance with the WPSAC contract effective August 8, 2016.  
*The motion passed unanimously.*

**Approve a Nomination:**

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

1. **Megan Patchkovsky** to the position of Central Office Administrative Specialist for the Wolcott Public Schools with the effective start date subject to availability.  
*The motion passed unanimously.*

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion: by Mr. Gugliotti, seconded by Mr. Buzzelli, to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:00 p.m. So voted.

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