

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT**

A meeting of the Board of Education was held on Monday, October 05, 2020, on Google Meet. In attendance were: Cynthia Mancini, Chairman of the Board; Paul D'Angelo, Vice Chairman of the Board; Roberta Leonard, Secretary of the Board; Christopher Charette, Kathleen Cordone, Tony Gugliotti, Sean Hughes, Timothy McMurray, and Kelly Mazza, all Board members. Also in attendance: Dr. Anthony Gasper, Superintendent of Schools, Shawn Simpson, Assistant Superintendent; Todd Bendtsen, Business Manager; Kevin Hollis, Director of Student Services; Dan Caetano, Assistant Principal of Tyrrell Middle School; Kim Murtaugh, Principal of Frisbie School; Joe Morgan, Assistant Principal of Wolcott High School; Wayne Natzel, Facilities Director; Alex Pagan, Director of Technology, and Jessica Kenny, Board Clerk.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mrs. Cynthia Mancini, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a moment of silence was given for Coach Tary Scott. Mrs. Mancini then read the Wolcott Public Schools' Mission Statement.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Motion: by Mrs. Cordone, seconded by Mr. Gugliotti, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 21, 2020.

So voted

Motion: by Mr. Gugliotti, seconded by Mr. Charette, to approve the minutes of the special meeting of September 24, 2020.

So voted

**Committee Reports:**

None

APPROVED:



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Cynthia Mancini, BOE Chairman  
Wolcott Public Schools

**Communications:**

Letter(s) from Parent(s)

**Business Manager's Report:**

Mr. Bendtsen gave his report on Variable Accounts, oil and diesel accounts, gas and propane, electricity, high cost claims, pending vendor invoices, November's payroll, budget reports, and outplacements.

**Expenditures:**

Motion: by Mr. Gugliotti, seconded by Mr. Hughes, to approve the following expenditures:

To approve expenditures in the amount of **\$210,973.76** paid on October 06, 2020 for fiscal year 2020-2021.

To approve the November 2020 payroll expenditures in the amount of **\$ 1,512,000.00** fiscal year 2020-2021.

So voted.

**Superintendent's Report:**

Dr. Gasper thanked PK – 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and staff, he commented on what a wonderful job everyone is doing with the return to in-person 4-day instruction. The superintendent also commented the Alcott School returned to normal operation with its water, the security vestibules are getting closer to being completed.

The Superintendent gave a special thank you to the IT staff and school secretaries who have been working with students, parents, and teachers on the launch of the hybrid learning schedule. He also thanked the full team at Wakelee School, after a member of the Wakelee community was the first confirmed case of COVID-19, teachers, students, and parents all handled the news with professionalism and flexibility. He also thanked parents for keeping students home when they are sick.

Dr. Gasper gave a special congratulation to Mr. Rob Cormier how was nominated the Woody Flowers Award for all of his hard work with Robotics, we are so thankful to have such wonderful staff members in our district.

Lastly, the superintendent spoke on the continual recruit for teaching positions, substitute teachers, and substitute paraprofessionals. He encourages members of the community to refer someone they know to visit the wolcottps.org website for a full list of employment opportunities. He thanked the Board again for increasing the daily pay rate for substitute teachers.

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Approve Teaching a Sixth Class:**

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

**Tyrrell Middle School:**

**Kelly Gilchrist**

**Special Education**

So voted

**Nominations:**

Mr. Gugliotti asked if the board could vote separate on the two persons indicated for Nominations.

**Motion:** by Mr. Charette, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to appoint the following person(s) as indicated:

- Erin Watson** to the position of Reading Specialist at Alcott School effective October 20, 2020;

Name	Yeas	Nays
Mr. Charette	1	
Mrs. Cordone	2	
Mr. D’Angelo	3	
Mr. Gugliotti		1
Mr. Hughes	4	
Ms. Leonard	5	
Mrs. Mazza	6	
Mr. McMurray	7	
Mrs. Mancini	8	

So voted.

**Motion:** by Mr. D’Angelo, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to appoint the following person(s) as indicated:

- Ashley Wood**- to the position of Lunch Aid at Wakelee School effective October 06, 2020;

So voted.

**Consent Agenda:**

Motion: by Mr. Hughes, second by Mr. Gugliotti to approve the Consent Agenda as Presented:

**1. Leave of Absence:**

Stacey Richardson, Spanish Teacher at Wolcott High School, requests a long-term childrearing leave to begin after the completion of her FMLA leave and run until the end of the 2020-2021 school year.

**2. Rescind a Nomination:**

- a. To Rescind the Lunch Aide position at Wakelee School from Richard Stanley, who accepted another position elsewhere.

**3. Dispose of Equipment:**

- a. To give Tyrrell Middle School's Media Center permission to follow the CREW Method and American Library Association Guidelines for book weeding of discarding fiction materials that have not been in circulation for 2 years.
- b. To give Tyrrell Middle School's Media Center permission to dispose of the following items that are obsolete, does not function or outdates software:
  - Disc Maker Reflex
  - Ion VCR
  - Cannon 2000X Camera
  - Cannon CMOS Camera
  - Polaroid 14.0 MP Camera

So voted.

**Items for the Next Agenda:**

The next meeting is October 19<sup>th</sup>. Board members can contact the Board of Education Office if you have additional agenda items.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Charette, to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m. So voted.

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