

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT**

A special meeting of the Board of Education was held on Monday, March 16, 2020, at the Offices of the Board of Education. In attendance were: Cynthia Mancini, Chairman of the Board; Roberta Leonard, Secretary of the Board; Christopher Charette, Tony Gugliotti, Sean Hughes, Timothy McMurray, and Kelly Mazza. Also in attendance: Dr. Anthony Gasper, Superintendent of Schools, Shawn Simpson, Assistant Superintendent; Todd Bendtsen, Business Manager; Kevin Hollis, Director of Student Services; Rosa Ramahlete, Supervisor of Student Services; Steve Grant, Teacher at Frisbie School; Crisy Bredice, Teacher at Alcott School; Attorney Craig Meuser, Wolcott Public Schools Attorney; and Jessica Kenny, Board Clerk.

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Mrs. Cynthia Mancini, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

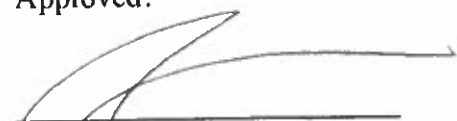
Mrs. Mancini entrained a moment to go into executive session for the purposes of discussing collective bargaining issues related to non-certified employees. Mrs. Mancini also invited Attorney Meuser, Mr. Bendtsen, Mr. Simpson, Mr. Hollis, and Mrs. Ramahlete.

Motion: by Mr. McMurray, seconded by Mr. Charette to go into executive session.
So voted.

Motion: by Mr. Gugliotti, seconded by Mrs. Mazza to exit executive session at 7:28.

Motion: by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Gugliotti to move to direct the Superintendent of Schools to work with the Board Counsel to design a memorandum of understanding regarding wage payments for non-certified staff up to April 30th, 2020.
So voted.

Approved:


Cynthia Mancini, Chairman
Wolcott Board of Education

The Board had a discussion on the schedule and proposed out of state field trips.

Motion: by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Charette to cancel all field trips through May 3, 2020 and give the Superintendent permission to cancel any field trips after May 3, 2020.

So voted.

Motion: by Mr. Gugliotti, seconded by Mr. Hughes to deny the following out of state field trips that were tabled at the March 9, 2020 Board of Education meeting:

- a. Wakelee School's Grade 4 (63) requests permission to go to Old Sturbridge Village in Sturbridge, MA on April 24, 2020, for the purpose of research and experience life in colonial times.
- b. Amended out of state field trip- Wolcott High School's Nursing and Anatomy and Physiology classes request to amend the date of their field trip to the Boston Science Museum that was previously approved by the Board of Education to April 3, 2020.

So voted.

The Board then had a discussion on the scheduled and proposed out of state staff conferences.

Motion: by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mrs. Mazza to deny request for out of state staff conferences:

- a. Mark Wursthorn, Director of School Counseling, request permission to attend the Western New England University Advisory Board at Western New England College in Springfield, MA on March 31, 2020.

So voted.

The Board had a discussion on the 2019-2020 school calendar.

Motion: by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Charette to keep April vacation as posted and make the student school year 180 days.

So voted.

The Board then had a discussion on a Graduation Date for Wolcott High School.

Motion: by Mr. Gugliotti, seconded by Mr. McMurray to approve June 18, 2020 as the date for graduation ceremonies at Wolcott High School.

So voted.

Dr. Gasper asked to rescind the last item on the agenda:

Discussion and possible action on making a donation to the Wolcott Food Pantry and other non-profit local organizations.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Charette, to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 p.m. So voted.