



OUR FUTURE IS IN CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

**MONDAY
7:30 P.M.**

**WOLCOTT HIGH SCHOOL
REAR AUDITORIUM**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT
June 12, 2017**

I. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, and Reading of the Mission Statement

The mission of the Wolcott Public Schools is to promote the academic, social, and emotional development of all students to become contributing members of the global community.

II. Approval of Minutes

A. Regular Meeting of May 22, 2017

III. Communications

IV. Business Manager's Report

A. Budget Transfers

B. Expenditures

V. Superintendent's Report

A. Dr. Gasper's Report

B. Top 25 Seniors – Mr. Drewry

VI. Public Comment

VII. Old Business

VIII. New Business

A. Resignation(s)

B. Transfer Between Jobs

C. Nomination(s)

D. Accept a Bid Award – Milk

E. Approve a Union Contract - Cafeteria Workers

- IX. Committee Reports
- X. Time for the Public
- XI. Items for the Next Agenda
- XII. Executive Session
Recommended Motion: "that the Board go into executive session to discuss 1) non-certified employees' contracts; and 2) the contract status of certain non-tenured staff members."

ADJOURNMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

- XIII. Action on Item XII, if Necessary
- XIV. Remarks by Board Members
- XV. Adjournment

Note:

Operations & Programs Committee at 6:15-6:30 p.m. in Wolcott High School's Administrators' Conference Room: 1) Discuss Student Policies.

Facilities Committee at 6:30-7:00 p.m. in Wolcott High School's Administrators' Conference Room: 1) Discuss Upcoming Facilities' Needs.

Finance Committee at 7:00-7:30 p.m. in the Wolcott High School's Administrators' Conference Room: 1) Budget Transfers; 2) Expenditures; 3) Bid Award – Milk; and 4) Business Manager's Report.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT**

A meeting of the Board of Education was held on Monday, May 22, 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, 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, Rosa Ramalhete, Supervisor of Special Education; Walter Drewry, Interim Principal of Wolcott High School; Bryan MacKay, Assistant Principal of Wolcott High School; Joseph Morgan, Interim Assistant Principal of Wolcott High School; Arline Tansley, Principal of Tyrrell Middle School; Daniel Caetano, Assistant Principal of Tyrrell Middle School; Joseph Norcross, Principal of Frisbie Elementary School; Deborah Osvald, Principal of Wakelee Elementary School; Shawn Simpson, Principal of Alcott Elementary School; David Stankus, Facilities Director; Janet Discepolo, Project Explore Teacher; and Joan Gray, Board Clerk.

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 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. Gubitosi, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 8, 2017. So voted.

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Mrs. Lumia, to approve the minutes of the special meeting of May 4, 2017. So voted.

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to approve the minutes of the special meeting of May 8, 2017. So voted.

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Lumia, to approve the minutes of the special meeting of May 16, 2017. So voted.

Communications:

Thank you notes

Invitations to District events

Business Manager's Report:**Budget Transfers:**

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to authorize the transfer of **\$130,083.40** from fiscal year 2016-2017 as presented in the Business Manager's report. So voted.

Expenditures:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Lumia, to approve the following expenditures:
To approve expenditures in the amount of **\$248,827.81** paid on May 23, 2017 for fiscal year 2016-2017.
So voted.

Superintendent's Report:

Mrs. Discepolo introduced students from the elementary schools and middle school who demonstrated their prize winning inventions from this year's Invention Convention.

Two minute school highlights were presented by each principal, such as Mr. Simpson showed the Board the virtual field trips that his students are going on through Google Expeditions. Mrs. Tansley introduced Mr. Goldstone, whose students demonstrated how they compete in Rubik's Cube contests. Mr. Drewry introduced Mr. Clement's band members who performed the Star Spangled Banner and showed the Board their new band uniforms which they designed. Mr. Hollis updated the Board on activities in the Student Services Department.

Dr. Gasper thanked all of the community members, parents, staff, and students who came out to the Town Council's public hearing on the budget May 16th. The next meeting of the Town Council will be June 6th at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at Town Hall.

The Board and the Superintendent are moving forward with a study of our school facilities and the district's future. Plans and recommendations will be publicly released over the next four weeks.

May and June are times of celebration for our schools. The Board and the Superintendent salute the accomplishments of our students, and acknowledge the parents who have supported them along the way.

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

Public Comment:

No one came forward.

NEW BUSINESS:**Resignations:**

Motion: by Ms. Leonard, seconded by Mr. Lerz, to accept the resignation(s) of:

1. **Susan Boutote** in the position of Dance Team Coach at Tyrrell Middle School effective immediately.

So voted.

Nominations:

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

1. **Jennifer Duetzmann** to the position of 10-month Secretary at Wolcott High School effective on May 24, 2017;
2. **Taylor Notation** to the position of Tech Ed Teacher at Wolcott High School effective for the 2017-2018 school year (the appointment is dependent upon budget appropriation & receipt of CT certification);
3. **Stephanie Russo** to the position of Special Education Teacher at Wolcott High School effective for the 2017-2018 school year (the appointment is dependent upon budget appropriation);
4. **Chauna Wilson** to the position of Special Education Teacher for the Extended School Year Program being held at Wolcott High School effective June 26, 2017;

5. **2017-2018 Winter Coaches:**

Wolcott High School:

Matt Craig	Varsity Boys Basketball
Jim Maisto	JV Boys Basketball
Tug Drysdale	Freshman Boys Basketball
Marty DiTuccio	Varsity Girls Basketball
Ron Cyr	JV Girls Basketball
Jill Guerrera	Varsity Cheer
Scott Rossignol	Assistant Cheer
Becky Riviezzo	Head Boys & Girls Indoor Track
Samantha Barrett	Assistant Indoor Track
Chris Riviezzo	Assistant Indoor Track

Tyrrell Middle School:

Lee Kelsey	Girls Basketball
Scott Blacker	Boys Basketball Co-Coach
David Fortier	Boys Basketball Co-Coach
Anna Bartoli	Cheerleading

6. **2017-2018 Stipend Positions:**

CATEGORY A = \$3600.00 Stipend

Robotics Team Advisor (WHS) Robert Cormier

Drama Advisor (WHS) Laura Zimmerman/Nicole Thomas (Co-Advisors)

CATEGORY B = \$2600.00 Stipend

Show Choir Advisor (WHS) Laura Zimmerman

Yearbook Advisor (WHS) Kristin Ferguson/Kristin Klemeshefsky
(Co-Advisors)

Parliamentarian Advisor (WHS) William Balanda

Senior Class Advisor (WHS) Michelle Thies

National Honor Society Advisor (WHS) Sarah Stabile/Alyssa Giedra
(Co-Advisors)

Jazz Band Advisor (WHS) Justin Clement

CATEGORY C = \$1600.00 Stipend

Drama Advisor (TMS) Katherine Jones

Activities Advisor (WHS) Kristin Garcia

Financial Advisor (WHS) Kristin Garcia

FCCLA Advisor (WHS) Kathryn Pierpaoli

DECA Advisor (WHS) Jason Pace

Community Service Advisor (WHS) Sarah Stabile

Skills USA Advisor (WHS) Christine Lofgren

Math Club Advisor (WHS) Cynthia Mascolo/Sarah Stabile (Co-
Advisors)

Construction Engineering Club Advisor (TMS) Stephen Mirto

CATEGORY D = \$650.00 Stipend

National Junior Honor Society Advisor (TMS) Kerri Baker

Student Council Advisor (TMS) Sarah Garbus

Yearbook Advisor (TMS) Andrea Krug

Writing Club Advisor (TMS) Joanne Mumley

Rubik's Cube Club Advisor (TMS) Dan Goldstone

Chess Club Advisor (TMS) Wendy Salustro

Video Production Club Advisor (TMS) Katherine Jones

Homework Club Advisor (TMS) (4) John Fish; Richard Ligi;

Karen LeBlanc; Nina Mascetti-Johnson

DISTRICT:

Adult Education Director - \$7,026 Kimberly Murtaugh

Lead Speech Clinician - \$1200 Danielle Morek

District Technology Coordinator - \$750 Carrie Fiske

Wolcott High School

Athletic Director - \$12,000 Tanya Adorno

Technology Coordinator - \$1250 Shelia Distasio

Discovery Program Advisor (2) - \$1,400 each Sarah McOmber/Stacey
Hart

Department Heads:

PE/Wellness - \$2857 Tanya Adorno

Math – \$3286 John Waitkus

Social Studies - \$3286 Salvatore Coppola

Science - \$3286 Sean Pennington

Special Education - \$2857 Sarah McOmber

World Language – \$3286 Natalie Morgan

Tyrrell Middle School

Athletic Coordinator - \$6000 Sara Tedesco

Technology Coordinator - \$1250 Sara Tedesco

Team Leaders - \$2200:

Diamond – Sarah Garbus/Nina Mascetti-Johnson (Co-Advisors)

Granite – Eileen Simon

Marble – Karen Trovato

Pearl – Jessica Stevenson/Richard Ligi (Co-Advisors)

Platinum – Jill Wright

Onyx – Lisa Roman/Scott Blacker (Co-Advisors)

Unified Arts – Kristen Weber

Alcott Elementary School

Head Teacher – \$6500 Bethann Sickles

Technology Coordinator - \$750 Nanci Fleming

Frisbie Elementary School

Technology Coordinator - \$750 Nancy Warzecha

Wakelee Elementary School

Technology Coordinator - \$750 Joseph Cornelio

So voted.

Approve an Out of State Field Trip:

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

1. Tyrrell Middle School's Music Students, Grade 8 Students, and Project Explore Students (90) request permission to go to the Theater District in New York City on November 8, 2017.

So voted.

Revise the Board of Education's 2016-2017 Meeting Schedule:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to revise the Board of

Education's regular meeting schedule as indicated:

- Change the location of the June 12, 2017 meeting to Wolcott High School's Auditorium

So voted.

Adopt Algebra I Resources & Award a Contract to Pearson Publishing:

Motion: by Ms. Leonard, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to adopt EnVision Algebra I Resources and award a contract to **Pearson Publishing** in the amount of **\$30,870.70**. So voted.

Accept a Bid Award – IT Services:

Motion: by Mr. Gugliotti, seconded by Mr. Buzzelli, to table accepting the bid and awarding a contract for IT support for the Wolcott Public Schools; and to go back out to bid.

The Chairman called for a roll call vote.

Board Members voting "yes" to table and go back out to bid:

Mr. Buzzelli, Mr. Gugliotti, and Mr. Lerz.

Board Members voting "no" to the motion to table and go back out to bid: Mrs. Gubitosi, Ms. Leonard, Mrs. Lumia, and Mrs. Mancini.

Board Member "abstaining" from the vote: Mrs. Najarian.

The Motion was denied.

Motion: by Ms. Leonard, seconded by Mrs. Lumia, to accept the bid and award a contract to **NSI** to provide IT support for the Wolcott Public Schools from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2019 in the amount of **\$10,500 per month**.

The Chairman called for a roll call vote.

Board Members voting "yes" to approve the motion: Mrs. Gubitosi, Ms. Leonard, Mrs. Lumia, and Mrs. Mancini.

Board Members voting "no" to the motion: Mr. Buzzelli, Mr. Gugliotti, and Mr. Lerz.

Board Member "abstaining" from the vote: Mrs. Najarian.

The Motion carries.

Award a Contract – Friar Associates:

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to award a contract to **Friar Associates** for additional services pertaining to a feasibility study for the Wolcott Public Schools facilities in the amount of **\$4,600**. So voted.

Committee Reports:

Ms. Leonard stated that the Operations & Programs Committee met earlier. WHS' Student Government presented two policies for the Committee to consider; and Mr. Purcaro, Mr. Waitkus, and Ms. Garcia reported on the Algebra I textbooks that they tested for Wolcott High School.

Mrs. Mancini reported that the Finance Committee met earlier and discussed pending vendor invoices, transfers, an agreement with Friar Associates and a RFP summary for technology services..

Mrs. Lumia, the Chair of the Negotiations Committee, said the Committee has completed negotiations with the Cafeteria Workers, and has had their first sessions with both the Custodians' and the Nurses' unions.

Time for the Public:

No one came forward

Items for the Next Agenda:

The next meeting is June 12th and will be at Wolcott High School.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to go into Executive Session to discuss a confidential employment matter of a certified employees. So voted.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to adjourn the meeting at 9:27 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.

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – June 12, 2017

RESOLUTION: BUDGET TRANSFER(S)

Resolution from Dr. Anthony Gasper, Superintendent of Schools, to the Honorable Board of Education of the Town of Wolcott, making recommendation

To authorize the transfer of **\$326,669.13** from fiscal year 2016-2017 as presented in the Business Manager's report.

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – June 12, 2017

RESOLUTION: EXPENDITURES

Resolution from Dr. Anthony Gasper, Superintendent of Schools, to the Honorable Board of Education of the Town of Wolcott, making recommendation

To approve the July 2017 payroll expenditure in the amount of **\$475,000.**

To approve expenditures in the amount of **\$995,992.44** paid on June 13, 2017 for fiscal year 2016-2017.

WOLCOTT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT
SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

JUNE 12, 2017

Top 25 Seniors – Mr. Drewry

Two Minute School Highlights:

Alcott:

Frisbie:

Wakelee:

Tyrrell:

Wolcott High:

Wolcott High Student Council:

Student Learning & Teaching:

At its special meeting on Thursday, June 8th, the Town Council deferred action on the Town's and the Board of Education's budget. Actually, the Council voted down both budgets and also delayed action until tomorrow, Tuesday, June 13th. I would like to extend thanks on behalf of the Board of Education for all of the parents and community members who have been so engaged in the budget process this year.

I would like to clarify once more about the 1.78% increase that the Board has requested. The requested increase is less than the total of the contractual changes that we cannot easily control: such as electricity, fuel oil, utilities, and employment contracts. So, the requested increase cannot be treated as optional. These costs must be covered. Any reduction in our budget from the 1.78% requested will necessarily come from classroom supplies, activities, and/or employees' salaries. I do not envy the difficult position in which the Town Council finds itself. But I can very confidently say that Board's budget has no fat, no padding, and that the data shows that we are very efficient with the funds that the residents provide to their schools.

Tomorrow night at 7:00 PM, Town Council will hold a workshop meeting in the Council Chambers. Following the workshop, the Council plans to adopt a budget for 2017-2018. The meeting is open to the public.

**Field Trip Chart
BOE Meeting June 12, 2017**

Trip ID	Trip	Date	School	# Students	Destination	Objective	Contact
1243	Project Explore Field Trip	06/13/17	Frisbie	27	Discovery Museum 4450 Park Avenue Bridgeport, CT	To provide enriching hands-on learning opportunities which relate to the engineering design component of the Next Generation Science Standards. Students will participate in Simple Machines and Pop & Fizz Rockets Learning Labs, as well as a planetarium show about the Hubble Space telescope and inquiry based exhibits on Space, Energy and Nanoscale Science.	Discepolo, Janet
1257	Grade 8 READ Reward	06/16/17	TMS	200	Peterson Park	To tie in with school-wide READ Reward	Stevenson, Jessica
1258	RAIN DATE Grade 8 READ Reward	06/15/17	TMS	200	Peterson Park	To tie in with school wide READ reward	Stevenson, Jessica
1269	Eddie's Sombrero	06/13/17	TMS	110	151 Queen Street Southington, CT	Students will practice ordering food and beverages in Spanish.	Daniels, Bianca
1294	Visit to TMS	06/15/17	Wakelee	4	Tyrrell Middle School	5th grade visit to Tyrrell MS	Kulmann, Michele
1299	Cosmic Cultures II to Pequot Museum	06/17/17	TMS	24	Mashantucket Pequot Museum, Mashantucket CT	Students will learn attend the Mashantucket Pequot Museum and Research Center to about the CT/RI Pequot tribe and participate in activities involving their daily life.	Jones, Todd

Fundraiser Report June 12, 2017

DATE	SCHOOL	GROUP/PERSON	DESCRIPTION OF FUNDRAISER
Aug 28-Sept 11	Frisbie	PTO	Sell Lyman Orchard's Pies & Otis Spunkmeyer's Cookie Dough
Sept 11-15	Wakelee	Student Council	Penny Wars Coin Collection to Benefit Alzheimer's Assoc.

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – June 12, 2107

RESOLUTION: RESIGNATION(S)

Resolution from Dr. Anthony Gasper, Superintendent of Schools, to the Honorable Board of Education of the Town of Wolcott, making recommendation

TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION(S) OF:

1. **Karen LeBlanc** in the position of Homework Club Advisor at Tyrrell Middle School effective for the 2017-2018 school year;
2. **Kate Lynch** in the position of Science Teacher at Wolcott High School effective at the end of the 2016-2017 school year.

(See attached)

Special Meeting of the Board of Education – June 12, 2017

RESOLUTION: TRANSFER BETWEEN JOB(S)

Resolution from Dr. Anthony Gasper, Superintendent of Schools, to the Honorable Board of Education of the Town of Wolcott, making recommendation

TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING TRANSFER TO THE POSITION INDICATED:

1. **Kimberly Murtaugh** from the position of Grade 5 Teacher at Wakelee Elementary School to the position of Principal of Frisbie Elementary School effective July 1, 2017;
2. **Loretta Mantanis** from the position of a one to one Paraprofessional at Wakelee Elementary School to the same position, but at Tyrrell Middle School effective with the 2017-2018 school year.

(See attached)

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – June 12, 2017

RESOLUTION: NOMINATION(S)

Resolution from Dr. Anthony Gasper, Superintendent of Schools, to the Honorable Board of Education of the Town of Wolcott, making recommendation

TO APPOINT THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) AS INDICATED:

- 1. **2017-2018 Stipend Positions:**

Karen LeBlanc	K-12 ELA Coordinator
Deborah Stange	K-12 Fine Arts Coordinator
Tammi Treen	Sub Coordinator
Aisha Mobley	Department Head, School Counseling (WHS)
Lisa Durant	Team Leader, English (WHS)
Scott Blacker	Homework Club Advisor (TMS)

- 2. **Jane Natoli** to the position of Teacher for the Summer Studies Program effective June 26, 2017.

(See attached)

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – June 12, 2017

RESOLUTION: BID AWARD – MILK

Resolution from Dr. Anthony Gasper, Superintendent of Schools, to the Honorable Board of Education of the Town of Wolcott, making recommendation(s)

To approve the bid and award a contract to Wade's Dairy, Inc. to provide milk to the Wolcott Public Schools with fluctuating prices for the 2017-2018 school year.

(See attached)

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – June 12, 2017

RESOLUTION: APPROVE A CONTRACT

Resolution from Dr. Anthony Gasper, Superintendent of Schools, to the Honorable Board of Education of the Town of Wolcott, making recommendation

To approve the agreement between the Wolcott Board of Education and Local 1303-370 of CT Council 4 AFSCME, AFL-CIO (Cafeteria Employees), effective July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2021.

(See attached)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

June 12, 2017

Operations & Programs Committee – May 22, 2017

Finance Committee – May 22, 2017

WOLCOTT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT

OPERATIONS & PROGRAMS COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MAY 22, 2017

A meeting of the Board of Education's Operations & Programs Committee was held on Monday, May 22, 2017, at Tyrrell Middle School. In attendance were: Roberta Leonard, Chairman of the Operations & Programs Committee; 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; Todd Bendtsen, Business Manager; Frank Purcaro, Director of Student Learning and Teaching; Walter Drewry, Interim Principal at Wolcott High School; William Balanda, Social Studies Teacher & Advisor to WHS' Student Government; Kristin Garcia and John Waitkus, Wolcott High School Math Teachers; and Members of the Wolcott High School's Student Government.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Ms. Leonard.

Wolcott High School's Student Government gave a presentation of two policies they would like the Committee to adopt. They posed a cell phone proposal and the second, a proposal on late school entry.

Mr. Purcaro reviewed revised Algebra I resources for textbooks at Wolcott High School.

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to make recommendation to accept the revised Wolcott High School Math Program at tonight's Board meeting. So voted.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 p.m. So voted.

WOLCOTT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT

FINANCE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MAY 22, 2017

A meeting of the Board of Education's Finance Committee was held on Monday, May 22, 2017 at Tyrrell Middle School. In attendance were: Cynthia Mancini, Chair of the Finance Committee, Patricia Najarian, Chairman of the Board; Gloria Gubitosi, Vice Chairman of the Board; Kimberly Lumia, Secretary of the Board; Thomas Buzzelli, Anthony Gugliotti, Roberta Leonard, and Arthur Lerz, all Board members. Also in attendance: Dr. Anthony Gasper, Superintendent of Schools; Todd Bendtsen, Business Manager; and Frank Purcaro, Director of Student Learning & Teaching.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mrs. Mancini.

The Committee discussed vendor invoices, budget transfers, an agreement with Friar Associates, and a RFP summary for technology services.

Adjournment:

Motion: by Mr. Gugliotti, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to adjourn the Finance Committee meeting at 7:30 p.m.