



OUR FUTURE IS IN CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

MONDAY
7:30 P.M.

WAKELEE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
CAFETERIA

BOARD OF EDUCATION WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT AGENDA March 10, 2014

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 February 24, 2014
- B. Budget Hearing of February 27, 2014

III. Communications

IV. Business Manager's Report

- A. Budget Transfers
- B. Expenditures

V. Superintendent's Report

- A. Mr. Macary's Report
- B. Wakelee's Winter Band Ensemble – Mr. Fontaine

VI. Public Comment

VII. Committee Reports

VIII. Old Business

IX. New Business

- A. Resignation(s)
- B. Transfer Between Jobs
- C. Nomination(s)

- D. Approve a Leave of Absence
- E. Approve Disposal of Equipment
- F. Adopt the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Budget – Initial Vote
- G. Bid Award - Wireless Network Equipment
- H. Bid Award - #2 Fuel Oil & Diesel

- X. Time for the Public
- XI. Items for the Next Agenda
- XII. Executive Session

Recommended Motion: “that the Board go into executive session for the purpose of discussing the performance of a non-certified employee.

ADJOURNMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

- XIII. Adjournment

Note:

Facilities Committee at 6:30-7:00 p.m. in Wakelee’s Library/Media Center
1) Update on Projects; and 2) Facilities Director’s Report.

Finance Committee at 7:00 – 7:30 p.m. in Wakelee’s Library/Media Center
1) Discuss the Board of Education’s 2014-2015 Budget; 2) Budget Transfers;
3) Expenditures; and 4) Business Manager’s Report.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT**

A Board of Education meeting was held on Monday, February 24, 2014, at Tyrrell Middle School. In attendance were: Patricia Najarian, Chairman of the Board; Gloria Gubitosi, Vice Chairman of the Board; Cynthia Mancini, Secretary of the Board; Thomas Buzzelli, Gloria Clair, Lori DelBuono, Roberta Leonard, Arthur Lerz, and Kimberly Lumia, all Board members. Also in attendance: Joseph Macary, Superintendent of Schools; Frank Purcaro, Director of Curriculum and Professional Development; Todd Bendtsen, Business Manager; Joseph Monroe, Principal of Wolcott High School; Walter Drewry, Assistant Principal of Wolcott High School; Deborah Oswald, Assistant Principal of Wolcott High School; Arline Tansley, Principal of Tyrrell Middle School; Shawn Simpson, Assistant Principal of Tyrrell Middle School; Holly Wrenn, Principal of Alcott School; Joseph Norcross, Principal of Frisbie School; Robert Nagashima, Principal of Wakelee School; Melissa Iles, Director of Student Services; Fran Hubeny, Facilities Director; a WEA Representative; Jill Wright, a Tyrrell Teacher; and Joan Gray, Board Clerk.

The Finance Committee met at 6:30 p.m.

Approval – Contract:

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Mrs. Clair, to approve a contract with **Triflection Inc.** for technology services to the Wolcott Public Schools for the 2014-2015 school year for the amount of **\$295,000** with payment made by August 1, 2014.

Board Members voting “aye”: Mr. Buzzelli, Mrs. Clair, Ms. DelBuono, Mrs. Gubitosi, Ms. Leonard, Mr. Lerz, Mrs. Mancini, and Mrs. Najarian;

Board Members abstaining: Mrs. Lumia.

Motion carries.

The regular Board meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m., and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mrs. Najarian read the Wolcott Public Schools’ Mission Statement.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: by Ms. Leonard, seconded by Mrs. Lumia, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 10, 2014. So voted.

Communications:

Thank you note – The Tansley Family

Thank you note – The Hubeny Family

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

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Lumia, to approve expenditures in the amount of **\$320,380** paid on February 25, 2014 for fiscal year 2013-2014. So voted.

Superintendent's Report:

Mrs. Wright, and Tyrrell Students, Kailyn Lawlor and Brianna Shea demonstrated how iPads were used in the classroom to produce a presentation on the origins of chocolate.

The Principals and Mr. Purcaro gave two minute updates on their schools and Curriculum and Professional Development.

Starting with their January meeting, the Board of Education will be rotating their meeting schedule to visit all five schools over the next few months. Their next meeting will be at Wakelee Elementary School.

Pre-registration for Kindergarten and the Pre-K Program lottery is underway for January and February. Please call the 203 879-8183 and 203 879-8178 to register.

Safety and security continue to be a top priority for the Wolcott Public Schools. We received a "Security Grant" from the State of CT for approximately \$150,000.

A moment of silence was held in memory of staff member, Mary Lou Marino, who passed away last week.

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

Public Comment:

No one came forward.

Committee Reports:

Mrs. Mancini reported that prior to the meeting the Finance Committee met and reviewed the 2014-2015 Board of Education budget revisions, the budget reports for fiscal year 2013-2014, and pending vendor invoices.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Approve – Nominations:

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

1. **Kimberly O'Connor** in the position of Long-Term Substitute English Teacher at Wolcott High School effective February 25, 2014;
2. **Emily Roethlein** in the position of Long Term Substitute Teacher with a Reading Concentration at Wakelee Elementary School effective February 25, 2014;
3. **Shaye Sheehan** in the position of Interim Supervisor of Special Education for the Wolcott Public Schools effective February 25, 2014 at the WPSAC per diem rate;

4. **2014 WHS Fall Coaches:**

Bryan Plona	Boys Head Soccer Coach
Dan Caetano	Assistant Boys Soccer Coach
Chris Riviezzo	Girls Soccer Coach
Samantha Gigliotti	Assistant Girls Soccer Coach
Kaity Craig	Varsity Volleyball Coach
Briana Daniele	Assistant Girls Volleyball Coach
Alison Regan	Assistant Girls Volleyball Coach (Freshman)
Jason Pace	Head Football Coach
Joe Golden	Assistant Football Coach (JV)
Steve Jasulavic	Assistant Football Coach
Joe Cornelio	Assistant Football Coach
Jim Pawlak	Freshman Football Coach
Michele Cordeau	Head Cheerleading Coach
Ron Cordeau	Assistant Cheerleading Coach

So voted.

Approval – Out of State Field Trip(s):

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Ms. DelBuono, to approve the following out-of-state field trips:

1. Wolcott High School's Golf Team (6) requests permission to go to the Ben Russell Golf Tournament in Queenstown Harbor, MD on April 14-16, 2014 to prepare for golf season.

2. Wolcott High School's Incoming Junior and Senior Class Students (18) request permission to travel to Dublin, London and Paris from July 20-29, 2015 to experience culture first hand, including the history about each site.
So voted.

Time for the Public:

No one came forward.

Items for the Next Agenda:

The next Board meeting will be at Wakelee Elementary School.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:55 p.m. So voted.

BOARD OF EDUCATION
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT

A Budget Hearing of the Board of Education was held at Wolcott High School in the Resource Center on Thursday, February 27, 2014. Present were: Patricia Najarian, Chairman of the Board; Gloria Gubitosi, Vice Chairman of the Board; Cynthia Mancini, Secretary of the Board; Thomas Buzzelli, Gloria Clair, Lori DelBuono, Roberta Leonard, and Arthur Lerz, all Board Members. Also in attendance were: Joseph Macary, Superintendent of Schools; Todd Bendtsen, Business Manager; Joseph Monroe, Principal of Wolcott High School; Arline Tansley, Principal of Tyrrell Middle School; Holly Wrenn, Principal of Alcott Elementary School; Joseph Norcross, Principal of Frisbie Elementary School; Melissa Iles, Student Services Director; and Joan Gray, Board Clerk.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Joseph Macary, Superintendent of Schools, gave a presentation on the proposed 2014-2015 Wolcott Public Schools' Budget.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Theresa Marin, 486 Center Street, spoke in support of the budget.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Ms. DelBuono, to adjourn at
7:23 p.m. So voted.

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – March 10, 2014

RESOLUTION: BUDGET TRANSFER(S)

Resolution from Joseph Macary, Superintendent of Schools, to the Honorable Board of Education of the Town of Wolcott, making recommendation

To authorize the transfer of \$183,459.28 presented in the Business Manager's report.

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – March 10, 2014

RESOLUTION: EXPENDITURES

Resolution from Joseph Macary, Superintendent of Schools, to the Honorable Board of Education of the Town of Wolcott, making recommendation

To approve the April 2014 payroll expenditure in the amount of \$1,290,000.

To approve expenditures in the amount of \$459,847.86 paid on March 11, 2014 for fiscal year 2013-2014.

WOLCOTT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT
SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

March 10, 2014

Two Minute School Highlights:

Alcott:

Frisbie:

Wakelee:

Tyrrell:

Wolcott High:

Student Services:

Beginning in January, the Wolcott Board of Education has been visiting all the five schools on a rotating basis for their meetings. Next meeting is back at Wolcott High School on March 24th.

Teachers and staff have been working to prepare our students for the upcoming smarter balanced assessments in the next three months. High School students in Grade 11 (juniors) will take the computer based assessment from March 18th to April 4th. Wolcott students in grades 4, 5, 7, & 8 will take the test from April 28th to May 16th and students in grades 3 & 6 from May 19th to June 6th. Please make sure that students are well rested and prepared for this important assessment. We want everyone to put forward their best effort. Thank you.

The Wolcott Kindergarten Staff will be presenting Orientation Sessions for parents/guardians of preschoolers scheduled to begin Kindergarten during the 2014-2015 school year on the following dates:

Alcott School on Thursday, March 20th

Frisbie School on Wednesday, March 26th

Wakelee School was Tuesday, March 25th

All presentations will be held at 7:00 p.m. Parents are welcome to attend any of these presentations. They will be identical in content. Any child residing in Wolcott who will be five years old on or before January 1, 2015 should be registered. Please RSVP at the site you will attend as soon as possible.

Presentation from Wakelee...

- Winter Band Ensemble with Mr. Fontaine.

Conference Attendance Report

March 10, 2014

DATE	COST	PERSON(S)	SCHOOL/POSITION	SUB	PRESENTER	TITLE	LOCATION
03/12/14	(M) Only	Michele Kulmann	Wakelee/SPED Teacher	Yes	EPS-Literacy & Intervention	Common Core and the Struggling Reader	Cromwell, Ct.
03/12/14	(M) Only	Bethany Stango	TMS/SPED Teacher	Yes	EPS-Literacy & Intervention	Common Core and the Struggling Reader	Cromwell, Ct.
03/14/14	None	Dale Bartlett	WHS-Reading Consultant	No	PCG Education	Systems of Professional Learning Module 1	ACES; Hamden, Ct
03/17/14	(M) Only	Cynthia Garland	Wakelee/Nursing Supv	Yes	Ct. State Dept of Education	Field Trip Guidelines	Middletown, Ct
03/18/14	(M) Only	Lisa Durant	WHS/English Teacher	Yes	UConn	ECE English Workshop	Storrs, Ct.
03/21/14	None	Nicole Carroll	TMS/SPED Teacher	Yes	Education Compliance Solution	High-Powered SMART objectives and the CCSS	Cromwell, Ct.
03/21/14	None	Alison Regan	TMS/SPED Teacher	Yes	Education Compliance Solution	High-Powered SMART objectives and the CCSS	Cromwell, Ct.
03/21/14	None	Michele Kulmann	Wakelee/SPED Teacher	Yes	Education Compliance Solution	High-Powered SMART objectives and the CCSS	Cromwell, Ct.
03/21/14	None	Sarah McOmber	WHS/SPED Teacher	Yes	Education Compliance Solution	High-Powered SMART objectives and the CCSS	Cromwell, Ct.
03/27/14	\$125 + (M)	Mary-Alice Ruggiero	Frisbie/Nurse	Yes	American Academy of Pediatrics	36th Annual School Health Conference	Cromwell, Ct.
04/01/14	None	Aisha Mobley	WHS/Counselor	No	Quinnipiac University	Counselor Visit Day	Quinnipiac Univ; Hamden, Ct.
04/01/14	None	Aisha Mobley	WHS/Counselor	No	Quinnipiac University	Counselor Visit Day	Quinnipiac Univ; Hamden, Ct.
04/10/14	\$65 + (M)	Bryan MacKay	WHS/Teacher	Yes	CREC	Using the CCSS ELA Standards to Engage Students	CREC; Hartford,Ct.
05/05; 05/14; 05/20	None	Steven Jasulavic	WHS/Science Teacher	Yes	ACES	Initial Support TEAM Training	ACES; Hamden, Ct
05/06; 05/14; 05/22	None	Natalie DiVirgilio	WHS/Spanish Teacher	Yes	Education Connection	Initial Support TEAM Training	Litchfield, Ct.

(M) = Mileage
 (P) = Parking Fees

EPS	Educators Publishing Service
PCG	Public Consulting Group
CCSS	Common Core State Standard

Trip Report for BOE Meeting March 10, 2014

Trip ID	Trip Name	Date	School	# Students	Destination	Educational Objectives	Contact Name
259	WHS Cheerleaders Nationals	03/14/14	WHS	16	Myrtle Beach SC		Coach: Cordeau, Michelle
312	Grade 3 Activity Alcott School	03/11/14	Frisbie	61	Alcott School	Hear first hand information about living in a Kibbutz, so that students will be able to write their opinion, whether they think it is better to live in a Kibbutz or live in America.	Grade 3 Finelli, Marie
314	Kibbutz Speaker	03/11/14	Wakelee	80	Alcott School	Students can make a connection between an article they read and a person that grew up on the Kibbutz	Grade 3 Whipple, Jennifer
316	CAPTivating Kids	03/22/14	TMS	30	CT Science Center	Students will identify and analyze different historical and scientific information as they visit the exhibits at the science center.	Grade 7 Social Studies wry, Rebekah
317	Life Skills - Restaurant outing	03/21/14	TMS	4	Bill & Sam's Diner	Application of money skills, manners unit follow-up	TMS Life Skills Stango, Bethany
N/A Added Manually	TMS Salvation Army	03/12/14	TMS	20	Salvation Army - Bristol	Honors Class of 20 students visiting Salvation Army, donating items and helping serve lunch. This will bring to life the study on "homelessness"	Grade 6 Language Arts Uccello, Jaquelyn

**Fundraiser Report
March 10, 2014**

DATE	SCHOOL	GROUP/PERSON	DESCRIPTION OF FUNDRAISER
Mar 11- Jun 1	WHS	Diamond Club	Sell car magnets
Mar 11-14	WHS	Class of 2016	Sell cookie dough & pastries
Mar 15-16	WHS	Diamond Club	Pail shake at Dunkin Donuts, 478 Wolcott Street
Mar 15	WHS	Diamond Club	Pail shake at Walsh's IGA
Mar 16	WHS	Diamond Club	Baseball Clinic
Mar 22	WHS	Diamond Club	Pail shake at Pat's IGA
Mar 22-23	WHS	Diamond Club	Pail shake at Dunkin Donuts, 747 Wolcott Street
Mar 25	WHS	Student Council	Procedes from Powder Buff Game
Apr 21-25	Wakelee	Grades 4 & 5	PE Classes will participate in Jump Rope for Heart to benefit the Heart Assoc.
Apr 25	WHS	Capstone Project	Student is selling tickets to a ziti dinner to raise money for Relay for Life
May 8	WHS	Peer Helpers	Sell jewelry to fund prom tickets for students who cant afford them
May 9	WHS	Peer Helpers	Sell jewelry at Tyrrell to fund prom tickets for students who cant afford them
May 16	WHS	Student Council	Procedes from Mr. Wolcott Contest

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – March 10, 2014

RESOLUTION: RESIGNATION

Resolution from Joseph Macary, Superintendent of Schools, to the Honorable Board of Education of the Town of Wolcott, making recommendation

TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF:

1. Karen Kotwicki in the position of Family Consumer Science Teacher at Tyrrell Middle School effective at the end of the 2013-2014 school year;
2. Donna Kupchik in the position of Grade 2 Teacher at Alcott Elementary School for the purpose of retirement effective June 30, 2014;
3. John Regan in the position of Maintenance Worker for the Wolcott Public Schools for the purpose of retirement effective August 1, 2014.

(See attached)

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – March 10, 2014

RESOLUTION: TRANSFER BETWEEN JOB(S)

Resolution from Joseph Macary, 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. **Holly Fleming** from the position of 4.5 hour Food Service Worker at Wolcott High School to the position of Food Service General Worker at Wolcott High School effective March 12, 2014;
2. **Todd Welton** from the position of 2nd shift Custodian at Tyrrell Middle School to the position of Maintenance Worker for the Wolcott Public Schools effective March 11, 2014.

(See attached)

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – March 10, 2014

RESOLUTION: **NOMINATION(S)**

Resolution from Joseph Macary, 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. **Mirlinda Abou Arrrange** in the position of Food Service General Worker Floater for the Wolcott Public Schools effective March 12, 2014;
2. **Becky Riviezzo** in the position of Girls Varsity Outdoor Track Coach at Wolcott High School effective for the 2014 spring season.

(See attached)

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – March 10, 2014

RESOLUTION: LEAVE REQUEST

Resolution from Joseph Macary, Superintendent of Schools, to the Honorable Board of Education of the Town of Wolcott, making recommendation

Amanda Gorton, School Pyschologist at Wakelee Elementary School, requests an unpaid leave of absence from her position.

(See Attached)

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – March 10, 2014

RESOLUTION: PERMISSION TO DISPOSE OF OUTDATED EQUIPMENT

Resolution from Joseph Macary, Superintendent of Schools, to the Honorable Board of Education of the Town of Wolcott, making recommendation

Wolcott High School's Health Office requests permission to dispose of two(2) outdated stretchers.

(See attached)

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – March 10, 2014

RESOLUTION: ADOPT 2014-2015 WOLCOTT PUBLIC SCHOOLS' BUDGET

Resolution from Joseph Macary, Superintendent of Schools, to the Honorable Board of Education of the Town of Wolcott, making recommendation

To adopt on initial vote the 2014-2015 Fiscal Year Wolcott Public Schools' Budget in the amount of \$32,779,867.

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – March 10, 2014

RESOLUTION: BID AWARD – CISCO WIRELESS NETWORK EQUIPMENT

Resolution from Joseph Macary, 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 for the CISCO WIRELESS NETWORK EQUIPMENT to CUSTOM COMPUTER SPECIALISTS, INC. in the amount of \$15,043.92.

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – March 10, 2014

RESOLUTION: BID AWARD(S)

Resolution from Joseph Macary, 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 Santa Buckley Energy for #2 Fuel Oil and Diesel in the following amounts:

#2 Fuel Oil	\$.1428	Mark-up (Prepayment Option)
Diesel	\$.1484	Mark-up (Prepayment Option)