

***BOARD OF EDUCATION  
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT***

A Board of Education meeting was held on Monday, May 11, 2015, 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 Sr., and Kimberly Lumia, all Board members. Also in attendance: Joseph Macary, Superintendent of Schools; Todd Bendtsen, Business Manager; Frank Purcaro, Director of Curriculum & Professional Development; Joseph Monroe, Principal of Wolcott High School; Walter Drewry, 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; Robert Nagashima, Principal of Wakelee School; Melissa Iles, Director of Student Services; Wendie Rodriguez, Supervisor of Special Education; David Stankus, Facilities Director; Krista Nori and Lorraine Toth, Alcott Teachers; and Joan Gray, Board Clerk.

The regular Board meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m., the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A moment of silence was held in memory of Louis Pontecorvo, retired Wolcott High School Music Teacher.

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

**Approval of Minutes:**

Motion:           by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Mrs. Lumia, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 20, 2015. So voted.

**Communications:**

United Way 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Leaders Dinner & Awards Program

Thank you card – Mr. Craig

The CABE Journal – May 2015

The District Management Journal – Spring 2015

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

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to approve the following expenditures:

To approve the June 2015 payroll expenditure in the amount of **\$3,252,000.**

To approve expenditures in the amount of **\$574,417.78** paid on May 12, 2015 for fiscal year 2014-2015.

So voted.

**Superintendent's Report:**

Mrs. Nori and Mrs. Toth, Teachers at Alcott Elementary School, reported on the HOT School's Teacher Artist Collaboration. Author Paige McBrier came to Alcott and spoke to the students about writing and the process she uses. She then worked with the students as they composed their own books. Grade 3 and Grade 5 students then demonstrated the books they had written and told about what the experience meant to them.

The School Principals gave two minute reports of activities at their schools with Mrs. Wrenn also reporting for Frisbie School. Mrs. Iles updated the Board on the District's Student Services' Department highlights.

The Summer Studies Program will be held at Tyrrell Middle School starting June 29<sup>th</sup>. This year, Latchkey Services will be available after the summer school day with lunch included. Applications can be downloaded at [www.wolcottps.org](http://www.wolcottps.org).

Graduation for Tyrrell is on June 19<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. in Tyrrell's gymnasium; and Wolcott High School is on June 19<sup>th</sup> at the high school on Monroe Field (weather permitting). The last day of school in Wolcott is Friday, June 19, 2015. June 18 and 19 will be early dismissal days.

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

**Public Comment:**

No one came forward

**Committee Reports:**

Mrs. Gubitosi said that the Facilities Committee met at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Stankus gave the committee a report on compliance, building projects, inventory, summer projects, and naming requests.

Mrs. Mancini reported the Finance Committee met earlier. The Business Manager reported on pending invoices, the internal service report, April health claims, an agreement with the New England Dairy & Food Council, and the new Universal Chart of Accounts.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Approve the 2015-2016 Board of Education Meeting Schedule –Final Vote:**

Motion: by Ms. DelBuono, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to approve on final vote the following 2015-2016 schedule of Board of Education meeting dates:

	<u>FIRST</u>	<u>SECOND</u>
JULY	20 (Monday)	
AUGUST	17 (Monday)	
SEPTEMBER	8 (Tuesday)	21 (Monday)
OCTOBER	13 (Tuesday)	26 (Monday)
NOVEMBER	9 (Monday)	16 (Monday)
DECEMBER	14 (Monday)	
JANUARY	11 (Monday-Alcott)	
FEBRUARY	8 (Monday-Frisbie)	22 (Monday-Wakelee)
MARCH	14 (Monday-WHS)	28 (Monday-WHS)
APRIL	11 (Monday-WHS)	
MAY	9 (Monday-WHS)	23 (Monday-WHS)
JUNE	13 (Monday-WHS)	27(Monday-WHS)

All Board of Education meetings will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Tyrrell Middle School’s Large Group Instruction Room unless otherwise indicated.

All meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of the month unless otherwise indicated.

So voted.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Approve – Resignations:**

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Lumia, to accept the resignations of:

1. **Namoi Desrochers** in the position of Paraprofessional at Tyrrell Middle School, effective June 12, 2015;
2. **Mark Magas** in the position of Special Education Teacher for the Phoenix Program at Wolcott High School, effective April 29, 2015;
3. **Nancy Nevins** in the position Social Studies Teacher at Wolcott High School for the purpose of retirement, effective at the end of the 2014-2015 school year.

So voted.

**Approve – Rescind a Resignation:**

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Lumia, to approve rescinding the Resignation of Pamela Matfus and restating her to the position of Grade 8 Language Arts Teacher at Tyrrell Middle School.  
So voted.

**Approve – Transfer Between Jobs:**

Motion: by Mrs. Clair, seconded by Mrs. Lumia, to approve the following transfer to the position indicated for the 2015-2016 school year:

1. **Stacey Caouette** from the position of Grade 4 Teacher at Alcott Elementary School to the position of Grade 2 Teacher at Alcott Elementary School effective for the 2015-2016 school year;
2. **Pamela Conway** from the position of Grade 8 Social Studies Teacher at Tyrrell Middle School to the position of Project Explore Teacher at Tyrrell Middle School effective for the 2015-2016 school year;
3. **Lisa Nappi** from the position of Grade 4 Teacher at Wakelee Elementary School to the position of Grades 5 Teacher at Frisbie Elementary School effective for the 2015-2016 school year;
4. **Krista Nori** from the position of Grade 3 Teacher at Alcott Elementary School to the position of Grade 4 Teacher at Alcott Elementary School effective for the 2015-2016 school year;
5. **Frank Purcaro** from the position of Director of Curriculum and Professional Development to the position of Director of Student Learning and Teaching for the Wolcott Public Schools effective on May 12, 2015;
6. **Shawn Simpson** from the position of Assistant Principal at Tyrrell Middle School to the position of Principal at Alcott Elementary School effective on July 1, 2015.

So voted.

**Approve – Nominations:**

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

1. **Thomas Pelosi** in the position of .4 FTE World Language Teacher at Wolcott High School effective with the 2015-2016 school year;
2. **Spring 2015 Coaches** at Tyrrell Middle School as follows:

Justin Savarese & Jay Rocca	Baseball Co-Coaches
Jason Pearson	Softball
Dan Goldstone	Track & Field Head Coach
Lee Kelsey	Track & Field Assistant Coach
3. **Fall 2015 Coaches** at Tyrrell Middle School as follows:

Becky Riviezzo	Girls Soccer
Jason Pearson	Boys Soccer
Marian Boisvert	Volleyball
Dan Goldstone	Cross Country

4. **Winter 2015-2016 Coaches** at Tyrrell Middle School as follows:

Lee Kelsey	Girls Basketball
Scott Blacker & Mike Terry	Boys Basketball Co-Coaches
Anna Bartoli	Cheerleading
Laura Didominzio	Dance

5. **2015-2016 Stipend Positions:**

Drama Advisor (WHS)	Laura Solocius
Robotics Team Advisor (WHS)	Rob Cormier
Choral-Show Choir Advisor (WHS)	Laura Solocius
Parliamentarian Advisor (WHS)	Will Balanda
Senior Class Advisor (WHS)	Michelle Thies
National Honor Society Advisor (WHS)	Sarah Stabile/Emily Vilag
Pep Band Advisor (WHS)	Justin Clement
Jazz Band Advisor (WHS)	Justin Clement
Drama Advisor (TMS)	Katie Jones
FCCLA Advisor (WHS)	Kathryn Pierpaoli
DECA Advisor (WHS)	Jay Pace
Skills USA Advisor (WHS)	Chris Lofgren
Construction Engineering Club Advisor (TMS)	Steve Mirto
Activities Advisor (WHS)	Kristin Dolan
Financial Advisor (WHS)	Charles Guerrero
National Junior Honor Society Advisor (TMS)	Kerri Baker
Student Council Advisor (TMS)	Sarah Garbus
Chess Club Advisor (TMS)	Michelle LaRoche
Yearbook Advisor (TMS)	Andrea Krug
Writing Club Advisor (TMS)	Joanne Mumley
Video Production Club Advisor (TMS)	Katie Jones
Homework Club Advisors (TMS)	Scott Blacker; Michelle LaRoche; Karen LeBlanc; Mike Terry

**District**

K-12 English Language Arts Coordinator	-Karen LeBlanc
K-12 Fine Arts Coordinator	- Deb Stange
K-12 Physical Education/Wellness Coordinator	-Lisa Riggi
Central Office Technology Coordinator	- Sara Tedesco
Lead Speech Clinician	- Beverly Polgroszek

**Wolcott High School**

Athletic Director - Lisa Riggi  
Technology Coordinator - Sheila Distasio

**Department Heads/Team Leaders**

PE/Wellness – Lisa Riggi  
Career & Tech Ed – John Matthews  
Social Studies – Joe Morgan  
English – Bruce McIntire  
Science – Bryan MacKay  
Special Education – Sarah McOmber  
Math – Emily Vilag

**Tyrrell Middle School**

Athletic Coordinator - Sara Tedesco  
Technology Coordinator – Sara Tedesco

**Team Leaders –**

Diamond – Nina Mascetti-Johnson/Sarah Garbus  
Platinum – Jill Wright  
Granite – Eileen Simon  
Marble – Karen Trovato  
Pearl – Jessica Stevenson  
Onyx – Lisa Roman/Scott Blacker  
Silver – Katie Jones

**Alcott Elementary School**

Head Teacher - Bethann Sickles

**Frisbie Elementary School**

Technology Coordinator – Nancy Warzecha  
Head Teacher - Rosa Ramalhete

**Wakelee Elementary School**

Technology Coordinator – Joe Cornelio  
Head Teacher - Kimberly Murtaugh

So voted.

**Out of State Field Trip:**

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Ms. DelBuono, to approve the following Out of State Field Trips:

1. Wolcott High School’s Marketing/Business Classes (50) request permission to go to Wall Street in New York City on May 18, 2015.

So voted.

**Accept a Grant Award:**

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Mr. Buzzelli, to approve and accept the New England Dairy & Food Council's grant award in the amount of \$2,000 to purchase equipment for Wolcott High School's Food Services that will improve access to and consumption of low-fat and fat-free dairy products. So voted.

**Adopt New/Revised Policies, Regulations & Bylaws – Initial Vote:**

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Ms. DelBuono, to adopt on initial vote the following new or revised policy, regulation or bylaw:

1. New
  - a. 6171.2 Policy – Instruction: Preschool Special Education
2. Revised
  - a. 5131 Policy/Regulation – Students: Transportation
  - b. 9325 – Bylaws of the Board: Meeting Conduct

So voted.

**Approve a Memorandum of Understanding:**

Motion: by Ms. DelBuono, seconded by Mr. Buzzelli, to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the Wolcott Board of Education and the Wolcott Public School Administrators' Council.  
So voted.

**Time for the Public:**

Richard Tucker, 40 Juniper Drive, spoke about a community service project doing plantings along the Wolcott Walking Trail.

**Items for the Next Agenda:**

Final vote on new/revised policies, regulations & bylaws

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

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Mr. Buzzelli, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:30 p.m. So voted.