

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

A Board of Education meeting was held on Monday, June 22, 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, 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 Student Learning & Teaching; Melissa Iles, Director of Student Services; 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; Joseph Norcross, Principal of Frisbie School; Robert Nagashima, Principal of Wakelee School; Daniel Caetano, Teacher at Wolcott High School; and Joan Gray, Board Clerk.

Prior to their regular meeting, the Board met in Executive Session.

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to go into Executive Session at 6:33 p.m. for discussion of a collective bargaining agreement with non-certified employees, and the discussion of an administrative position.
So voted.

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mr. Buzzelli, to come out of Executive Session at 7:05 p.m. So voted.

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

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

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Ms. DelBuono, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 8, 2015. So voted.

Communications:

Thank you note – Mr. Simpson

Thank you note – Ms. Nelson

Thank you note – The Clair Family

Business Manager's Report:

Expenditures:

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

To approve expenditures in the amount of **\$1,346,850.03** paid on June 23, 2015 for fiscal year 2014-2015.

So voted.

Superintendent's Report:

The School Principals gave two minute reports of activities at their schools, and Mr. Purcaro updated the Board on testing, curriculum and teacher evaluations.

The Summer Studies Program will be held at Tyrrell Middle School starting June 29th. This year, Latchkey Services will be available after the summer school day with lunch included. Applications can be downloaded at www.wolcottps.org.

The Wolcott Public Schools will be conducting its annual “end of the year” survey. Students, parents, teachers, staff, and community members are encouraged to log onto the District’s website and complete the survey.

Three Building Projects are going on this summer – the Wakelee Canopy, the Wolcott High School Lecture Hall and Music Suite.

The next Board meeting will be on July 20th at Tyrrell Middle School.

Mrs. Najarian and Mr. Macary presented Mrs. Wrenn, who is retiring on June 30th, with a clock and picture of the Wolcott Public Schools’ buildings to thank her for her many years of service to the District.

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

Public Comment:

No one came forward

Committee Reports:

Mrs. Mancini reported the Finance Committee met. They discussed pending invoices, budget reports, and bids on the portable classrooms at Frisbie, photography services, and Information Technology Support Services.

Mrs. Lumia said that the Negotiations Committee will be meeting with the School Secretaries' Union on July 29th and the Paraprofessionals' Union on July 16th.

OLD BUSINESS:**Revise Policy/Regulation #6146 – Final Vote:**

Motion: by Mrs. Clair, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to adopt on final vote the following revised policy and regulation:
#6146 Instruction – Graduation Requirements
So voted.

Adopt the 2015-2016 School Handbooks – Final Vote:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Ms. DelBuono, to approve on final vote the 2015-2016 Handbooks as follows:
The Elementary Schools Parents/Guardians Handbook
Tyrrell Middle School Student Handbook
Wolcott High School Student Handbook
So voted.

NEW BUSINESS:**Approve – Resignations:**

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to accept the resignations of:
1. **Jason Pearson** in the position of Soccer Coach at Tyrrell Middle School, effective immediately.
So voted.

Approve Transfer Between Jobs:

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Ms. DelBuono, to approve the following transfer to the position indicated:
1. **Daniel Caetano** from the position of Social Studies Teacher at Wolcott High School to the position of Assistant Principal at Tyrrell Middle School effective July 1, 2015;
2. **Rosa Ramalhete** from the position of School Psychologist at Frisbie Elementary School to the position of Supervisor of Special Education and Alternative Programs for the Wolcott Public Schools effective July 1, 2015;
3. **Brenda Ruegg** from the position of Special Education Paraprofessional at Frisbie Elementary School to the position of

Special Education Paraprofessional at Tyrrell Middle School effective August 26, 2015.

So voted.

Approve – Nominations:

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

1. **Kristin Ferguson and Kristin Klemeshefsky** in the position of Yearbook Co-Advisors at Wolcott High School for the 2015-2016 school year;
2. **Andrea Heller** in the position of Grade 8 Social Studies Teacher at Tyrrell Middle School effective on August 24, 2015;
3. **Paula Luis** in the position of Special Education Paraprofessional at Wakelee Elementary School effective on August 26, 2015;
4. **Lynn Maia** in the position of Secretary-10 month at Tyrrell Middle School effective on July 1, 2015;
5. **Anthony Mancini** in the position of Grade 1 Teacher at Alcott Elementary School effective on August 24, 2015;
6. **Amanda McLaughlin** in the position of Grade 2 Teacher at Frisbie Elementary School effective on August 24, 2015 pending certification;
7. **Tyler Meccariello** in the position of Social Studies Teacher at Wolcott High School effective August 24, 2015;
8. **Nicole Thomas** in the position of Social Studies Teacher at Wolcott High School effective August 24, 2015 pending certification;
9. **2015 Summer Studies Staff:**

Certified Staff:

Rebekah Shoemaker – Pre-School Teacher

So voted.

Accept a Grant Award:

Motion: by Mrs. Clair, seconded by Ms. DelBuono, to approve and accept the Wolcott Education Foundation's Grant Award as follows:

Kimberly Murtaugh, Carolyn Barnet & Donna Calabro

School: Wakelee Elementary School

Project Title: Reading and Technology

Amount Awarded: \$1,500

So voted.

Approve a District Child Nutrition Standard Certification Statement:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Clair, to approve the following certification statement:

On behalf of the Wolcott Board of Education:

Pursuant to section 10-215f of the Connecticut General Statutes, we hereby certify that all food items offered for sale to students in the school(s) under our jurisdiction, and not exempted from the Connecticut Nutrition Standards published by the Connecticut State Department of Education, will meet said standards during the period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. Such certification shall include all food offered for sale to students separately from reimbursable meals at all times and from all sources, including but not limited to, school stores, vending machines, school cafeterias, and any fundraising activities on school premises, whether or not school sponsored.

We hereby acknowledge that the Wolcott Board of Education, will exclude from certification food and beverage items that do not meet the Connecticut Nutrition Standards, provided that (1) such food is sold in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend, (2) such sale is at the location of the event, and (3) such food is not sold from a vending machine or school store.
So voted.

Ratify a Contract – AFSCME, Council 4, C.O. Secretaries:

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Ms. DelBuono, to ratify the agreement as amended between the Wolcott Board of Education and the AFSCME, Council 4, Central Office Secretaries Union effective July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2019. So voted.

Bid Award – Removal of Portable Classrooms:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Lumia, to approve the bid and award a contract for the Demolition/Removal of Portable Classrooms at Frisbie Elementary School to **Resource Services LLC** in the amount of **\$19,500.00**. So voted.

Time for the Public:

No one came forward.

Items for the Next Agenda:

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Mrs. Lumia, to go into Executive Session for discussion of the Superintendent of Schools contract. So voted.

Motion: by Ms. DelBuono, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to come out of Executive Session and reconvene the regular meeting at 8:44 p.m. So voted.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:45 p.m. So voted.