

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT**

A meeting of the Board of Education was held on Tuesday, March 20, 2018, at Wakelee Elementary School. In attendance were: Lori DelBuono Bartlett, Chairman of the Board of Education; Cynthia Mancini, Vice Chairman of the Board of Education; Roberta Leonard, Secretary of the Board of Education; Thomas Buzzelli, Christopher Charette, Kathleen Cordone, Paul D'Angelo, and Anthony Gugliotti. 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, Principal of Wolcott High School; Bryan MacKay, Assistant Principal of Wolcott High School; Joseph Morgan, Assistant Principal of Wolcott High School; Joseph Norcross, Principal of Tyrrell Middle School; Kimberly Murtaugh, Principal of Frisbie Elementary School; Deborah Osvald, Principal of Wakelee Elementary School; Janet Discepolo, Frisbie Teacher; and Jessica Kenny, Board Clerk.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mrs. DelBuono Bartlett, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Mrs. DelBuono Bartlett then read the Wolcott Public Schools' Mission Statement.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: by Mr. D'Angelo, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 12, 2018. So voted.

Motion: by Mr. Gugliotti, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to approve the minutes of the public session of the expulsion hearing of February 9, 2018.

Communications:

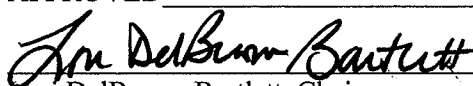
Rotella's Monthly Montage – March 2018
Invite to Wolcott High Schools Super Senior Banquet
Letter from a parent concerning school days

Business Manager's Report:

Budget Transfers:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to authorize the transfer of **\$95,000** from fiscal year 2017-2018 as presented in the Business Manager's report. So voted.

APPROVED _____



Lori DelBuono Bartlett, Chairman
Wolcott Board of Education

Expenditures:

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

To approve the April 2018 payroll expenditure in the amount of **\$1,510,000.**

To approve expenditures in the amount of **\$837,852.81** paid on March 14, 2018 for fiscal year 2017-2018.

So voted.

Superintendent's Report:

Mrs. Discepolo introduced Wakelee Conservation Cats Students and they did a presentation on Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle. The Invention Convention Winners also did a presentation on their inventions.

The School Principals gave two minute school highlights, and Mr. Purcaro gave an update on the Student Learning and Teaching departments.

Dr. Gasper spoke of the district-wide monthly newsletter that he emails to all families and staff. The newsletter highlights great learning opportunities that Wolcott's children receive in our schools. He hopes parents find it to be a good tool for learning about their child's school and all Wolcott public schools.

The Superintendent encourages you to follow and participate with the budget process for the next 3 months. He stated that the Board may take action on the 2018-2019 budget tonight and decide on the amount of funding it will request from the Town Council. Dr. Gasper also wanted to let families know that he will be at the April 11, 2018 CPEC meeting being held at Wolcott High School's Resource Center, to discuss the 2018-2019 budget.

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

Public Comment:

No one came forward.

OLD BUSINESS:

Motion: by Ms. Leonard, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to approve on final vote of the Wolcott High School's Course of Studies Guide 2018-2019. So voted.

Motion: by Ms. Leonard, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to adopt on final vote a Board policy & regulation #5141.213– Students: Administering Medication – Opioid Overdose Prevention (Emergency Administration of Naloxone). So voted.

NEW BUSINESS:**Resignations:**

Motion: by Mr. Gugliotti, seconded by Mr. D'Angelo, to accept the resignation(s) of:

1. **Lodi Atallah** in the position of Paraprofessional at Alcott Elementary School effective February 22, 2018;
2. **Matthew Craig** in the position of Girls and Boys Cross Country Coach at Wolcott High School effective March 5, 2018;
3. **Taylor Notation** in the position of Technology Education Teacher at Wolcott High School effective March 19, 2018;

So voted.

Nominations:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mr. Charette, to appoint the individual(s) as indicated:

1. **Anthony Bell** to the position of Weight Lifting Co-Coach at Wolcott High School effective Winter Season 2017 - 2018;
2. **Chris Hayes** to the position of Varsity Boys Lacrosse Wolcott high School effective Spring 2017-2018;
3. **Matthew Hove** to the position of Weight Lifting Co-Coach at Wolcott High School effective Winter Season 2017 - 2018;
4. **2018 WHS Sports Volunteers:**

Anthony Bell	Boys Lacrosse
Dean Bard	Boys Lacrosse
Bruce Neville	Golf
5. **Heidi Zavatone-Veth** to the position of Project Director – Drug Free Communities Grant effective 2017 - 2018

So voted.

Transfer Between Jobs:

Motion: by Mr. Gugliotti, seconded by Mr. Buzzelli, to approve the following transfers to the position indicated:

1. **Jennifer Duetzmann** from the position of 10 month Secretary at Wolcott High School to the position of 12 month Administrative Assistant at Wolcott High School effective March 21, 2018.

So voted.

Approve Contractors Agreement:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Cordone, to approve the following contracts:

1. **Toba Goldfinger** in the position of Long Term Substitute at Frisbie Elementary.

2. **Beverly Polgroszek** in the position of Long Term Substitute at Tyrrell Middle School
So voted.

Permission to Dispose of Equipment:

Motion: by Mr. Gugliotti, seconded by Mr. Buzzelli, to give Tyrrell Middle School permission to dispose of the following equipment:

1. Nobles Power Eagle Carpet Cleaner – Model Number 608540-1016/1020
2. Nobles Speed Scrub – Model Number 608707-2401/2601

So voted.

Adopt 2018-2019 Wolcott Public Schools' Budget – Initial Vote:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Leonard, to adopt on initial vote the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year Wolcott Public Schools' Budget in the amount of \$35,166,668.

So voted.

Approve on the Initial Vote the Board 2018 – 2019 Schedule:

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to approve on initial vote the following 2018 – 2019 schedule of the Board of Education meeting dates.

So voted.

Approve a Contract – Regular Education Transportation:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to approve a contract to **All Star Transportation, LLC** to provide Regular Education transportation services to Wolcott Public Schools in the amount as presented from 2018-2019 through 2022-2023.

So voted.

Award a Contract:

Motion: by Mr. D'Angelo, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to award a contract to **Michael Bruce Video** to furnish equipment and services necessary to video/audio record the meetings of the Wolcott Board of Education for the amount of **\$260.00 per meeting**.

So voted.

Out of State Field Trips:

Motion: by Mr. D'Angelo, seconded by Mr. Charette, to approve the following out of state field trips:

1. Tyrrell Middle School's 7th Grade Science Students (20) request permission to go to the Florida Keys and Everglades from June 22-26 2019.

2. Wolcott High School's Robotics Team request permission to go to Whittemore Arena in Durham New Hampshire to compete in the Robotics Competition from March 29-31, 2018.
3. Wolcott High School's Robotics Team request permission to go to Boston University Agganis Arena to compete in the Robotics Competition from April 11-14, 2018.
4. Wolcott High School's Robotics Team request permission to go to Cobo Center Detroit to compete in the Robotics Competition from April 25-29, 2018.
5. Wolcott High School's Dance Team request permission to go to the New England Interscholastic Dance Competition in Westminister, VT from March 9-10, 2018

So voted.

Accept a Donation:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mr. Charette, to approve Wolcott High Schools request that the Board accept a donation from Jim and Sons Auto-Shop of two vehicles to be given to Wolcott High School's Transportation I Program. The vehicles would be used to teach the transportation I students how to diagnose and complete any repairs needed.
So voted.

Committee Reports:

Mrs. Mancini said that the Finance Committee met at 6:33 p.m. and discussed the internal service report, oil prices and the current budget.

Mr. Buzzelli reported that the Facilities Committee met earlier and received an update from Mr. Stankus on the concerns on each of our five schools facilities. Dr. Gasper also discussed the need to consider a referendum on long range school renovations.

Mr. Gugliotti spoke about the meeting of the Building Committee. He spoke of the removal of oil tanks from the school district's buildings, replacing older boilers, and to finish the renovations at the Board Offices.

Time for the Public:

No one came forward.

Items for the Next Agenda:

The next meeting is March 26 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 Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Leonard, to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the performance evaluation of a certified staff member. So voted.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: by Ms. Leonard, seconded by Mr. Charette, to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 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.