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

A meeting of the Board of Education was held on Tuesday, May 26, 2020, on Google Meet. In attendance were: Cynthia Mancini, Chairman of the Board; Paul D'Angelo, Vice Chairman of the Board; Roberta Leonard, Secretary of the Board; Christopher Charette, Kathleen Cordone, Tony Gugliotti, Sean Hughes, Timothy McMurray, and Kelly Mazza, all Board members. Also in attendance: Dr. Anthony Gasper, Superintendent of Schools, Shawn Simpson, Assistant Superintendent; Todd Bendtsen, Business Manager; Wayne Natzal, Facilities Director; Alex Pagan, Director of Technology, Erich Urban, Senior Desktop Technician; and Jessica Kenny, Board Clerk.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mrs. Cynthia Mancini, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a Moment of Silence was given for Michael DeNegriz and everyone impacted by COVID 19. Mrs. Mancini then read the Wolcott Public Schools' Mission Statement.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: by Mr. Gugliotti, seconded by Mr. Hughes, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 11, 2020.
So voted

Committee Reports:

Mr. Gugliotti spoke on behalf of the Finance Committee and where the Board stands at the current time with the Town Council and 2020 – 2021 Wolcott Public Schools Budget.

Mr. Charette spoke of the Building Committee Meeting that was held on Thursday, May 21, 2020. He stated they had a discussion on Security Vestibules at the Elementary and Middle Schools.

Communications:

Thank you cards

Business Manager's Report:

Mr. Bendtsen gave his Business Manager's Report and reviewed health claims, pending vendor invoices, variable accounts report, transfers and spoke on fuel oil, diesel oil, and electric prices.

Expenditures:

Motion: by Mr. Gugliotti, seconded by Mrs. Mazza, to approve the following expenditures:

To approve expenditures in the amount of **\$664,781.05** paid on May 27, 2020.

So voted.

Motion: by Mr. Gugliotti, seconded by Mr. Charette, to authorize the transfer of **\$200,000.00** from fiscal year 2019-2020 as presented, in the Business Manager's Report.

Superintendent's Report:

Dr. Gasper report that this school year concludes his 25th year in the profession of public education. He can confidently say that, at no time, has the profession ever been more complex, more demanding, or more stressful for employees. At present, there are innumerable details related to COVID-19 that the school and district administrators, secretaries, department directors, and he are working on. To give the Board a small window into the complexity of the current and future work, he broken it down into near-term, mid-term, and long-term planning that is happening now.

The Superintendent than gave the breakdown of each and concluded stating he has a very strong confidence in our staff. He knows that, even though these tasks are difficult and often unpleasant, we will rise to the challenge together, adapt when necessary, and serve the children of Wolcott to the highest level possible.

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

So voted.

OLD BUSINESS:**Approve the 2020-2021 Handbooks:**

Motion: by Mr. D'Angelo, seconded by Mrs. Mazza, to approve on final vote the 2020-2021 Student Handbooks, as presented in the Committee of the Whole, as follows:

The Elementary School Parents/Guardians Handbook

Tyrrell Middle School Student Handbook

Wolcott High School Student Handbook

So voted.

NEW BUSINESS:**Discussion on Security Measures:**

The Board had a discussion on the Security Vestibules for the Elementary and Middle Schools. Mr. Bendtsen explained how the bidding process works through Consortium Competitive Bid (Easy IQC).

The Board had no objections to the transfers listed to start this project.

Nominations:

Motion: by Mr. D'Angelo, seconded by Mr. Charette, to appoint the following person(s) as indicated:

1. **Tashua Sotil** to the position of School Psychologist at Tyrrell Middle School effective August 24, 2020.

2. **2020 - 2021 Fall Season Coaches**

Wolcott High School

Scott Rossignol	Varsity Cheer
Jill Guerrero	Assistant Cheer
Briana Daniele	Varsity Volleyball
Tyler Meccariello	JV Volleyball
Chris Riviezzo	Varsity Girls Soccer
Becky Riviezzo	JV Girls Soccer
Bryan Plona	Varsity Boys Soccer
Ron Cyr	JV Boys Soccer
Brittany Garguilo	Head Unified Coach
Alyssa Giedra	Unified Faculty Manager
Charlie Guerrero	Assistant Unified Coach
Brittany Biolo	Varsity Dance (pending 5-year Permit)
Julie Fell	Cross Country
Chris Theriault	Head Football Coach
Robert Stoeckert	Assistant Football Coach
Lorenzo Baker	Assistant Football Coach (pending 5-year Permit)
Chris Hayes	JV Head Assistant Football Coach
Jim Pawlak	Freshman Head Football Coach

Tyrrell Middle School

Brett Distasio	Boys Soccer
Lee Kelsey	Girls Soccer
Dave Fortier	Cross Country (1/2 Coach)
Scott Blacker	Cross Country (1/2 Coach)

3. **2020 - 2021 Winter Season Coaches**

Wolcott High School

Matt Craig	Varsity Boys Basketball
Jim Maisto	JV Boys Basketball
Joe Sobowicz	Freshmen Boys Basketball
Marty DiTuccio	Varsity Girls Basketball

Ron Cyr	JV Girls Basketball
Joe Murphy	Freshmen Girls Basketball
Scott Rossignol	Varsity Cheer
Jill Guerrero	Assistant Cheer
Becky Riviezzo	Head Boys & Girls Indoor Track
Briana Daniele	Assistant Indoor Track
Chris Riviezzo	Assistant Indoor Track
Brittany Biolo	Dance
Brittany Garguilo	Head Unified Coach
Alyssa Giedra	Unified Faculty Manager
Charlie Guerrero	Assistant Unified Coach
Tony Bell	Co-Head Weightlifting
Chris Theriault	Co-Head Weightlifting
Tyrrell Middle School	
Brett Distasio	Boys Basketball
Lee Kelsey	Girls Basketball
Alicia Maffiolini	Dance
Anna Bartoli	Cheer

Mr. Gugliotti spoke on the Athletic Stipends and voiced his concern about COVID-19 and the effect it may have on Coaches if school does not return to normal for the 2020-2021 school year.

So voted.

Consent Agenda

Motion: by Mr. Gugliotti, seconded by Mr. D'Angelo, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented:

1. Resignations:

- a. **Michelle Kulmann** from the position of Special Education Teacher at Wakelee School effective at the end of the 2019-2020 school year.

2. Make a Donation:

- a. To give Wolcott High School Resource Center permission to donate numerous magazines to Wolcott View Manor Health and Rehabilitation Center or a local hospital.

So voted.

Items for the Next Agenda:

The next meeting is June 8th. Board members can contact the Board of Education Office if you have additional agenda items.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Mr. Gugliotti, seconded by Mr. D'Angelo, to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. So voted.

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