

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT**

A meeting of the Board of Education was held on Monday, August 13, 2018, at Alcott 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, Kathleen Cordone, Paul D'Angelo, and Anthony Gugliotti. Also in attendance: Dr. Anthony Gasper, Superintendent of Schools; Todd Bendtsen, Business Manager and Jessica Kenny, Board Clerk.

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 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 July 09, 2018. So voted.

**Add Item(s) to the Agenda:**

Motion: by Mr. Gugliotti seconded by Mr. D'Angelo, to add Item 9I under new business: Changes to the Pre-K program, adopt Pre-K program.  
So voted.

**Committee Reports:**

Mrs. Mancini stated that the Finance Committee met at 6:15p.m. and discussed pending vendor invoices and payroll estimates. They also reviewed budget reports and transfer request. Lastly they reviewed the Internal Service Report.

Ms. Leonard reported that the Program and Operations committee met at 6:32p.m. and discussed the changes in the pre-school program. Also, a presentation was given by Mrs. Rosa Ramalhete and Mr. Kevin Hollis.

**Communications:**

Thank you cards – Ken Bly and Family, Carla Goldstone, Rosa Ramalhete, and Brad Watts;

Letter from Chinni & Meuser LLC

Invite to WHS Freshman Orientation.

APPROVED



Lori DelBuono Bartlett, Chairman  
Wolcott Board of Education

**Business Manager's Report:****Budget Transfers:**

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mr. Gugliotti, to authorize the transfer of **\$420,870.08** from fiscal year 2017-2018 as presented in the Business Manager's report.  
So voted.

**Expenditures:**

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mr. Gugliotti, to approve the following expenditures:  
To approve expenditures in the amount **\$556,290.62** paid on August 14, 2018 for fiscal year 2017-2018.  
To approve expenditures in the amount of **\$760,997.39** paid on August 14, 2018 for fiscal year 2018-2019.  
To approve the September 2018 payroll expenditures in the amount of **\$1,450,000.00** for fiscal year 2018-2019.  
So voted.

**Superintendent's Report:**

Dr. Gasper was happy to report that we've had a very productive summer across the school system. He spoke of The Wolcott Summer Studies Program and the strong success it had under the leadership of Mrs. Sara Tedesco. The program had over 600 students register.

The superintendent also spoke of district wide academic highlights, in which he stated it's been yet another year of strong academic performance in our schools. He also spoke of Preliminary results from standardized state test scores and how they look very promising.

Dr. Gasper went on to speak of School Safety and Security and that for the coming year, parents, students, and staff will see even more improvements, there will be security monitors for Alcott, Frisbie, Wakelee, and Tyrrell Schools (WHS already has them). He spoke of the updated security cameras across the district. Lastly, he thanked Chief Stephens for the additional School Resource officer in our schools this year. He expresses how grateful he is for the support of the Wolcott Police Department in keeping our schools safe and secure.

Finally, the superintendent spoke of the struggle to keep up with the needs of our aging buildings and infrastructure. He explained that on a regular basis we are faced with breakdowns, leaks, and emergencies that are difficult to plan or budget for.

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

**NEW BUSINESS:****Resignations:**

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to accept the resignation(s) of:

1. **Jeannine Cullen** in the position of Lunch Aid at Frisbie School effective July 18, 2018;
2. **David Fortier** in the position of Assistant Cross Country Coach at Tyrrell Middle School effective August 8, 2018;
3. **Daphne Giuggio** in the position of Paraprofessional at Tyrrell Middle School effective August 7, 2018;
4. **Christine Taylor** in the position of Science Teacher at Wolcott High School effective July 31, 2018.

So voted.

**Nominations:**

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

1. **Michael Ackerman** to the position of Security Aide at Tyrrell Middle School effective August 27, 2018;
2. **Victoria Annese** to the position of Speech-Language Pathologist at Wakelee School effective August 23, 2018;
3. **Ellissa Cibelli** to the position of Security Aide at Frisbie School effective August 27, 2018;
4. **Joseph D'Agostino** to the position of Security Aide at Wakelee School effective August 27, 2018;
5. **Cathy Daigle** to the position of Lunch Aide at Frisbie School effective August 27, 2018;
6. **Kyle Dunn** to position of Security Aide at Alcott School effective August 27, 2018;
7. **David Fortier** to the position of Cross Country Head Coach at Tyrrell Middle School effective August 27, 2018;
8. **Sarah Jarger** to the position of Paraprofessional at Frisbie School effective August 27, 2018;
9. **Melody Morrone** to the position of Lunch/Recess Monitor at Wakelee School effective August 27, 2018;
10. **Caryl Ogonowski** in the position of Paraprofessional at Wakelee School effective August 27, 2018.
11. **Sabrina Pisani** in the position of Grade 6 Math Teacher at Tyrrell Middle School effective August 23, 2018;
12. **Tania Rosado** in the position of Certified Tutor Districtwide effective August 27, 2018;
13. **Christopher Stapleton** in the position of Paraprofessional at Wolcott High School effective August 27, 2018;

**14. 2018 – 2019 Stipend Positions:**

Category C= \$1600 Stipend

- Activities Director (WHS) **Tanya Adorno**

Category D= \$650.00 Stipend

- Video Production Advisor (TMS) **Michael Terry**
- Rubik's Cube Advisor (TMS) **Michael Lynch**

**15. 2018 – 2019 Athletic Volunteer Coaches**

Tony Bell	Football
Travis Swim	Football
James Maisto	Football
John Kiely	Football
Mark Thornton	Football
Ryan Caggiano	Football
Mark Matrigali	Football
Chris Bendtsen	XC, Outdoor Track, Indoor Track
Monica Gray	Cheer Fall and Winter
Dom Angillio	Baseball
Charlie Guerrera	Baseball
Shelby Slie	Softball
Bruce Neville	Golf

So voted.

**Transfer Between Jobs:**

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mr. D'Angelo, to approve the following transfers to the position indicated:

1. **Brandon Cepelak** from the position of Custodian at Wakelee School to the position of Custodian at Wolcott High School effective on August 27, 2018;
2. **Anthony Goldberg** from the position of Custodian at Alcott School to the position of Custodian at Frisbie School effective August 27, 2018;
3. **Vincent Pugliese** from the position of Custodian at Wolcott High School to the position of Custodian at Tyrrell Middle School effective August 27, 2018;
4. **Henri Saucier** from the position of Custodian at Frisbie School to the position of Custodian at Wakelee School effective August 27, 2018.

So voted.

**Out of State Field Trip(s):**

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

1. Wolcott High School's Varsity Cheerleading, 22 students, request permission to go to National Cheerleaders Association High School National Championship at Kay

Bailey Hutchinson Convention Center in Dallas, TX from January 24<sup>th</sup> – January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019, to be exposed to and compete against other competitive high school cheerleading programs from around the country in addition to experiencing a new city and culture.

2. Wolcott High School's Softball Team 15 students, request permission to go to ESPN Wide World of Sports at Disney in Orlando, Florida from April 13<sup>th</sup> – April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019, to play in a state of the art facility and practice team bonding.  
So Voted.

**Unauthorized use of Wolcott Public Schools:**

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

The Wolcott Board of Education hereby resolves that in order to provide greater security to our students and staff, all unauthorized use of Wolcott Public School facilities and properties in the Town of Wolcott is prohibited during the posted student school day hours at each building and school- sponsored activities, effective, August 27, 2018.

So voted.

**Approve Salary Increase-CASA:**

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to approve a 3% increase effective August 27, 2018 for the CASA Project Grant employee, Carin Grunwald. So voted

**Grant Award:**

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to approve and accept The United Way of Connecticut's Grant as follows:

Kevin Hollis \$20,000 (\$10,000/year)

Location: Tyrrell Middle School

Project Title: Wolcott Positive Mental Health Initiative.

So voted.

**Approve Teaching a Sixth Class:**

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mr. D'Angelo, to approve a 6<sup>th</sup> class by the following person(s) as indicated:

**Wolcott High School:**

**John Waitkus** Mathematics

So voted.

**Changes to The Pre-Kindergarten Program**

by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Mrs. Leonard, to adopt the changes to the pre-kindergarten program.

Aye – 6

Nye – 0

Abstained – 1

**Motion Carries**

**Items for the Next Agenda:**

The next meeting is August 27 and will be held at Tyrrell Middle School. Board members can contact the Board of Education Office if you have additional agenda items.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Mr. D'Angelo, to go into executive session for the purpose of a hearing for a filed grievance.  
So voted.

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mr. D'Angelo, to come out of Executive Session and reconvene the regular meeting.  
So voted.

**Add Grievance Action to Agenda:**

Motion: by Mr. Gugliotti, seconded by Mrs. Leonard, to add grievance action onto the agenda.  
So Voted

**Grievance Disposition**

Motion: by Mr. Gugliotti, seconded by Mr. D'Angelo to deny grievance and authorize the Board of Education Chairman to write a letter to the employee.  
So voted.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion: by Mr. D'Angelo, seconded by Mr. Buzzelli, to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. So voted.

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