



OUR FUTURE IS IN CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

**MONDAY
7:30 P.M.**

**WOLCOTT HIGH SCHOOL
RESOURCE CENTER**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT
AGENDA
March 23, 2015**

- I. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, and Reading of the Mission Statement

The mission of the Wolcott Public Schools is to promote the academic, social, and emotional development of all students to become contributing members of the global community.

- II. Approval of Minutes

- A. Regular Meeting of March 9, 2015
- B. Transportation Hearing of March 16, 2015

- III. Communications

- IV. Business Manager's Report

- A. Budget Transfers
- B. Expenditures

- V. Superintendent's Report

- A. Mr. Macary's Report
- B. Cenergistic Report – Mr. Stankus

- VI. Public Comment

- VII. Committee Reports

- A. WHS Student Government

- VIII. Old Business

- A. Adopt the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Budget – Final Vote

- IX. New Business
 - A. Resignation(s)
 - B. Leave Request
 - C. Out of State Field Trip

X. Time for the Public

XI. Items for the Next Agenda

XII. Executive Session

Recommended Motion: “that the Board go into executive session for the purpose of discussion of a collective bargaining agreement for certified employees and a discussion of the employment of a certified employee.

ADJOURNMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

XIII. Adjournment

Note:

Personnel Committee at 6:30-7:00 p.m. in Wolcott High School’s Virtual Learning Computer Lab: 1) Review Job Description – Director of Student Learning & Teaching.

Finance Committee at 7:00-7:30 p.m. in Wolcott High School’s Virtual Learning Computer Lab: 1) Budget Transfers; 2) Expenditures; and 3) Business Manager’s Report.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT**

A Board of Education meeting was held on Monday, March 9, 2015, at Wakelee Elementary 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; Joseph Monroe, Principal of Wolcott High School; Walter Drewry, Assistant Principal of Wolcott High School; Deborah Osvald, 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; Frank Purcaro, Director of Curriculum and Professional Development; Melissa Iles, Director of Student Services; Wendie Rodriguez, Supervisor of Special Education; David Stankus, Facilities Director; and Joan Gray, Board Clerk.

Prior to the regular meeting, the Board members, 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, and Superintendent of Schools, Joseph Macary, met at 6:30 p.m.

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the employment of a certified employee.
So voted.

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Mr. Lerz, to come out of Executive Session at 7:00 p.m. So voted.

The regular Board meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m., the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: by Ms. Leonard, seconded by Mrs. Lumia, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 23, 2015. So voted.

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Lumia, to approve the minutes of the public budget hearing of February 26, 2015. So voted.

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Mrs. Clair, to approve the public session minutes of the expulsion hearing held on March 2, 2015. So voted.

Communications:

None

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

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Ms. DelBuono, to approve expenditures as follows:

To approve the April 2015 payroll expenditure in the amount of **\$1,650,000.**

To approve expenditures in the amount of **\$484,134.50** paid on March 10, 2015 for fiscal year 2014-2015.

So voted.

Superintendent's Report:

Daniel Gentile, Area I Director for the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education (CABE), presented the Board of Education with two Awards of Excellence for Educational Communications. The awards were for the following:

- the District's Budget Report, and
- *It's Elementary – USE-LESS!!*, an article on Frisbie School's energy conservation program.

Mr. Nagashima introduced four Wakelee students who participated in the Grade 4 Invention Convention held at Wakelee School. Each student gave a demonstration of his/her project. They were:

Sophia Deleo – Seatbelt Pals

Gabrielle Tirado – Perfect

Madison Maloney – Beauty Buds

Alex Ash – The Desk Pal

The School Principals gave two minute highlights of activities at their schools. Mrs. Wrenn reported for Frisbie School in addition to Alcott School. Mrs. Iles updated the Board on Student Services' events.

Starting in January, the Board has been rotating their meetings to visit all five schools. The next meeting will be at Wolcott High School on March 23rd.

The testing schedule is as follows:

CMT Science Test	March 11 (Grade 10), March 17 (Grade 5), and March 18 (Grade 8)
Smarter Balanced	April 27 to June 5 (Grades 3-8)

Orientation Sessions for parents/guardians who have students starting Kindergarten during the 2015-2016 school year are:

Frisbie School	March 16
Wakelee School	March 18
Alcott School	March 26

All presentations will be held at 7:00 p.m. You can call to RSVP for a session at the site you will attend as soon as possible.

March is Board of Education appreciation month. Mr. Macary thanked the Board members for their service and hours of work on behalf of the students in Wolcott.

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

Public Comment:

No one came forward

Committee Reports:

Mrs. Mancini reported the Finance Committee met earlier. The Committee reviewed the 2015-2016 Budget. Mr. Bendtsen gave his Business Manager's report including pending invoices, and the internal service report.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Approve – Resignations:

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to accept the resignations of the following employees for the purpose of retirement at the end of the 2014-2015 school year:

1. **Linda Daigle** Grade 1 Teacher Alcott Elementary School
2. **Marie Finelli** Grade 3 Teacher Frisbie Elementary School

3. **Lucille Tina Palmer** Reading Specialist Frisbie Elementary School
 4. **Holly Wrenn** Principal Alcott Elementary School
- So voted.

Approve – Nominations:

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

1. **Bryan Camaratta** in the position of Sports Volunteer for the Tyrrell Middle School's Softball Team effective spring 2015.

So voted.

Adopt the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Budget – Initial Vote:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Lumia, to adopt on initial vote the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year Wolcott Public Schools' Budget in the amount of \$33,139,867. So voted.

Time for the Public:

No one came forward.

Items for the Next Agenda:

Final vote on the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Budget.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Ms. DelBuono, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:15 p.m. So voted.

**WOLCOTT BOARD OF EDUCATION
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT**

A Transportation Hearing was held at Alcott Elementary School in the Najarian Board Room on Monday, March 16, 2015. 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, Roberta Leonard, Arthur Lerz Sr., and Kimberly Lumia, Board Members. Attorney Craig Meuser, representing the Board of Education; Joseph Macary, Superintendent of Schools; Todd Bendtsen, Business Manager; Brenda Johnson, Manager, Wolcott Office, Worhunsky Corp.; Deborah Lewandoski, Operations Manager, Worhunsky Corp.; R.L., Wolcott Resident; and Tammi Treen, serving as Board Clerk.

Mrs. Najarian called the hearing to order at 6:35 p.m.

Motion: by Ms. Leonard, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to enter into Executive Session to conduct a hearing to determine if the Administration violated Board of Education policy on Student Transportation.
Motion carried unanimously.

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to go into Public Session.
Motion carried unanimously.

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Lumia, move that based on the evidence introduced during the transportation hearing conducted on March 16, 2015 by the Board, that the Board affirm the Administration's determination that the bus stop complies with Board policy, and move further that the Board Chair be authorized to issue a written decision setting forth the basis for the Board's decision, as discussed by the Board during its deliberations on this matter on March 16, 2015.

*All Board Members voted "aye", except Mr. Buzzelli, who "abstained" from the vote.
The motion carried.*

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – March 23, 2015

RESOLUTION: BUDGET TRANSFER(S)

Resolution from Joseph Macary, Superintendent of Schools, to the Honorable Board of Education of the Town of Wolcott, making recommendation

To authorize the transfer of \$277,594.17 presented in the Business Manager's report.

Resolution No. 03-23-15: 7240

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – March 23, 2015

RESOLUTION: EXPENDITURES

Resolution from Joseph Macary, Superintendent of Schools, to the Honorable Board of Education of the Town of Wolcott, making recommendation

To approve expenditures in the amount of **\$185,140.15** paid on March 24, 2015 for fiscal year 2014-2015.

WOLCOTT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT
SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

March 23, 2015

Two Minute School Highlights:

Alcott:

Frisbie:

Wakelee:

Tyrrell:

Wolcott High:

Just a reminder, there will be no school from Friday, April 3rd to Friday, April 10th for spring vacation. Classes will resume on Monday, April 13th for all students.

Wolcott Public Schools will be conducting a preschool screening on Friday, April 17, 2015 at 9:30 A.M. The purpose of this screening is to identify any preschool age children, ages 3 and 4, who may have a disability. The screening is open to all Wolcott residents who have concerns about their preschool age child's development. If you are interested in having your child participate in the screening, please contact the Student Services office at 203-879-8178.

Teachers and staff have been working to prepare our students for the upcoming Smarter Balanced Assessments in the next three months. The Smarter Balanced Testing will take place in Wolcott from April 27th to June 5th in Grades 3 through 8. Grade 11 Testing at the High School will be from April 27th to May 29th. Please make sure that students are well rested and prepared for this important assessment. We want everyone to put forward their best effort. Thank you.

Presentations:

- From Dave Stankus, about our Cenergistics Program

Conference Attendance Report
March 23, 2015

DATE	COST	PERSON(S)	SCHOOL/POSITION	SUB	PRESENTER	TITLE	LOCATION
03/27/15	(M) Only	Andrea Lund-Teixeira	Wakelee/Reading Cons	No	Education Connection	RAVE-O Literacy Intervention	Litchfield, CT
4/2; 5/7; 6/4	None	Lisa Riggi	WHS/AD/PE Teacher	Yes	NVL	Athletic Directors Monthly Meeting	Various High School Locations

Field Trip Report 3/23/15

ID	Trip	Date	Location	Students	Destination	Objectives	Contact
496	Gr. 8 - New York City Trip	04/15/15	TMS	32	Wicked on Broadway	Continue exploration of careers in music, technology, production, and marketing.	penta, jan
512	UCONN tour for juniors	04/03/15	WHS	40	2131 Hillside Rd. Storrs CT 06269	To ensure students are able to explore post high school options.	Ferrone, Alyssa
513	Quinnipiac University Junior College Tour	04/06/15	WHS	40	275 Mount Carmel Ave. Hamden CT	To ensure students explore post high school options.	Ferrone, Alyssa
558	SkillsUSA State Competition	03/27/15	WHS	12	Wilcox TH, Meriden-- SCSU	SkillsUSA state skills and leadership competition.	lofgren, chris
572	Reality Fair	03/31/15	WHS	40	Central Connecticut State University	The Fair experience includes an expected student understanding of the following areas: budget, banking, credit scores	Stabile, Sarah
575	Robotics New England Event	04/09/15	WHS	15	Worcester Mass WPI	To Compete in the New England Robotics Championship if we qualify	Cormier, Rob
576	Senior Center Visit Intergenerational Project	03/26/15	Wakelee	7	Wolcott Senior Center	To interact with senior citizens. We will teach them how to Irish jig, have an Easter egg hunt together, and serve them lunch.	Discepolo, Janet
577	CT Invention Convention Day at the Capitol	04/01/15	Frisbie	20	CT State Capitol in Hartford	Present inventions to members of CT Legislature and guests to the State Capitol	Discepolo, Janet
598	WHS Softball Team Trip	04/07/15	WHS	24	Bradley Airport	Team bonding + three scheduled games. (2 Out of League and 1 in league game vs. Naugatuck)	Belval, Lisa
601	Gr. 5 to Tyrrell Middle School	03/27/15	Frisbie	61	Tyrrell Middle School	Orientation	Cantor, Robin

Field Trip Report 3/23/15

ID	Trip	Date	Location	Students	Destination	Objectives	Contact
602	Prison Trip #1	04/10/15	WHS	15	York State Prison Niantic, CT	Student will experience how CT's Prison system functions.	Coppola, Sal
603	Grocery shopping	04/02/15	TMS	7	Walsh's IGA	shopping for items for cooking activities	B.Stango
604	Restaurant trip	04/17/15	TMS	6	Bill & Sam's Diner	Community experience	B.Stango
605	5th Gr. to Tyrrell Middle	03/27/15	Alcott	48	Tyrrell Middle School	Orientation	Murphy, Kate
607	Life Skills - grocery store	04/01/15	TMS	6	Walsh's IGA	Community experience - to buy supplies for cooking activities.	B.Stango
608	Dunkin Donuts	03/24/15	WHS	14	478 Wolcott Rd, Wolcott, CT 06716	Given a lesson on leisure activities, students will plan a budget for going on a leisure activity. Give lesson on conversation, students will engage in reciprocal conversations with a peer.	Garguilo, Brittany
609	Dollar General	03/31/15	WHS	14	412 Wolcott Rd, Wolcott, CT 06716	Given a lesson on budget, students will be able to plan for an expense at a dollar store.	Garguilo, Brittany
610	Bridgeport Sound Tigers- Sports Seminar	04/01/15	WHS	40	Webster Bank Arena 600 Main St Bridgeport, CT 06604	Sports Seminar and College Fair	Pace, Jason

Field Trip Report 3/23/15

ID	Trip	Date	Location	Students	Destination	Objectives	Contact
611	Friends For Everyone Fascia's Chocolates Tour	04/15/15	Frisbie	22	Fascia's 44 Chase River Rd. Waterbury CT	To learn how chocolate is made, its history, make a chocolate bar, and improve socialization skills through a friendship group.	Discepolo, Janet
612	Prison Trip #1	04/17/15	WHS	15	York State Prison Niantic, CT	Student will experience how CT's Prison system functions.	Coppola, Sal
614	WHS Jazz Band	04/01/15	WHS	15	Tyrrell Middle School	performance at Tyrrell MS	Clement, Justin
620	Criminology	03/26/15	WHS	50	Wolcott Police Station	Students will be walked through the Arrest and booking process.	Coppola, Sal
623	WES Gr. 5 to TMS	03/27/15	Wakelee	58	Tyrrell Middle School	Orientation	Murtaugh, Kim
626	WHS Chorus	03/25/15	WHS	6	TMS	Recruiting new music students	Solocius, Laura

Fundraiser Report
March 23, 2015

DATE	SCHOOL	GROUP/PERSON	DESCRIPTION OF FUNDRAISER
NONE			

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – March 23, 2015

RESOLUTION: ADOPT 2015-2016 WOLCOTT PUBLIC SCHOOLS' BUDGET

Resolution from Joseph Macary, Superintendent of Schools, to the Honorable Board of Education of the Town of Wolcott, making recommendation

To adopt on final vote the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year Wolcott Public Schools' Budget in the amount of \$33,139,867 or a 1.09% increase.

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – March 23, 2015

RESOLUTION: RESIGNATIONS

Resolution from Joseph Macary, Superintendent of Schools, to the Honorable Board of Education of the Town of Wolcott, making recommendation

TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATIONS OF THE FOLLOWING EMPLOYEES FOR THE PURPOSE OF RETIREMENT AT THE END OF THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR:

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| 1. <u>Paulette Desjardins</u> | School Secretary | Tyrrell Middle School |
| 2. <u>Paula Gold</u> | Speech & Language Pathologist | Frisbie Elementary School |
| 3. <u>Gail Gray</u> | Kindergarten Teacher | Frisbie Elementary School |
| 4. <u>Pamela Matfus</u> | Language Arts Teacher | Tyrrell Middle School |
| 5. <u>Cheryl Signor</u> | Special Education Teacher | Frisbie Elementary School |

IN ADDITION, TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF THE FOLLOWING EMPLOYEE AS INDICATED:

1. Steven Jasulavic from the position of Assistant Football Coach at Wolcott High School effective immediately.

(See attached)

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – March 23, 2015

RESOLUTION: LEAVE REQUEST

Resolution from Joseph Macary, Superintendent of Schools, to the Honorable Board of Education of the Town of Wolcott, making recommendation

Jennifer Whipple, Grade 2 Teacher at Wakelee School, requests an unpaid leave of absence to the end of the 2014-2015 school year to commence after her FMLA ends March 27, 2015.

(See Attached)

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – March 23, 2015

RESOLUTION: OUT-OF-STATE FIELD TRIPS

Resolution from Joseph Macary, Superintendent of Schools, to the Honorable Board of Education of the Town of Wolcott, making recommendation

TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING OUT-OF-STATE FIELD TRIPS:

1. Wolcott High School's Robotics Team (15) requests permission to go to Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Worcester, MA for a robotics competition on April 9-11, 2015.

(See attached)