

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT**

A regular meeting of the Board of Education was held on Monday, March 25, 2019, at Wolcott High School. In attendance were: Lori DelBuono Bartlett, Chairman of the Board; Cynthia Mancini, Vice Chairman of the Board; Roberta Leonard, Secretary of the Board; Thomas Buzzelli, Christopher Charette, Kathleen Cordone, Paul D'Angelo, Anthony Gugliotti, and Kelly Mazza; all Board Members. Also in attendance: Dr. Anthony Gasper, Superintendent of Schools; Frank Purcaro, Assistant Superintendent of Schools; Todd Bendtsen, Business Manager; Kevin Hollis, Director of Student Services; 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; Daniel Caetano, Assistant Principal of Tyrrell Middle School; Shawn Simpson, Alcott Elementary School Principal; Kimberly Murtaugh, Principal of Frisbie Elementary School; Wayne Natzel, Facilities Director; Nancy Warzecha, Alcott and Frisbie School Teacher; Mary Devaney, Wolcott High School Teacher; Steven Jasulavic, Wolcott High School Teacher; Michelle Thies, Wolcott High School 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. Buzzelli, seconded by Mr. Charette, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 11, 2019.
So voted.

APPROVED 

Lori DelBuono Bartlett, Chairman
Wolcott Board of Education

Committee Reports:

A Committee of the Whole meeting was held at 6:30 p.m., during the meeting Finance topics were reviewed. They discussed pending vendor invoices, March health claims, and the internal service report. They also discussed final questions as it relates to the budget and lastly they reviewed the Variable Accounts Report.

Also, during the meeting Facilities discussed the raze of the Smyth House. They also discussed proposed donation of scoreboards for the Wolcott High School Softball and Baseball Fields.

Communications:

Invitation to the Wolcott High School, National Honor Society Induction,
E-mail from a parent,
Draft minutes from the March 13th, Building Committee.

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

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Mazza, to approve the following Expenditures:
To approve expenditures in the amount of **\$509,129.74** paid on March 26, 2019 for fiscal year 2018-2019.
So voted.

Superintendent's Report:

An iLeap presentation was given by Mrs. Warzecha on "Cracking the Code" this presentation explained how Mrs. Warzecha is working with her Fourth Grade students at Alcott and Frisbie, teaching them how to use Math through code. She had 3 students accompany her and they explained how much fun they are having learning. They went on to explain Block Coding and Java Script.

Next, Mrs. Devaney and three students who are part of the Excel Club at Wolcott High School presented the Board with a video of projects that they have done around the community. They shared facts about how the club meets at least once a month and how this is the largest club in Connecticut and the second largest club in the Nation, Wolcott alone has 54 student members. Lastly, the Excel Club wanted to remind everyone that April is Child Abuse Awareness Month and ask that everyone remembers to wear blue on Monday's in support of this.

Lastly, Mr. Purcaro, Mr. Drewry, Mr. Jasulavic, and Mrs. Thies gave the Board an update on the Report and Recommendations from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC). They discussed the "Priority Areas and Progress Towards Those Areas", "Recommendations", "Commendations" and "Next Steps". They went on to explain how Wolcott High School is a Pilot School for NEASC and also explained the six

C's that they are using around the building, the six C's stand for: Collaboration, Critical Thinking, Communication, Commitment to Growth, Citizenship, and Creativity.

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

So voted.

Public Comment:

No one came forward.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion of Facilities

The Board had a discussion on the concerns they have about our schools. They spoke about the Governor's statement about regionalization and how this would affect us in our building and remodeling that needs to be done with hopes of a State Grant.

NEW BUSINESS:

Adopt 2019-2020 Wolcott Public Schools' Budget:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to adopt the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year Wolcott Public Schools' Budget in the amount of **\$35,589,031.**

So Voted.

Nominations:

Motion: by Mr. D'Angelo, seconded by Mr. Gugliotti, to approve the following nomination(s) to the position indicated:

1. **Cailah Baranowski** to the position of Paraprofessional at Frisbie Elementary School effective March 27, 2019;
2. **Michelle Brockie** to the position of Paraprofessional at Tyrrell Middle School effective March 27, 2019;

3. **2019-2020 Fall Coaches:**

Wolcott High School

Jill Guerrero	Varsity Cheer
Scott Rossignol	Assistant Cheer
Briana Daniele	Varsity Volleyball
Tyler Meccariello	JV Volleyball
Dale Bartlett	Freshman 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 Certification)

4. **WHS 2019 Sports Volunteers:**

Ronald Gambino	Baseball (Pending Certification)
Nicole Putnam	Softball
Chuck Cammarata	Softball
So Voted.	

Approve the 2019-2020 Board of Education Meeting Schedule – Initial Vote

Motion: by Mr. Gugliotti, seconded by Mr. Buzzelli, to approve on initial vote the following 2019-2020 schedule of Board of Education meeting dates:

	<u>FIRST</u>	<u>SECOND</u>
JULY	8 (Monday)	
AUGUST	12 (Monday)	26 (Monday)
SEPTEMBER	9 (Monday)	23 (Monday)
OCTOBER	7 (Monday)	21 (Monday)
NOVEMBER	12 (Tuesday)	25 (Monday)
DECEMBER	9 (Monday)	
JANUARY	13 (Monday)	
FEBRUARY	10 (Monday)	
MARCH	9 (Monday)	23 (Monday)
APRIL	6 (Monday)	27 (Monday)
MAY	11 (Monday)	26 (Tuesday)
JUNE	8 (Monday)	22 (Monday)

All Board of Education meetings will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Tyrrell Middle School’s Large Group Instruction Room unless otherwise indicated.

All meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month unless otherwise indicated.

So Voted.

Consent Agenda:

Motion: by Mr. D’Angelo, seconded by Mrs. Mazza, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented:

1. **Resignations:**
 - a. **Alison Artigliere** in the position of Assistant Track Coach at Tyrrell Middle School, effective immediately;
 - b. **Tug Drysdale** in the position of Freshman Boys’ Basketball Coach at Wolcott High School, effective at the conclusion of the 2018-2019 season;
 - c. **Christopher Stapleton** in the position of Paraprofessional at Wolcott High School, effective March 22, 2019.
2. **Out of State/Overnight Field Trips:**
 - a. Wolcott High School’s Music Department (45) requests permission to go to New York, NY on May 22, 2019 to see the play “Oklahoma” at the Circle in the Square Theater.

- b. Wolcott High School’s Outdoor Track Team (TBD) request permission to go to University of Pennsylvania from April 25th – April 28th for a Track meet;
- c. Wolcott High School’s Outdoor Track Team (TBD) request permission to go to Thorton Academy, Saco, Maine from June 7th – June 8th for a Track meet.

3. Amend Something Previously Approved:

- a. To amend something previously approved as indicated:
 - 1. Lisa DeBarba’s retirement date from the end of the 2018-2019 school year to May 17, 2019. (change of date only)

4. Grant Award(s):

- a. To approve and accept the Wolcott Education Foundation’s Grant as Follows:
 - Taylor Palmieri \$725.00
 - Location: Frisbie Elementary School
 - Project Title: One School, One Book
 - b. To approve and accept the Wolcott Education Foundation’s Grant as Follows:
 - Jennifer Sullivan and Sara Vumbaca \$650.00
 - Location: Alcott Elementary School
 - Project Title: One School, One Book
 - c. To approve and accept the Wolcott Education Foundation’s Grant as Follows:
 - Sara Vumbaca \$1,104.05
 - Location: Frisbie Elementary School
 - Project Title: Ceramics Program
- So Voted.

Time for the Public:

No one came forward.

ADD TO THE AGENDA:

Discuss Smyth House

Motion: by Mr. Gugliotti, seconded by Mr. Buzzelli to add a resolution to discuss Smyth House.
So voted

Motion: by Mr. Gugliotti, seconded by Mr. D’Angelo to allow the superintendent to write a letter to the Town Council in regards to the razing of the Smyth House. So voted.

Items for the Next Agenda:

The next meeting is April 8, 2019 and will be at Wakelee Elementary School.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Ms. Mancini, to adjourn the meeting at
 8:33 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.