

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT**

A meeting of the Board of Education was held on Tuesday, November 15, 2016, at Tyrrell Middle School. In attendance were: Patricia Najarian, Chairman of the Board; Gloria Gubitosi, Vice Chairman of the Board; Kimberly Lumia, Secretary of the Board; Thomas Buzzelli, Gloria Clair, Anthony Gugliotti, Roberta Leonard, Arthur Lerz, and Cynthia Mancini, all Board members. 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, Assistant Principal of Wolcott High School; Bryan MacKay, Assistant Principal of Wolcott High School; Daniel Caetano, Assistant Principal of Tyrrell Middle School; Joseph Norcross, Principal of Frisbie Elementary School; Deborah Osvold, Principal of Wakelee Elementary School; Shawn Simpson, Principal of Alcott Elementary School; Deborah Nicol, WHS Teacher; and Joan Gray, Board Clerk.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mrs. Najarian, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Lumia, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 24, 2016. So voted.

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mrs. Clair, to approve the minutes of the special meeting of November 9, 2016. So voted.

Communications:

Thank you note from the Kelly Family

Invitation – Lifeskills Feast

Invitation – WHS Culinary Students

Invitation – Frisbie Feast

Rotella Monthly Montage – November 2016

Business Manager's Report:

Expenditures:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Lumia, to approve the following expenditures:
To approve the December 2016 payroll expenditure in the amount of **\$2,329,000.00.**
To approve expenditures in the amount of **\$764,765.15** paid on November 16, 2016 for fiscal year 2016-2017.
So voted.

Superintendent's Report:

Mrs. Nicol introduced students who in turn introduced their schools' Teacher of the Year:
Frisbie: Lila Richardson and Edin Krcic introduced Kim Ryan
Wakelee: Ava Ciampi and PJ Lawlor introduced Bonny Hartigan
Tyrrell: Adam Sandora introduced Kelly Gilchrist
WHS: Brad Watts and Kristina Brewster introduced David Pape
District Teacher of the Year and Alcott: Abigail Huber and Miah Hughes introduced Jane Gargano

Mrs. Najarian and Dr. Gasper congratulated each award recipient.

The Board recessed for a reception for the Teachers of the Year.

The meeting was called back to order by Mrs. Najarian.

Dr. Gasper reminded families to be sure their contact information is up-to-date. This information is used by School Messenger to notify you when school is canceled, delayed or there is an early dismissal.

The Coffee with the Superintendent events are going well, and the latest was held at Frisbie School on November 9th.

Veterans Day was celebrated in our schools. The Superintendent thanked staff and family members for their service.

Jane Gargano, our District's Teacher of the Year, attended with her family and the Superintendent the state-wide ceremony for Teachers of the Year at the Bushnell Theater in Hartford.

The Superintendent congratulated the Board on receiving two important awards from the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education. The Wolcott Board was recognized for both excellent communication in a variety of documents including the high school program of study, the middle school student handbook, and the budget document. Additionally, the Board has been awarded a Level 2 recognition for leadership by CABA. This signifies that the Wolcott Board of Education works hard to work in ways

that have been proven to be effective. This makes five consecutive years that our Board has been recognized.

Brittany Garguilo and our Unified Sports program have been recognized by the CIAC as a Unified Champion Banner School. This is a national award sponsored by Special Olympics International. The award will be presented at the statewide Unified Leadership Summit in Hartford on December 9, 2016. Congratulations and thank you to Ms. Garguilo, the other staff involved, and the athletes.

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mrs. Clair, to approve the Superintendent's Report. So voted.

Public Comment:

No one came forward.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Resignations:

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

1. **Chuck O'Neil** in the position of Special Education Paraprofessional at Wolcott High School effective November 16, 2016.

So voted.

Transfer Between Jobs:

Motion; by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to approve the following transfer to the position indicated:

1. **Eric DiDomizio** from the position of Café Monitor at Alcott Elementary School to the position of Special Education Paraprofessional at Wolcott High School effective November 16, 2016.

So voted.

Nominations:

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

1. **Tug Drysdale** to the position of Freshman Boys Basketball Coach at Wolcott High School effective November 28, 2016;
2. **Ronald Cyr** to the position of JV Girls Basketball Coach at Wolcott High School effective November 28, 2016;

3. **David Fortier** to the position of Co-Coach of Boys Basketball Team at Tyrrell Middle School effective December 1, 2016;
4. **Michael Maisto** to the position of Freshman Girls Basketball Coach at Wolcott High School effective November 28, 2016;
5. **Tina Ericson** to the position of Special Education Paraprofessional at Wolcott High School effective November 17, 2016.

Out of State Conferences:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mr. Buzzelli, to approve the following out-of-state conferences:

1. **Kelley Brochu, Alyssa Giedra, and Taryn Villano-Corsa**, all Guidance Counselors at Wolcott High School, request permission to attend the Developmental Resources conference titled, "Mean Girls: What educators can do to address and prevent female bullying, cyberbullying and relational aggression," being held in Springfield, MA on November 16, 2016.
2. **Kate Glendon**, Project Director of CASA Coalition, requests permission to attend the Community Anti-Drug Coalition of America's National Leadership Forum being held in National Harbor, Maryland on February 5-9, 2017.

So voted.

Adopt Revised Board Policies/Regulations – Initial Vote:

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to adopt on initial vote the following revised Board policies and regulations:

- Policy/Regulation 0521 – Mission-Goals-Objectives:
Nondiscrimination
- Policy/Regulation 1330 – Community Relations:
Use of School Facilities
- Policy/Regulation 3320 – Business/Non-Instructional Operations:
Purchasing Procedures
- Policy 3513.1 – Business/Non-Instructional Operations:
Energy Conservation
- Policy/Regulation 3524.1 – Business/Non-Instructional Operations:
Hazardous Material in Schools
- Policy 4131.5 - Personnel – Certified:
Continuing Education Units (CEU's)
- Policy 6164.13 - Instruction:
Home Visits
- Policy/Regulation 6173 - Instruction:
Homebound Instruction

So voted.

Committee Reports:

Ms. Leonard reported on the Operations and Programs meeting that met at 6:30 p.m. The Committee discussed Board policy revisions. She also reported on the ACES Board meeting she went to on November 10th.

Mrs. Mancini reported that the Finance Committee met earlier and discussed pending invoices, the Budget Report, the Internal Service report, and the Health claims for October.

Superintendent's Report – continued

Two minute school highlights were presented by each principal.
Mr. Hollis reported on the Student Services Department.

Time for the Public:

No one came forward.

Items for the Next Agenda:

The next Board meeting will be Monday, December 12th
Board members can contact the Board of Education Office if you have additional agenda items.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion: by Ms. Leonard, seconded by Mr. Lerz to go into Executive Session for a discussion of a confidential employee matter regarding a certified employee, and discussion of nominees for two certified positions.
So voted.

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

Board Discussion.

Transfer Between Jobs:

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to approve the following temporary transfer to the position indicated:

1. **Walter Drewry** from the position of Assistant Principal at Wolcott High School to the temporary position of Interim Principal at Wolcott High School effective November 16, 2016.

2. **Joseph Morgan** from the position of Social Studies Teacher at Wolcott High School to the temporary position of Interim Assistant Principal at Wolcott High School effective November 16, 2016.
So voted.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: by Mr. Gugliotti, seconded by Mr. Lerz, to adjourn the meeting at 9:37 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.