

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

A Board of Education meeting was held on Monday, September 8, 2014, at Wolcott High 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; Frank Purcaro, Director of Curriculum & Professional Development; 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; Russell Emons, Interim Principal of Alcott School; Joseph Norcross, Principal of Frisbie School; Robert Nagashima, Principal of Wakelee School; Melissa Iles, Director of Student Services; Wendie Rodriguez, Supervisor of Special Education; David Stankus, Interim Facilities Director; and Joan Gray, Board Clerk.

The regular Board meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m., the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

**Approval of Minutes:**

Motion:           by Ms. DelBuono, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 18, 2014. So voted.

**Communications:**

Thank you note from the Lumia Family  
Thank you note from Ms. Stabile  
Thank you note from Ms. Perrone-Petta  
Thank you note from Ms. Diaz  
Thank you note from Mrs. Riggi  
Rotella Monthly Montage – September 2014  
The CABA Journal – September 2014  
Thank you note from Ms. Cossette and Ms. Thies

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

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

To approve the October 2014 payroll expenditure in the amount of **\$1,755,000.**

To approve expenditures in the amount of **\$668,892.28** paid on September 9, 2014 for fiscal year 2014-2015.

So voted.

**Superintendent's Report:**

The Principals gave two minute updates on their schools including class size, PTO meeting dates, and the opening of school.

The Principals then introduced their new staff members. They are:

Stacey	Caouette	Alcott	Grade 4 Teacher
Krista	Nori	Alcott	Grade 3 Teacher
Heather	MacDonald	Frisbie	Special Education Teacher
Michelle	McNerney	Frisbie	Grade 2 Teacher
Danielle	Medeiros	Frisbie	Grade 1 Teacher
David	Fortier	Tyrrell	Grade 7 Social Studies Teacher
Tara	Jackson	Tyrrell	Special Education Teacher
Michael	Lynch	Tyrrell	Guidance Counselor
Jeremiah	Regimbald	Tyrrell	Music/Band Teacher
Wendy	Salustro	Tyrrell	Guidance Counselor
Kristin	Weber	Tyrrell	Family & Consumer Science Teacher
Carolyn	Barnet	Wakelee	Grade 5 Teacher
Kerianne	Falencki	Wakelee	Grade 2 Teacher
Andrea	Lund-Teixeira	Wakelee	Reading Consultant
Danielle	Morek	Wakelee	Speech Language Pathologist
Lisa	Nappi	Wakelee	Grade 4 Teacher
Cristin	Gress	Wakelee	Special Education Teacher
Samantha	Barrett	WHS	French Teacher
Katherine	Bryant	WHS	Transition Coordinator
Dan	Cocchiola	WHS	Guidance Counselor/Department Head
James	Crandall	WHS	Math Teacher
Alyssa	Ferrone	WHS	Guidance Counselor
Kate	Lynch	WHS	Science Teacher
Kathryn	Pierpaoli	WHS	Family & Consumer Science Teacher
Shelby	Slie	WHS	English Teacher
Laura	Stabile	WHS	Long-Term Substitute Guidance Counselor

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to take a 15 minute recess to welcome the new staff members.

Mrs. Najarian called the meeting back to order at 8:20 p.m.

Mr. Macary reported that the District had a smooth school opening.

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

**Public Comment:**

Kathy Cordone, 80 Old Boundline Road, spoke on State core standards curriculum.

**Committee Reports:**

Mrs. Gubitosi reported the Facilities Committee met at 6:30. She thanked Mr. Stankus and the custodians for getting the schools ready. Mr. Stankus gave the Committee a report on security and facilities.

Mrs. Mancini said the Finance Committee met earlier. Pending invoices, the internal service report, bus transportation, and the status of the ED001 were discussed.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Approve the Wolcott Public Schools' Security & Safety Plan – Final Vote:**

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Mrs. Clair, to approve on final vote the Wolcott Public School's Security & Safety Operations Plan. So voted.

**Approve Revised & New Curriculum – Final Vote:**

Motion: by Ms. DelBuono, seconded by Mrs. Clair, to adopt on final vote the following curriculum:

Revised:

1. Spanish 1-A (Grade 7)
2. Spanish 1-B (Grade 8)
3. Spanish 1 (Grade 9)
4. 20<sup>th</sup> Century Global Studies (Grade 9)
5. Science (Grade 4)

New:

1. Model United Nations (Grades 11 & 12)

So voted.

**Approve CT Core State Standards Curriculum – Final Vote:**

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to adopt on final vote the following CT Core State Standards Curriculum:

English Language Arts (Grades K-8)

Mathematics (Grades K-8)

So voted.

**Approve Revised Board Policies/Regulations – Final Vote:**

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Ms. DelBuono, to adopt on final vote the following Board policies/regulations:

1. Policy #5114 – Students – Suspension & Expulsion/Due Process
2. Policy 5131.911 – Students – Hazing – Bullying
3. Policy 5141.7 – Students – Student Sports – concussions & Head Injuries
4. Policy/Regulation 5141.21 – Students – Administering Medications
5. Regulations 6142.101 – Instructions – Student Nutrition & Physical Activity – District Nutrition Standards

So voted.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Approve – Resignations:**

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to accept the following resignations of:

1. **Lisa Calabretta** in the position of General Food Service Worker at Wolcott High School effective September 10, 2014;
2. **Nicole Carroll** in the position of Special Education Teacher at Tyrrell Middle School effective immediately;
3. **Rebecca Elliott** in the position of Special Education Teacher at Wolcott High School effective immediately;
4. **Joanne Mumley** in the position of Homework Club Co-Advisor for the 2014-2015 school year.

So voted.

**Approve – Nominations:**

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

1. **Dale Bartlett** in the position of Freshman Volleyball Coach (Fall) at Wolcott High School effective with the 2014-2015 school year;
2. **Lisa Calabretta** in the position of Latchkey Supervisor at Frisbie Elementary School effective on August 27, 2014;
3. **Danielle Carlson-Schweikher** in the position of Numeracy Support .45 at Wakelee Elementary School effective on September 10, 2014;
4. **Jennifer DiNunzio** in the position of School Nurse at Tyrrell Middle School effective on September 8, 2014;

5. **Gina Effrece** in the position of Numeracy Support .45 at Alcott Elementary School effective on September 10, 2014;
6. **Carrie Fiske** in the position of Special Education Teacher at Wolcott High School effective September 8, 2014;
7. **Deb Frageau** in the position of Long Term Substitute Grade 2 Teacher at Frisbie Elementary School effective August 27, 2014;
8. **Cristin Gress** in the position of Special Education Teacher at Wakelee Elementary School effective on September 8, 2014;
9. **Charlie Guerrero** in the position of Financial Advisor at Wolcott High School effective on August 27, 2014;
10. **Stacey Hart and Sara McOmber** in the position of Discovery Program Co-Advisors at Wolcott High School effective for the 2014-2015 school year;
11. **Michelle LaRochelle** in the position of Homework Club Advisor at Tyrrell Middle School effective for the 2014-2015 school year;
12. **Danielle Maringola** in the position of JV/Varsity Dance Coach at Wolcott High School effective for the 2014-2015 school year;
13. **Dorene Page** in the position of 5 Hour General Food Service Worker at Wakelee Elementary School effective September 10, 2014;
14. **Kimberly Stein** in the position of Numeracy Support .45 at Frisbie Elementary School effective on September 8, 2014;
15. **Michelle Walden** in the position of Food Service General Worker – Floater for the Wolcott Public Schools effective September 10, 2014;
16. **Wolcott High School's 2014 Fall Volunteer Coaches:**

Charlie Guerrero	Varsity Boys Soccer
Sarah Macary	Varsity Girls Soccer
Jillian Pajak Guerrero	Varsity Cheerleading
Jamie Gaudiosi	Varsity Cheerleading
Jay Prescott	Freshman Football
Mark Bove	Varsity Football
Anthony Bell	Varsity Football
James Maisto	Varsity Football
John Kiely	Varsity Football
Bob Stoeckart	Varsity Football
Pete Pace	Varsity Football

So voted.

**Permission to Teach a 6<sup>th</sup> Class:**

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Lumia, to approve teaching a 6<sup>th</sup> class for half a year by the following person(s) as indicated:  
 Wolcott High School: Engineering Design - John Matthews  
 So voted.

**Approval for a Girls Swim Program:**

Motion: by Ms. DelBuono, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to authorize Rebecca Corsi to practice and compete for Wolcott High School in cooperation with the Naugatuck High School's Girls Swim Team as a one-man team for the 2014-2015 school year. So voted.

**ADD TO THE AGENDA:**

**Approve – Resignation(s):**

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Mrs. Lumia, to add to the agenda a resolution to approve the resignation of a school nurse from Alcott Elementary School. So voted.

Motion by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mr. Buzzelli, to accept the resignation of:  
1. **Nancy Stanton** in the position of School Nurse at Alcott Elementary School effective September 18, 2014.  
So voted.

**Time for the Public:**

Kathy Cordone, 80 Old Boundline Road, spoke on current reforms in education.

**Items for the Next Agenda:**

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Motion: by Ms. DelBuono, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to take a 5 minute recess at 8:45 p.m., then go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the employment of a non-certified employee, and a discussion of a confidential student matter which would result in disclosure of information protected by FERPA.

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to come out of Executive Session and reconvene the regular meeting at 9:33 p.m. So voted.

**ADD TO THE AGENDA:**

**Approve - Nomination:**

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

1. **David Stankus** in the position of Facilities Director for the Wolcott Public Schools effective September 9, 2014.

So voted.

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

1. **David Stankus** in the position of Facilities Director for the Wolcott Public Schools effective September 9, 2014.

So voted.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mr. Lerz, to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:35 p.m. So voted.