



OUR FUTURE IS IN CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

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

**TYRRELL MIDDLE SCHOOL
LARGE GROUP INSTRUCTION ROOM**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT
July 18, 2016**

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 June 20, 2016

III. Communications

IV. Business Manager's Report

A. Budget Transfers

B. Expenditures

V. Superintendent's Report

A. Dr. Gasper's Report

VI. Public Comment

VII. Old Business

VIII. New Business

A. Resignation(s)

B. Rescind Nomination(s)

C. Transfer Between Jobs

D. Nomination(s)

E. Permission to Teach a 6th Class

F. Adopt a Science Textbook - WHS

G. Approve the 2015-2016 Wolcott Public Schools' Annual Report

- H. Authorization to Relocate the Phoenix Alternative Program
- I. Adopt the District Data Growth Plan

IX. Committee Reports

X. Time for the Public

XI. Items for the Next Agenda

XII. Executive Session

Recommended Motion: “that the Board go into executive session to discuss certified personnel matters.”

ADJOURNMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

XIII. Action on Item XII, if Necessary

A. Possible Action on Extending Medical Benefits

B. Possible Transfers Between Jobs

XIV. Remarks by Board Members

XV. Adjournment

Note:

Operations & Programs Committee at 6:30-7:00 p.m. in the Media Center at Tyrrell Middle School: 1) Review a Science Textbook for possible adoption.

Finance Committee at 7:00-7:30 p.m. in the Media Center at Tyrrell Middle School: 1) Budget Transfer; 2) Expenditures; and 3) Business Manager’s Report.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT**

A regular meeting of the Board of Education was held on Monday, June 20, 2016, at Wolcott High 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, Frank Purcaro, Director of Student Learning & Teaching; Kevin Hollis, Director of Student Services; 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; Daniel Caetano, Assistant Principal of Tyrrell Middle School; Shawn Simpson, Principal of Alcott School; Joseph Norcross, Principal of Frisbie School; Robert Nagashima, Principal of Wakelee School; 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. Lumia, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 23, 2016. So voted.

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Lumia, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 6, 2016. So voted.

Motion: by Mrs. Clair, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to approve the minutes of the special meeting of June 15, 2016. So voted.

Communications:

Thank You notes from a recipient of the Olga Krasnovsky Scholarship

Thank You note from Tyrrell Students & Staff

Business Manager's Report:

Budget Transfers:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Lumia, to authorize the transfer of **\$269,338.48** presented in the Business Manager's report. So voted.

Expenditures:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Clair, to approve expenditures in the amount of **\$873,978.69** paid on June 21, 2016 for fiscal year 2015-2016.
So voted.

Superintendent's Report:

The Principals gave the Board two minute updates on the events at their schools.
Mr. Hollis reported on his area of Student Services & Alternative Programs.

Dr. Gasper reported on some of the outstanding accomplishments for the Wolcott Public Schools this year:

- Strides in technology in the classrooms with the addition of Chromebooks in the middle and high schools;
- New math series, envision Math from Pearson Publishing approved for the 2016-2017 school year;
- Wolcott High School honored by the College Boards;
- Frisbie recognized by the State Department of Education as a School of Distinction;
- Alcott, through the HOT School Program, had a resident artist, Nancy Fischel, throughout the school year working with Kindergarten and First grade students on interdisciplinary lessons;
- Frisbie's Principal, Joseph Norcross, earned the recognition of CT Association of Schools' Principal of the Year, and will represent CT elementary schools in Washington at the National Recognition Program and Ceremony;
- Lastly, Dr. Gasper thanked the community and schools for the warm welcome he received during his first school year as Superintendent.

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

Public Comment:

No one came forward.

NEW BUSINESS:**Approve – Resignation(s):**

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mr. Lerz, to accept the resignation(s) of:
1. **Danielle Maringola** in the position of Head Coach of the Varsity Dance Team at Wolcott High School effective immediately.
So voted.

Approve – Nominations:

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

1. **Meagan Angelone** to the position of Library/Media Paraprofessional at Wolcott High School effective August 29, 2016;
2. **Paige Cipriano** to the position of Grade 3 Teacher at Frisbie Elementary School effective August 25, 2016;
3. **Brunida Cironaku** to the position of Food Service General Worker at Wolcott High School effective August 23, 2016;
4. **Angela Cormier** to the position of Special Education Paraprofessional – Life Skills at Wakelee Elementary School effective August 29, 2016;
5. **Anjeza Cuko** to the position of Social Studies Teacher at Wolcott High School effective August 25, 2016;
6. **Sarah Daley** to the position of Food Service General Worker at Wakelee Elementary School effective August 23, 2016;
7. **Jason Downes** to the position of Social Studies Teacher at Tyrrell Middle School effective August 25, 2016;
8. **Jennifer Spino** to the position of Food Service General Worker at Wolcott High School effective August 23, 2016;
9. **2016 Summer Studies Staff:**
 - Emily Cantor - Paraprofessional
 - Mary Devaney - Teacher
 - Sara Gutis – Special Education Teacher Substitute
 - Jennifer Murphy – Special Education Teacher Substitute

So voted.

Permission to Dispose of Outdated Teacher Resource Kits:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Lumia, to grant permission to Alcott Elementary School to discard the following outdated resource kits:

- Five (5) Growing with Math Teacher Resource Kits, and
- One (1) My Sidewalks on Reading Street Teacher Resource Kit

So voted.

Approve a Contract – Videographer:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mr. Gugliotti, to award a contract to **Michael Bruce Video** to furnish equipment and services necessary to video/audio record the meetings of the Wolcott Board of Education for the amount of **\$250.00 per meeting**. So voted.

Committee Reports:

Mrs. Mancini reported that the Finance Committee met earlier and discussed the \$150,000 reduction in the 2016-2017 budget, pending invoices, budget reports, transfer requests, and the May's Health claims.

Mrs. Gubitosi said the Facilities Committee met at 6:30 p.m. and received a report from Mr. Stankus on all school projects and repairs going on during summer break, also District issues.

Time for the Public:

No one came forward.

Items for the Next Agenda:

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: by Ms. Leonard, seconded by Mrs. Clair, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:50 p.m. So voted.

Note: A videotape of this meeting in its entirety can be viewed on the WLCT96 site on the Town of Wolcott's website, www.wolcottct.org.

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – July 18, 2016

RESOLUTION: BUDGET TRANSFER(S)

Resolution from Dr. Anthony Gasper, Superintendent of Schools, to the Honorable Board of Education of the Town of Wolcott, making recommendation

To authorize the transfer of **\$184,849.33** from fiscal year 2015-2016 as presented in the Business Manager's report.

Resolution No. 07-18-16: 7471

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – July 18, 2016

RESOLUTION: EXPENDITURES

Resolution from Dr. Anthony Gasper, Superintendent of Schools, to the Honorable Board of Education of the Town of Wolcott, making recommendation

To approve the August 2016 payroll expenditure in the amount of **\$855,000.**

To approve expenditures in the amount of **\$154,014.36** paid on July 19, 2016 for fiscal year 2015-2016.

To approve expenditures in the amount of **\$771,668.29** paid on July 19, 2016 for fiscal year 2016-2017.

WOLCOTT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT
SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
July 18, 2016

Thanks to support from the Board of Education combined with State grant monies, we have made tremendous strides in adding technology to our schools. When combining purchases from the second half of the 2015-2016 school year with those taking place this summer, we have added more than 750 new devices to our schools. This represents major positive progress in our goal to achieve a one-student-to-one-device ratio across our district. Students and teachers will have much greater opportunity to access software and online resources during the school day. We would like to thank and recognize the efforts of our technology staff in their efforts to support this project's success.

Parents and community members are advised that the district will be conducting a major computer network upgrade on August 9th, 10th, and 11th. During these days, school and office staff may not have access to important student records. Staff may not be able to readily respond to requests for information on these days.

The Wolcott Summer Studies Program is very popular and successful again this summer. The program is running smoothly with lots of smiling faces in the classrooms and hallways. The additional academic offerings – supported by the Board's budget – are well attended and helping students get ready for success in the fall.

Congratulations to Haley Pollo from Wolcott High School who placed first in the SkillsUSA Medical Terminology Championship in Kentucky earlier this month. Haley and her teacher Ms. Lofgren traveled to the championship and we thank them for making us proud.

Thank you to our custodians, maintenance staff, and selected contractors who are helping get our school buildings and grounds ready for the coming school year. Thanks to this especially long summer, students and staff will notice a wide range of cosmetic and functional upgrades to our classrooms, entrance ways, and playgrounds.

The Wolcott Public Schools Annual Report is in the Board Packet for your review. It outlines the large number of positive learning experiences, awards, celebrations, and improvements that we have seen in Wolcott Public Schools this year.

Finally, staff and families are reminded that the first day for certified staff will be August 25th. The first day for students is Monday, August 29th.

Field Trip Chart
BOE Meeting 7-18-16

| Trip ID | Trip | Date | School | # Students | Destination | Objectives | Contact |
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| | | No Trips for Approval | | | | | |
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Fundraiser Report July 18, 2016

| DATE | SCHOOL | GROUP/PERSON | DESCRIPTION OF FUNDRAISER |
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| Aug 6 | WHS | Girls Soccer | Car wash |
| Aug 29 to Sept 14 | Frisbie | PTO | Sell magazines, gift items & food mixes |
| October | Frisbie | PTO | Sell students' artwork on items |

Special Meeting of the Board of Education – July 18, 2016

RESOLUTION: RESIGNATION(S)

Resolution from Dr. Anthony Gasper, Superintendent of Schools, to the Honorable Board of Education of the Town of Wolcott, making recommendation

TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION(S) OF:

1. **Amber Thibeau** in the position of Administrative Assistant to the CASA Grant Director effective June 22, 2016;

(See attached)

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – July 18, 2016

RESOLUTION: RESCIND NOMINATIONS

Resolution from Dr. Anthony Gasper, Superintendent of Schools, to the Honorable Board of Education of the Town of Wolcott, making recommendation

TO RESCIND OFFERS OF EMPLOYMENT TO

1. **Angela McIntyre** from the position of Special Education Teacher (18-21 year old population) at Wolcott High School effective immediately;
2. **Jennifer Spino** from the position of Food Service Worker at Wolcott High School effective immediately.

(See attached)

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – July 18, 2016

RESOLUTION: TRANSFER BETWEEN JOB(S)

Resolution from Dr. Anthony Gasper, Superintendent of Schools, to the Honorable Board of Education of the Town of Wolcott, making recommendation

TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING TRANSFER TO THE POSITION INDICATED:

1. **Cheryl Gray** from the position of Secretary to the Principal at Wolcott High School to the position of Purchasing Coordinator for the Business Office effective September 1, 2016;
2. **Judith Sweeney** from the position of 4.0 hour Food Service Worker at Tyrrell Middle School to the position of 5.0 hour Food Service Worker at Tyrrell Middle School effective August 23, 2016.

(See attached)

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – July 18, 2016

RESOLUTION: NOMINATION(S)

Resolution from Dr. Anthony Gasper, Superintendent of Schools, to the Honorable Board of Education of the Town of Wolcott, making recommendation

TO APPOINT THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) AS INDICATED:

1. **Steve Dreifach** to the position of Special Education Teacher (18-21 year old population) at Wolcott High School effective August 25, 2016;
2. **Julie Fell** to the position of Special Education Teacher at Wolcott High School effective August 25, 2016;
3. **Megan Lefevre** to the position of Grade 1 Teacher at Frisbie Elementary School effective August 25, 2016.

(See attached)

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – July 18, 2016

RESOLUTION: APPROVE TEACHING A SIXTH CLASS

Resolution from Dr. Anthony Gasper, Superintendent of Schools, to the Honorable Board of Education of the Town of Wolcott, making recommendation

To approve teaching a 6th class by the following person(s) as indicated:

Wolcott High School:

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| Carrie Fiske | Academic Support. Large Numbers per IEP's |
| David Niemitz | STEP English |
| Steve Jasulavic | STEP Science |
| Will Balanda | Modern History |
| John Waitkus | Algebra II, College and Career |

Tyrrell Middle School:

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| Lisa Tassinari | French |
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(See attached)

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – July 18, 2016

RESOLUTION: ADOPT A TEXTBOOK

Resolution from Dr. Anthony Gasper, Superintendent of Schools, to the Honorable Board of Education of the Town of Wolcott, making recommendation

To adopt the following textbook:

- 1. Biology, by Dr. Kenneth Miller & Dr. Joseph Levine, Publisher is Pearson Education, Copyright 2014, for Grades 9-12.**

(See Attached)

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – July 18, 2016

**RESOLUTION: APPROVE THE 2015-2016 WOLCOTT PUBLIC SCHOOLS'
ANNUAL REPORT**

Resolution from Dr. Anthony Gasper, Superintendent of Schools, to the Honorable Board of Education of the Town of Wolcott, making recommendation

To approve the 2015-2016 Wolcott Public Schools' Annual Report

(See attached)

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – July 18, 2016

RESOLUTION: RELOCATE THE PHOENIX PROGRAM

Resolution from Dr. Anthony Gasper, Superintendent of Schools, to the Honorable Board of Education of the Town of Wolcott, making recommendation

To approve relocating the Phoenix Alternative Program to the Wolcott High School building.

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – July 18, 2016

RESOLUTION: ADOPT THE DISTRICT GROWTH PLAN

Resolution from Dr. Anthony Gasper, Superintendent of Schools, to the Honorable Board of Education of the Town of Wolcott, making recommendation

To adopt the District Growth Plan as presented by the Superintendent.

(See attached)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

July 18, 2016

Minutes of June 20, 2016
Facilities Committee
Finance Committee

WOLCOTT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT

FACILITIES COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF JUNE 20, 2016

A meeting of the Wolcott Public Schools' Facilities Committee was held on Monday, June 20, 2016, at Tyrrell Middle School. In attendance were: Gloria Gubitosi, Chair of the Facilities Committee; Patricia Najarian, 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, David Stankus, Facilities Director; and Michael Bruce.

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Mrs. Gubitosi.

Mr. Stankus gave the Committee an update on all the school projects and repairs going on during summer break and also District issues.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: by Ms. Leonard, seconded by Mrs. Clair, to adjourn the Facilities Committee meeting at 6:56 p.m. So voted.

WOLCOTT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT

FINANCE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF JUNE 20, 2016

A meeting of the Wolcott Public Schools' Finance Committee was held on Monday, June 20, 2016, at Tyrrell Middle School. In attendance were: Cynthia Mancini, Chair of the Finance Committee; 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, and Arthur Lerz, all Board members. Also in attendance: Dr. Anthony Gasper, Superintendent of Schools.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mrs. Mancini.

The Committee discussed expenditures, budget transfers, and May Health claims. We also discussed the video contract.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Mr. Gugliotti, to adjourn the Finance Committee meeting at 7:07 p.m. So voted.