



OUR FUTURE IS IN CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

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

**TYRRELL MIDDLE SCHOOL
LARGE GROUP INSTRUCTION ROOM**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT
June 10, 2019**

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 May 28, 2019

III. Committee Reports

IV. Communications

A. Thank you cards

B. Thank you essays

C. Letter from a Parent

D. 2019 – 2020 Scholastic Planners from Waterbury Teacher's Credit Union

V. Business Manager's Report

A. Expenditures

B. Transfers

VI. Superintendent's Report

A. Paraprofessional of the Year – Mr. Kevin Hollis

B. Invention Convention – Mrs. Janet Discepolo

C. Dr. Gasper's Report

VII. Public Comment

VIII. Old Business

- IX. **New Business**
 - A. Adjust the 2019 – 2020 Wolcott Board of Education Budget
 - B. Bid Award - Milk
 - C. Nomination(s)
 - D. Consent Agenda
 - 1. Resignation(s)
 - 2. Transfer(s)
- X. **Time for the Public**
- XI. **Items for the Next Agenda**
- XII. **Adjournment**

Note:

Committee of the Whole 6:30 p.m. in the Tyrrell Middle School Library:

- 1. Adjust and Adopt Final Budget
- 2. Discussion of School Renovation Needs
- 3. Business Manager's Report
- 4. Expenditures
- 5. Budget Transfers
- 6. Time for the Public

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT**

A regular meeting of the Board of Education was held on Tuesday, May 28, 2019, at Tyrrell Middle School. In attendance were: Lori DelBuono Bartlett, Chairman of the Board of Education; Cynthia Mancini, Vice Chairman of the Board (joined the meeting at 7:45); Thomas Buzzelli, Christopher Charette, Kathleen Cordone, Paul D'Angelo, Anthony Gugliotti and Kelly Mazza. 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; Dan Ceatano, Assistant Principal of Tyrrell Middle School; Shawn Simpson, Alcott Elementary School Principal; Kimberly Murtaugh, Principal of Frisbie Elementary School; Wayne Natzel, Facilities Director; Robert Cormier, Robotics Team Advisor; Janet Discepolo, Project Explore 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. D'Angelo, seconded by Mr. Buzzelli, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 13, 2019.
So voted.

Committee Reports:

A Committee of the Whole meeting was held at 6:15 p.m., Mr. John Dufour, from All-Star Transportation, came and spoke about the new Transportation Contract. Also during the meeting Finance topics included the Internal Services Report and Health Claims, also reviewed were expenditures and budget transfers. Programs and Operations discussed the posting location for Board of Education agendas and minutes. Facilities discussed mowing of the Wolcott Public Schools fields.

Communications:

Invitation to the CASA, End of Year Celebration;
Invitation to Alcott Schools, Fifth Grade Banquet;
Invitation to Tyrrell Middle Schools, Commencement Exercises;
Invitation to Wolcott High Schools, CAPSTONE Presentations;
Invitation to Waterbury Arts Magnet School, Visual Art Show
Thank you cards.

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

Motion: by Mrs. Mazza, seconded by Mr. D'Angelo, to approve the following Expenditures:
To approve expenditures in the amount of **\$440,360.59** paid on May 29, 2019 for fiscal year 2018-2019.
So voted.

Budget Transfer(s):

Motion: by Mr. Charette, seconded by Mr. Buzzelli, to approve the following Budget Transfers:
To authorize the transfer of **\$141,048.00** from fiscal year 2018-2019 as presented in the Business Manager's report.
So voted.

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Cormier and Mrs. Discepolo along with a high school student and an elementary school student came and gave a presentation to the Board about Team Max and the People Invested in People (P.I.I.P.) Foundation and Project Explores Aquatics Engineering Program. They went on to speak of the curriculum work they had to come up to start a computer boot camp for students in Africa. The student from the High School showed a short video of the students in Africa thanking the students from Wolcott for the computers and technology education that they help bring to Africa.

The student from the elementary school showed a board with pictures and explained what "Team Knowledge Kingdom" has done to help, Wolcott's Team is teamed up with another Team in Guiana, 5,000 miles away. They have "go to meeting" where they help educate the students, which is like talking to them on Skype.

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli seconded by Mr. D'Angelo, to approve the Superintendent's Report.

So voted.

Public Comment:

No one came forward.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Bid Waiver-Security Alarm Monitoring & Maintenance Service:

Motion: by Mr. D'Angelo, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to waive the bid process and award a contract to **Stanley Security** to provide security alarm monitoring and maintenance service for the Wolcott Public Schools for the period July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2021.

So voted.

Acknowledge of Transfer of Membership Interest of Transportation Contract:

Motion: by Mr. D'Angelo, seconded by Mr. Charette, that the Board of Education acknowledges the proposed sale of more than twenty percent (20%) of the ownership interest of the Board's current transportation Contractor, All-Star Transportation, to Student Transportation of America, Inc.; and consents to the assignment of the performance of the requirements of its 2018 to 2023 contract with All Star transportation to Student Transportation of America.

So voted.

Bid Award for Demolition of the Smyth House:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mr. Gugliotti, to award a bid to **Seymour Demolition** for demolition services at the Smyth House in the amount of \$23,800.00, as discussed in the Business Manager's Report.

So voted.

Bid Award for Removal of the Oil Tank at Tyrrell Middle School:

Motion: by Mr. Gugliotti, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to award a bid to **Allstate Power Vac, Inc.** for the removal of the oil tank at Tyrrell Middle School in the amount of \$18,750, as discussed in the Business Manager's Report.

So voted.

Nominations:

Motions: by Mr. Gugliotti to remove Item #7 off the Nomination(s) Resolution

Motions: by Mr. D'Angelo, seconded by Mr. Charette to appoint the following person(s) as indicated:

1. **Anthony Cianchetti** to the position of Assistant Director Summer Studies at Wolcott High School/WSSP effective May 29, 2019;
2. **Courtney Gendron** to the position of ESY Special Education Teacher Pre K at Wolcott High School/WSSP effective June 26, 2019;
3. **Rachel Turner** to the position of ESY Special Education Teacher at Wolcott High School/WSSP effective June 26, 2019;
4. **Elizabeth Beaudoin** to the position of School Psychologist at Frisbie Elementary School effective August 26, 2019;
5. **Amanda Berman** to the position of Integrated Science Teacher at Wolcott High School effective August 26, 2019;
6. **Summer 2019 WSSP Nominations:**
As per attached list.
So voted

Motions: by Mr. D'Angelo, seconded by Mr. Buzzelli to approve Item #7 from the nominations resolution:

7. **2019 – 2020 Stipend Positions:**
As per attached list.
Aye - 7
Nye – 0
Abstained – 1
Motion carries

Consent Agenda:

Motion: by Mr. D'Angelo, seconded by Mr. Buzzelli, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented:

- A. **Posting Location for Board Agendas and Minutes:**
 1. Relocate official posting site of the Board of Education Meeting Agendas and Minutes to the Board of Education offices effective July 1, 2019 as permitted by Connecticut General Statutes section 1-225 (c);
- B. **Accept a Donation:**
 - a. Frisbie Elementary School requests that the Board accepts a donation from Susan Duffy, of the following books: *The Recess Queen* by A. O'Neil, *Revenge of the Living Dummy* by R.L. Stein, and *Book Uncle and Me* by Uma Krishnaswami to be used in the Frisbie School Library.
So Voted.

Time for the Public:

No one came forward.

Items for the Next Agenda:

The next meeting is June 10, 2019 and will be at Tyrrell Middle School.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Mr. D'Angelo, to go into Executive Session for the purposes of discussing the superintendent's contract.
So voted.

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mr. Gugliotti, to come out of Executive Session and reconvene the regular meeting at 8:45 p.m.
So voted.

ACTION ON EXTENSION OF SUPERINTENDENT'S CONTRACT:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mr. D'Angelo, to vote on the superintendent's contract.
So voted

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: by Mr. Charette, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 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.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

June 10, 2019

Committee of the Whole – May 28, 2019

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT**

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The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by Mrs. DelBuono Bartlett.

Mr. Dufour spoke to the Committee of the Whole in regards to the Transfer of the contract from All-Star to Student Transportation of America, Inc. During this discussion there was a recap of issues by the Superintendent. Mr. Bendtsen reviewed the recommendation on the new owner STA. Lastly Mr. Dufour explained he will still maintain the day-to-day, the name will remain All-Star, the stock was bought by STA, But Mr. Dufour will remain President.

Next the Committee had a discussion on the posting location for Board Agendas and minutes. Dr. Gasper gave an overview on the decision to move the official posting location from the Town Clerks office to the Offices of the Board of Education and Superintendent of Schools.

Facilities discussed mowing of the Wolcott Public School's fields. The Superintendent gave a summery. Mr. Natzel gave input in regards to the time it takes for mowing and weed whacking.

Mr. Bendtsen went over the Business Manager's Report, Expenditure's and Transfer Summary.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: by Mrs. DelBuono, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to adjourn the meeting at
6:50 p.m.
So voted.

Resolution No. 06-10-19: 8142

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – June 10, 2019

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 expenditures in the amount of **\$1,037,030.61** paid on June 11, 2019 for fiscal year 2018-2019.

To approve the July 2019 payroll expenditures in the amount of **\$315,000.00** for fiscal year 2019-2020.

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – June 10, 2019

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 **\$17,335.47** from fiscal year 2018-2019 as presented, in the Business Manager's report.

WOLCOTT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT
SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

June 10, 2019

Two Minute School Highlights:

Alcott:

Frisbie:

Wakelee:

Tyrrell:

Wolcott High:

Student Services:

This Friday, we will celebrate the graduation of 210 seniors from Wolcott High School. We have much to be proud of: eight students will enter military service either directly or via programs at four-year universities; fourteen will go directly to work; nine percent will enter trade schools; twenty percent will enter two year colleges; and fifty-five percent will enter four-year colleges. All told, eighty-six percent of our graduates will pursue further education after leaving Wolcott High School. Having visited the school dozens of times over their four-year career at Wolcott High School, I know that their teachers have worked hard to prepare them for what's next. This was further confirmed when I visited Capstone presentations on Wednesday and saw the ways in which students are giving back to the broader community. Congratulations graduates and families.

The summer is a busy time for our school system. Our custodians and maintenance crews will be busy getting our school buildings and grounds ready for our first day on August 28th. The Wolcott Summer Studies Program will likely host six hundred students at Wolcott High School. And our administrators and business office will be working hard to ensure that all necessary supplies and resources are purchased and delivered in time.

I'd like to commend our two students who were invited to Michigan for the national-level Invention Convention: Sarah Lamphere from Wakelee School and Emersyn Mazza from Alcott School. We're proud of both of these students and especially happy to report that Sarah was recognized at the national level for her project called *The Pet Puller*. It is used for pets that are difficult to remove from pet carriers because they stay towards the back of the carrier. Congratulations, Sarah!

I'd also like to recognize our staff members who had perfect attendance this year. Kate Murphy, Alcott's Administrative Assistant for a total of fourteen years, Nick Gallulo for two years running and Tyler Meccariello for four years running, both from Wolcott High School. Thanks to these staff members for their dedicated service.

Finally, with the Town Council's passage of a budget that includes only a very small decrease for the education budget, we are looking forward to implementing a wide variety of strategic projects that are specifically directed at the Board's vision of the graduate across all of our schools that we feel students and teachers will enjoy throughout the 2019-2020 school year.

Have a relaxing summer!

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – June 10, 2019

**RESOLUTION: ADJUST THE 2019-2020 WOLCOTT BOARD OF EDUCATION
BUDGET**

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

To approve the revised Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Wolcott Board of Education Budget in the amount of **\$35,524,031**; representing a **\$65,000** reduction from the originally-adopted budget.

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – June 10, 2019

RESOLUTION: BID AWARD – MILK

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

To approve the bid and award a contract to **Wade's Dairy, Inc.** to provide milk to the Wolcott Public Schools with fluctuating prices for the 2019-2020 school year.

(See attached)

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – June 10, 2019

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. 2019 – 2020 Winter Coaches:**
 - Wolcott High School**
 - Matt Craig Varsity Boys Basketball
 - Jim Maisto Junior Varsity Boys Basketball
 - Marty DiTuccio Varsity Girls Basketball
 - Ron Cyr Junior Varsity Girls Basketball
 - Joe Murphy Freshman Girls Basketball
 - Jill Guerrera Varsity Cheer
 - Scott Rossignol Assistant Cheer
 - Becky Riviezzo Head Boys & Girls Indoor Track
 - Briana Daniele Assistant Indoor Track
 - Chris Riviezzo Assistant Indoor Track
 - Brittany Biolo Dance
 - Brittany Garguilo Head Unified Coach
 - Alyssa Giedra Unified Faculty Manager
 - Charlie Guerrera Assistant Unified Coach

(See attached)

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – June 10, 2019

RESOLUTION: CONSENT AGENDA

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

TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED:

1. Resignation(s):

- a. **Carol Cote** in the position of Food Service Manager at Tyrrell Middle School for the purpose of retirement effective the end of the 2018 - 2019 school year;
- b. **Tracie Guerrero** in the position of Lunch Monitor at Wakelee School effective the end of the 2018 – 2019 school year;
- c. **Barbara Thompson** in the position of Special Education Teacher at Wakelee School for the purpose of retirement effective the end of the 2018 – 2019 school year.

2. Transfer(s):

- a. **Amy Kowynia** from the position of Special Education Paraprofessional at Alcott School to the position of Kindergarten Paraprofessional at Alcott School effective August 28, 2019.

(See attached)