

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT**

A Board of Education meeting was held on Monday, June 23, 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, Roberta Leonard, and Kimberly Lumia, all Board members. Also in attendance: Joseph Macary, Superintendent of Schools; Frank Purcaro, Director of Curriculum and Professional Development; Joseph Monroe, Principal of Wolcott High School; Holly Wrenn, 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; Robert Cormier, Teacher at Wolcott High School; a WEA Representative; and Joan Gray, Board Clerk.

The regular Board meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m., the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: by Ms. Leonard, seconded by Mrs. Clair, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 9, 2014. So voted.

Communications:

Thank you note from the Meusers

Thank you letter from Mr. Curley

Letter to the Waterbury Cable Council from Mr. Curley

Business Manager's Report:

Budget Transfers:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Lumia, to authorize the transfer of **\$197,495.86** presented in the Business Manager's report.
So voted.

Expenditures:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Lumia, to approve expenditures in the amount of **\$1,108,249.24** paid on June 25, 2014 for fiscal year 2013-2014. So voted.

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Cormier reported on the Robotics Teams sponsored by the Wolcott Public Schools, and WHS' Team gave a demonstration of their robot that they built.

Mrs. Lydia Tedone, past President of CAFE, presented the Board with two Communication Awards. One for an article on energy conservation in the District, *Wolcott Goes Green*, and second, Wolcott High School's Student Handbook for 2013-2014.

The Principals gave two minute updates on their schools. Mrs. Iles reported on the activities supported by Student Services.

Wolcott Summer Studies is starting on June 30th. The Program is held at Tyrrell Middle School for five weeks from 8:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Monday to Friday. There are approximately 400 students signed up for the program.

The Wolcott Public School conducts an annual "end of the year" survey. It can be accessed on the District's website, www.wolcottps.org to participate.

The next Board of Education meeting will be at Tyrrell Middle School on July 21st.

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

Public Comment:

Kathy Cordone, 80 Old Boundline Road, spoke about the adoption of the revised Teacher/Administrators Evaluation and Support Plans, which are on the agenda.

Committee Reports:

Mrs. Gubitosi reported the Facilities Committee met at 6:30 and reviewed summer projects, Mr. Stankus' energy conservation efforts over the summer, and the security project.

Mrs. Mancini said the Finance Committee met earlier. Pending invoices, budget reports for fiscal year 2013-2014, oil bid and prices, and the milk bid were discussed.

Mrs. Clair reported on the Special Need Games and thanked all the students, administrators, and teams that helped out.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Approve – Resignation:

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

1. **Dawn Bertrand** in the position of Paraprofessional - Primary at Frisbie School at the end of the 2013-2014 school year;
2. **Lori Galvin** in the position of Reading Specialist at Wakelee School at the end of the 2013-2014 school year;
3. **Anthony Gentile** in the position of Applied Education Teacher at Wolcott High School effective at the end of the 2013-2014 school year;
4. **Vanessa Slebonick** in the position of General Food Service Worker at Wakelee School effective at the end of the 2013-2014 school year;
5. **Christina VanOrmer** in the position of Girls' Soccer Team Coach at Tyrrell Middle School effective for the 2014 season.

So voted.

Rescind a Resignation:

Motion: by Mrs. Clair, seconded by Mr. Buzzelli, to rescind the resignation of Joe DiLeo and restating him to the position of .4 SHAPE Counselor at Wolcott High School. So voted.

Request a Leave:

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to approve Taryn Villano-Corso, School Counselor at Wolcott High School, request for an unpaid leave of absence from her position until the beginning of the second semester of the 2014-2015 school year. So voted.

Approve – Transfer Between Jobs:

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mr. Buzzelli, to approve the following transfers to the positions indicated:

1. **Erik Chupron** from the position of Physical Education Teacher at the three Elementary Schools to the position of 1.0 Physical Education Teacher at Alcott Elementary School effective August 25, 2014;

2. **John Richardson** from the position of Math Teacher at Wolcott High School to the position of Grade 8 Math Teacher at Tyrrell Middle School effective August 25, 2014;
3. **Lisa Riggi** from the position of Physical Education Teacher at Alcott School to the position of Physical Education Teacher at Wolcott High School effective August 25, 2014.

So voted.

Approve – Nominations:

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

1. **Samantha Barrett** in the position of French Teacher at Wolcott High School effective on August 25, 2014;
2. **Stacey Caouette** in the position of Grade 4 Teacher at Alcott Elementary School effective on August 25, 2014;
3. **Matt Craig** in the position of Cross Country Track Coach at Wolcott High School effective with the 2014 fall season;
4. **Kerianne Falencki** in the position of Grade 2 Teacher at Wakelee Elementary School effective on August 25, 2014;
5. **Tara Jackson** in the position of Special Education Teacher at Tyrrell Middle School effective on August 25, 2014;
6. **Heather MacDonald** in the position of Special Education Teacher at Frisbie Elementary School effective on August 25, 2014;
7. **Krista Maruccu-Nori** in the position of Grade 3 Teacher at Alcott Elementary School effective on August 25, 2014;
8. **Michelle McNerney** in the position of Grade 2 Teacher at Frisbie Elementary School effective on August 25, 2014;
9. **Danielle Medeiros** in the position of Grade 1 Teacher at Frisbie Elementary School effective on August 25, 2014;
10. **2014 Summer Custodial Workers** for the District as follows:
 - Michael France
 - Zachary Maisto
 - Michael Meier
 - Paula Meier
 - Austin Miller
 - Tyler Prescott
 - Jeffrey Vance
11. **2014-2015 Stipend Positions** as follows:

<u>District</u>	
K-12 English/LA Coordinator	Bruce McIntire
K-12 PE/Wellness Coordinator	Lisa Riggi
Central Office Technology Coordinator	Sara Tedesco

Sub Coordinator

Tammi Treen

Wolcott High School:**Department Heads:**

Physical Education/Wellness	Lisa Riggi
Career & Tech Ed	John Matthews
Special Education	Sarah McOmber
World Language/Music & Art	Tom Pelosi
Social Studies	Joe Morgan
English	Bruce McIntire
Guidance	Giovanna Ramos
Technology Coordinator	Sheila Distasio
Drama Advisor	Laura Solocius
Robotics Team Advisor	Rob Cormier
Choral-Show Choir Advisor	Laura Solocius
Yearbook Advisors	Kristin Klemeshefsky/ Kristen Ferguson
Parliamentarian Advisor	Will Balanda
Senior Class Advisor	Audra Majewski/ Michelle Thies
National Honor Society Advisor	Deb Stange/Michelle Thies
Pep Band Advisor	Justin Clement
Jazz Band Advisor	Justin Clement
FCCLA Advisor	Chuck Tutalo
DECA Advisor	Jay Pace/Charlie Guerrero
Community Service Advisor	Nancy Nevins
Skills USA Advisor	Chris Lofgren

Tyrrell Middle School:**Team Leaders:**

Diamond	Nina Mascetti-Johnson/ Sarah Garbus
Platinum	Jill Wright
Granite	Eileen Simon
Marble	Karen Trovato
Pearl	Pamela Conway
Onyx	Lisa Roman/Scott Blacker
Silver	Katherine Jones
Technology Coordinator	Sara Tedesco
Drama Advisor	Katie Jones
Construction Engineering Club Advisor	Steve Mirto
National Junior Honor Society Advisor	Kerri Baker
Student Council Advisor	Sarah Garbus

Chess Club Advisor
Yearbook Advisor
Writing Club Advisor
Video Production Club Advisor
Homework Club Advisors

Michelle LaRochelle
Marian Boisvert
Joanne Mumley
Todd Jones
Scott Blacker/Amy D’Ettore/
Joanne Mumley/
John Richardson

Alcott Elementary School:

Head Teacher
Technology Coordinator

Bethann Sickles
Lisa Goldberg

Frisbie Elementary School:

Head Teacher
Technology Coordinator

Rosa Ramalhete
Nancy Warzecha

Wakelee Elementary School:

Head Teacher
Technology Coordinator

Kimberly Murtaugh
Joe Cornelio

All Board Members voted “aye”, except Mrs. Lumia who abstained from the vote. The motion carries.

Permission to Dispose of Damaged Books::

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Lumia, to approve Frisbie Elementary School’s Library request for permission to dispose of damaged books as per the presented list. So voted.

Accept a WEF Grant Award:

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to approve and accept the Wolcott Education Foundation’s Grant Award as follows:

1. Janet Discepolo \$ 500.00
School: Alcott Elementary School
Project Title: Poetry Extravaganza

So voted.

Adopt the Revised Evaluation & Support Plans:

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to adopt the revised Wolcott Public School’s System for Educator Evaluation and Support Plan and the System for Administrator Evaluation and Support Plan. So voted.

Bid Award – Milk:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to approve the bid and award a contract to **Wades Dairy, Inc.** to provide milk to the Wolcott Public Schools with firm prices for the 2014-2015 school year. So voted.

Out of State Conference:

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Mrs. Clair, to approve the following out-of-state conferences:
Eileen Girgenti, Food Service Director, requests permission to attend the School Nutrition Association Summer Conference 2014 being held at the Convention and Exhibit Center in Boston on July 15, 2014. So voted.

Bid Waiver:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to waive the bid for the Teacher's Room Renovations at Wolcott High School. So voted.

ADD TO THE AGENDA:**Approve – Nomination:**

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to add to the agenda to appoint a Transitional Coordinator at Wolcott High School.
So voted.

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

1. **Katherine Bryant** in the position of Transition Coordinator at Wolcott High School effective on August 25, 2014.

So voted.

Time for the Public:

Kathy Cordone, 80 Old Boundline Road, spoke on Common Core..

Items for the Next Agenda:

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to take a 5 minute recess at 8:45 p.m., then go into Executive Session for consideration of action to enforce or implement legal relief or a legal right.

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to come out of Executive Session and reconvene the regular meeting at 10:14 p.m. So voted.

ADD TO THE AGENDA:

Authorize the Superintendent:

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mr. Buzzelli, to add to the agenda a resolution authorizing the Superintendent to act on a transportation issue. So voted.

Motion by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mr. Buzzelli, to authorize the Superintendent to work with legal counsel to file a claim to assert the Board's legal right regarding a transportation contract. So voted.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to adjourn the regular meeting at 10.17 p.m. So voted.