

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

A Board of Education meeting was held on Monday, September 21, 2015, at Tyrrell Middle 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, 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 Student Learning and Teaching; Shaye Sheehan, Interim Director of Student Services; Rosa Ramalhete, Supervisor of Special Education; 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; Stacey Hart, Teacher at Wolcott High School; 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 Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 8, 2015.

Communications:

Rotella Monthly Montage – September 2015
ACES Annual Report 2014-2015

Business Manager's Report:

Expenditures:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Lumia, to approve the following expenditures:

To approve expenditures in the amount of **\$960,390.93** paid on September 22, 2015 for fiscal year 2015-2016.
So voted.

Superintendent's Report:

Miss Hart introduced her Wolcott High School Students, who reported on the international tour they went on this summer to Ireland, London and Paris.

The School Principals gave two minute reports on the activities at their schools. Each one also thanked Mr. Macary for his years of service to their students.

Mr. Purcaro gave the Board a report on professional development, curriculum and student assessments.

Mr. Macary reported that the Board of Education is seeking to identify and notify the parents or legal guardians of children who may be in need of Americans with Disabilities Act section 504 services. He advised, "If you have a child with a handicap that substantially limits one or more major life activity and who is not currently identified, please contact your building Principal or Mr. Walter Drewry, District ADA 504 Coordinator at 203 879-8164."

The Parent Portal is a feature available to Middle and High School parents, which allows access to their child's attendance, grades, assignments, etc.

Mr. Macary thanked the Board of Education for its support and continued confidence in him for the past 11 years. He stated it was an honor and privilege to serve the students of Wolcott in the capacity of Superintendent of Schools.

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mr. Buzzelli, to approve the Superintendent's Report. So voted.

The Board Members thanked Mr. Macary for his years of service to the Wolcott Public Schools.

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to take a recess for a reception for Mr. Macary.

Mrs. Najarian called the meeting back to order.

Public Comment:

No one came forward

Committee Reports:

Mrs. Mancini said that the Finance Committee met earlier and reviewed pending invoices, budget reports, the Latchkey Program's Profit and Loss statement, the bid summary sheet for #2 Fuel Oil and Diesel, and the electricity contract and actuarial valuation and review as of September 1, 2014.

Mrs. Lumia said that the Negotiations Committee is in ongoing negotiations. The next scheduled meeting is on October 20th.

NEW BUSINESS:

Approve – Out of State Conference:

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mrs. Clair, to approve the following out-of-state conference:

1. **Amanda Gorton**, School Psychologist, requests permission to attend the workshop entitled "Informal Dynamic Assessment & Core Treatment Strategies; Implementing Social Thinking Concepts & Vocabulary: A Day to Develop Team Creativity" being held September 28-29, 2015 in Boston, MA by the organization Social Thinking.

So voted.

Approve – Out of State Field Trip:

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to approve the following out-of- state field trip:

1. Tyrrell Middle School's Grade 8 Students (200) request permission to go to Salem, MA on October 30, 2015 for a study of the events of the Salem Witch Trials.

So voted.

Adopt Revised/New Board Policies – Initial Vote:

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Mr. Lerz, to adopt on initial vote the following Board policies:

1. Revised Policies:
 - Policy 5113 – Students – Attendance/Excuses/Dismissal
 - Policy 5114 – Students – Suspension & Expulsion/Due Process
 - Policy 5141.21 – Students – Administering Medication
 - Policy 5141.3 – Students – Immunizations
2. New Policy:
 - Policy 5144.1 – Students – Physical Restraints/Seclusion

So voted.

Adopt Revised Curriculum – Initial Vote:

Motion: by Mrs. Clair, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to adopt on initial vote the following curriculum:

Tyrrell Middle School

- 1. Art (Grade 6-8)

Wolcott High School

- 1. Advanced Team Sports (Grades 11 & 12)
- 2. Career and Technology Education (Grades 9-12)
- 3. Ceramics/Pottery (Grades 9-12)
- 4. Civics (Grade 10)
- 5. Concert Band (Grades 9-12)
- 6. Concert Choir (Grades 9-12)
- 7. Contemporary Issues (Grades 11 & 12)
- 8. Drawing (Grades 9-12)
- 9. French I (Grades 9-12)
- 10. Individual and Family Development (Grades 11-12)
- 11. Jazz Band (Grades 9-12)
- 12. Latin I (Grades 9-12)
- 13. Life Long Fitness and Adventure (Grades 11 & 12)
- 14. Show Choir (Grades 9-12)
- 15. Spanish 3 (Grades 10-12)
- 16. Wellness (Grade 9)
- 17. Wellness (Grade 10)

So voted.

Bid Award – #2 Fuel Oil & Diesel:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mr. Lerz, to approve the bid and award a contract to **Dime Oil** for #2 Fuel Oil and Diesel in the following amounts:

#2 Fuel Oil	\$.1697	Mark-up (Prepayment Option)
Diesel	\$.1697	Mark-up (Prepayment)

So voted.

Approve a Stipend Position:

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Mr. Lerz, to create the following stipend position at Wolcott High School:

- 1. Math Club Advisor (Category C)

So voted.

Approve a Contract:

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to table to executive session to

approve the contract agreement between the Wolcott Board of Education and the Wolcott Public School Administrators' Council for the period July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2020. So voted.

ADD TO THE AGENDA:

Bid Waiver:

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to add to the agenda to waive the bid and award a contract to **Suez Electric** to provide electricity for the Wolcott Public Schools until November 2018. So voted.

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Time for the Public:

No one came forward.

Items for the Next Agenda:

Final votes on policies and curriculum.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Mrs. Lumia, to go into Executive Session for discussion of a collective bargaining agreement (certified employees) and discussion of the contract of the Superintendent of Schools.
So voted.

Motion: by Mr. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to come out of Executive Session and reconvene the regular meeting at 9:22 p.m. So voted.

Approve a Contract:

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to approve the contract agreement between the Wolcott Board of Education and the Wolcott Public School Administrators' Council for the period July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2020.
All Board Members voted "aye", except Mr. Buzzelli who abstained from the vote.
The motion carries.

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

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Lumia, to add to the agenda to appoint the following person as indicated:

1. **Dr. Thomas Smyth Jr.** in the position of Interim Superintendent of Schools for the Wolcott Public Schools effective September 28, 2015 at the per diem rate of \$600.

So voted.

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1. **Dr. Thomas Smyth Jr.** in the position of Interim Superintendent of Schools for the Wolcott Public Schools effective September 28, 2015 at the per diem rate of \$600.

The following Board Members voted “aye”: Mrs. Clair, Mrs. Gubitosi, Mrs. Lumia, Mrs. Mancini, and Mrs. Najarian.

The following Board Members voted “no”: Mr. Buzzelli, Ms. Leonard, and Mr. Lerz.

The motion carries.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mr. Lerz, to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:25 p.m. So voted.