

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT**

A meeting of the Board of Education was held on Monday, March 09, 2020, at Tyrrell Middle School. In attendance were: Cynthia Mancini, Chairman of the Board; Paul D'Angelo, Vice Chairman of the Board; Roberta Leonard, Secretary of the Board; Christopher Charette, Kathleen Cordone, Tony Gugliotti, Sean Hughes, Timothy McMurray, and Kelly Mazza. Also in attendance: Dr. Anthony Gasper, Superintendent of Schools, Shawn Simpson, Assistant Superintendent; Todd Bendtsen, Business Manager; Kevin Hollis, Director of Student Services; Rosa Ramalhete, Supervisor 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; Joseph Norcross, Principal of Tyrrell Middle School; Dan Caetano, Tyrrell Middle School; Matthew Calabrese, Principal of Alcott Elementary School; Kimberly Murtaugh, Principal of Frisbie Elementary School; Deborah Osvald, Wakelee Elementary School; Ethel Grant, CAFE; and Jessica Kenny, Board Clerk.

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m. by Mrs. Cynthia Mancini, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Mrs. Mancini then read the Wolcott Public Schools' Mission Statement.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: by Mr. Gugliotti, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 10, 2020.

So voted

Motion: by Mr. Gugliotti, seconded by Mrs. Mazza, to approve the minutes of the special meeting of February 19, 2020;

So voted.

APPROVED



Cynthia Mancini, BOE Chairman
Wolcott Public Schools

- Motion: by Mr. Gugliotti, seconded by Mr. Charette, to approve the minutes of the special meeting of February 24, 2020;
So voted.
- Motion: by Mr. Gugliotti, seconded by Mrs. Mazza, to approve the minutes of the special meeting of February 27, 2020.
So voted.
- Motion: by Mr. Gugliotti, seconded by Mr. Charette, to approve the minutes of the special meeting of March 03, 2020.
So voted.

Committee Reports:

A committee of the Whole meeting was held at 6:30, topics included Budget Workshop Discussion the Business Manager's Report, Budget Transfers, and Expenditures.

Communications:

Wolcott High School Gown Order;
Thank you card;
Rotella Monthly Montage

Business Manager's Report:

Expenditures:

- Motion: by Mr. Gugliotti, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to approve the following expenditures:
To approve expenditures in the amount of \$823,956.99 paid on March 10, 2020;
To approve the April 2020 payroll expenditures in the amount of \$2,250,000.00 for fiscal year 2019-2020.
So voted.

Superintendent's Report:

Dr. Gasper gave a special thank you to the Board of Education from the students, teachers, and staff in appreciation of Board Appreciation Month.

Ms. Grant from CABE was in attendance to present the 2019 Bonnie B. Carney Communications Award of Excellence to the Wolcott Public Schools for the 2018-2019 Wolcott High School Parent/Student Handbook. Dr. Gasper also recognized Wolcott High School for their Courses of Studies which received an Honorable Mention from CABE.

Each Principal from all the schools gave a two-minute highlight on each building. The Assistant Superintendent also gave highlights.

The Superintendent also spoke on the 2020-2021 Budget and on COVID – 19.

Motion: by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Charette, to approve the Superintendent's Report. So voted.

Public Comment:

No one came forward.

OLD BUSINESS:

Approval of Course of Studies Guide 2020-2021:

Motion: by Mr. D'Angelo, seconded by Mr. Hughes to approve on final vote the Wolcott High School's Course of Studies Guide 2020-2021.
So voted

NEW BUSINESS:

Adopt 2020-2021 Wolcott Public Schools' Budget:

Motion: by Mr. Gugliotti, seconded by Mr. Charette, to adopt on initial vote the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year Wolcott Public Schools' Budget in the amount of \$35,920,406.00.
So voted.

Nominations:

Motion: by Mr. Gugliotti, seconded by Mr. D'Angelo, to appoint the individual(s) as indicated:

1. **Avril Arzu** to the position of Lunch Aide at Frisbie School effective March 11, 2020;
2. **Veronica Egas** to the position of Spanish Teacher at Wolcott High School effective with the 2020-2021 School Year;
3. **Mildred Gonzalez** to the position of Special Education Paraprofessional at Wolcott High School effective March 10, 2020;
4. **Melissa Green** to the position of Special Education Paraprofessional at Wakelee School effective March 11, 2020;
5. **Jamie Northway** to the position of Special Education Paraprofessional at Alcott School, effective March 10, 2020;
6. **Elizabeth Untiet** to the position of Food Service Cook at Frisbie School effective March 10, 2020.

So voted

Approve 2021-2022 School Calendar:

Motion: by Mr. Gugliotti, seconded by Ms. Leonard to approve on initial vote the 2021-2022 school calendar as presented.
so voted.

Consent Agenda:

Motion: by Mr. Gugliotti, seconded by Mrs. Mazza, to table items #2 and #3 on the consent Agenda:

2. Out of State Field Trips:

- a. **Wakelee School's Grade 4** (63) requests permission to go to Old Sturbridge Village in Sturbridge, MA on April 24, 2020, for the purpose of research and experience life in colonial times.
- b. **Tyrrell Middle School's 7th grade Science class** (20) request permission to go to the Florida Keys and Everglades from June 21, 2021 to June 25, 2021, to study relationships between organisms and their environment.

3. Amend an Out of State Field Trip:

- a. Wolcott High School's Nursing and Anatomy and Physiology classes request to amend the date of their field trip to the Boston Science Museum that was previously approved by the board to April 3, 2020;

Motion: by Mr. D'Angelo, seconded by Mr. Gugliotti to approve Item #1, #4, and #5 as presented on the consent agenda:

1. Resignation(s):

- a. **Doreen Miller** from the position of Food Service Worker at Tyrrell Middle School, for the purposes of retirement, effective May 01, 2020;
- b. **Pamela Miller** from the position of Paraprofessional at Alcott School, for the purposes of retirement, effective the end of the 2019-2020 School Year;
- c. **Jeremiah Regimbald** from the position of Music Teacher at Tyrrell Middle School, effective June 30, 2020.

4. Accept a Donation:

- a. Alcott Elementary School request permission to accept a \$200.00 donation from Alcott's Retired Teachers to purchase Library books in the memory of Mrs. Beverly Fulmer;
- b. Alcott Elementary School request permission to accept a donation from Wolcott Public Library of a rectangle table for Alcott's Library.

5. Permission to Participate in a Research Study

- a. To allow Wolcott High School to participate in a Gender Achievement Gap Study as presented.

So voted.

Time for the Public:

No one came forward

Items for the Next Agenda:

The next meeting is March 23rd and will be at Tyrrell Middle School.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Gugliotti, to adjourn the meeting at
8:11 p.m. So voted.

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