

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

A Board of Education meeting was held on Monday, February 10, 2014, at Frisbie Elementary 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, Lori DelBuono, Roberta Leonard, Arthur Lerz, and Kimberly Lumia, all Board members. Also in attendance: Joseph Macary, Superintendent of Schools; Frank Purcaro, Director of Curriculum and Professional Development; Todd Bendtsen, Business Manager; 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; Shawn Simpson, Assistant Principal of Tyrrell Middle 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; a WEA Representative; Marie Bartz, Kathy Colavecchio, and Kimberly Ryan, all Grade 4 Teachers at Frisbie School; and Joan Gray, Board Clerk.

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m., and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: by Ms. Leonard, seconded by Ms. DelBuono, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 13, 2014. So voted.

Communications:

Thank you note – The Dunn Family
Thank you note – The Murphy Family
Thank you note – Mr. Allen
Thank you letter – Junior Women's Club of Wolcott
The CABE Journals – February 2014

Business Manager's Report:

Expenditures:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to approve the March 2014 payroll expenditure in the amount of \$1,322,000.
To approve expenditures in the amount of \$1,350,530.86 paid on February 11, 2014 for fiscal year 2013-2014.
So voted.

Superintendent's Report:

Mrs. Bartz, Mrs. Colavecchio and Miss Ryan introduced three Frisbie students, Jordan Chamberlain, Jacob Dellavecchia, and Kaitlyn Ouellette, who read from their journals about the weekend that Humphrey stayed with their families.

The Principals and Mrs. Iles gave two minute updates on their schools and Student Services for the District.

Starting with their January meeting, the Board of Education will be rotating their meeting schedule to visit all five schools over the next few months. Their next meeting will be at Tyrrell Middle School.

Pre-registration for Kindergarten and the Pre-K Program lottery is underway for January and February. Please call the 203 879-8183 and 203 879-8178 to register.

Safety and security continue to be a top priority for the Wolcott Public Schools. Training and practice drills are being conducted in all our schools to be properly prepared for any crisis or incident.

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

Public Comment:

No one came forward.

Committee Reports:

Mrs. Mancini reported that prior to the meeting the Finance Committee met and received a presentation by the Superintendent on the proposed 2014-2015 budget. They also reviewed pending invoices, and the internal service report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Adopt the Wolcott Public Schools 2014-2019 Goals – Final Vote:

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Mrs. Lumia, to adopt on final vote the draft of the 2014-2019 Wolcott Public Schools Mission Statement and Goals.
So voted.

NEW BUSINESS:**Approve – Resignation:**

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Ms. DelBuono, to accept the resignation of:
1. **Daniel Boutot** in the position of Maintenance Worker for the Wolcott Public Schools for the purpose of retirement effective February 28, 2014.
So voted.

Approve – Transfer Between Jobs:

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mr. Buzzelli, to approve the following transfer to the position indicated:
1. **Ann Bourassa** from the position of Food Service Worker Floater for the District to the position of Food Service General Worker at Wolcott High School effective February 11, 2014.
So voted.

Approve – Nominations:

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to appoint the following person(s) as indicated:
1. **Charise Courtney** in the position of Junior Varsity Softball Coach at Wolcott High School effective February 11, 2014, pending certification;
2. **Fallon Mesaros** in the position of Special Education Paraprofessional at Maloney Magnet School effective on February 11, 2014;
3. **Jason Pearson** in the position of Softball Coach at Tyrrell Middle School effective February 11, 2014, pending certification.
So voted.

Approval – Out of State Field Trip(s):

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mr. Buzzelli, to approve the following out-of-state field trips:
1. Tyrrell Middle School's Project Explore Grade 6 Students (30) request permission to go to the New York City's Botanical Gardens on April 9, 2014 to attend a workshop entitled "The Role of Plants in Water Cycle."
2. Wolcott High School Cheerleaders (16) request permission to change the date of their Board approved trip to Myrtle Beach, SC to attend the Cheer Nationals from March 14-17 to March 13-17, 2014.
So voted.

Permission to Discard Equipment:

- Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to approve the following:
1. Food Services requests permission to dispose of an inoperative refrigerator at Frisbie School - Hobart model number 049715A, Asset Tag #04763;
 2. Student Services Department requests permission to dispose of outdated equipment as per the attached list.
- So voted.

Approve a District Child Nutrition Standard:

- Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to approve the following certification statement:

On behalf of the Wolcott Board of Education:

Pursuant to section 10-215f of the Connecticut General Statutes, we hereby certify that all food items offered for sale to students in the school(s) under our jurisdiction, and not exempted from the Connecticut Nutrition Standards published by the Connecticut State Department of Education, will meet said standards during the period of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. Such certification shall include all food offered for sale to students separately from reimbursable meals at all times and from all sources, including but not limited to, school stores, vending machines, school cafeterias, and any fundraising activities on school premises, whether or not school sponsored.

We hereby acknowledge that the Wolcott Board of Education, will exclude from certification food and beverage items that do not meet the Connecticut Nutrition Standards, provided that (1) such food is sold in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend, (2) such sale is at the location of the event, and (3) such food is not sold from a vending machine or school store.

So voted.

Approve an Out of State Conference:

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

1. **Holly Jayne**, Business Teacher at Wolcott High School, requests permission to attend a workshop entitled "40 Personal Finance Lessons Tied to the Common Core and C3 Framework" being held February 19, 2014 in New York City at the Science, Industry and Business Library.

So voted.

Time for the Public:

Kathy Cordone, 80 Old Boundline Road, commented on the Smarter Balance Field Test.

Items for the Next Agenda:

The next Board meeting 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 Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mr. Buzzelli, to take a 5 minute recess at 8:25 p.m., then go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the discipline of classified employees, and the employment of a certified teacher. So voted.

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Lumia, to come out of Executive Session and reconvene the regular meeting at 10:03 p.m. So voted.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Mrs. Clair, to adjourn the regular meeting at 10:04 p.m. So voted.