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MONDAY
7:30 P.M.

GOOGLE MEET
PHONE # 1 319-449-2662 (PIN: 194 534 451#)

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BOARD OF EDUCATION
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT
June 21, 2021

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 June 07, 2021

III. Committee Reports

IV. Communications

V. Business Manager's Report

A. Expenditures

B. Budget Transfers

VI. Superintendent's Report

A Superintendent's Report

VII. Public Comment

VIII. Old Business

- IX. New Business
 - A. Bid Award
 - B. Nomination(s)
 - C. Consent Agenda
 - 1. Resignation(s)
 - 2. Transfer(s)
 - 3. Dispose of Equipment
- X. Public Comment
- XI Items for the Next Agenda
- XII. Adjournment

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT**

A regular meeting of the Board of Education was held on Monday, June 07, 2021, on Google Meet. 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, Kelly Mazza, and Timothy McMurray, all Board members. Also in attendance: Dr. Anthony Gasper, Superintendent of Schools; Shawn Simpson, Assistant Superintendent; Todd Bendtsen, Business Manager; Rosa Ramalhete, Supervisor of Student Services; Joseph Morgan, Assistant Principal of Wolcott High School; Dan Caetano, Assistant Principal of Tyrrell Middle School; Kim Murtaugh, Principal of Frisbie School; Jessica Abbott, Facilities Director; Nicole Lefebvre, Food Service Director; Jeremy DeRoy, Director of IT; and Jessica Kenny, Board Clerk.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mrs. Cynthia Mancini, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a moment of silence was given for Mrs. Noreen Morgan. Mrs. Mancini then read the Wolcott Public Schools' Mission Statement.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: by Mr. Gugliotti, seconded by Mrs. Mazza, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 24, 2021.
So voted

Committee Reports:

None to report

Communications:

None.

Business Manager's Report:

Mr. Bendtsen gave his report on variable accounts, budget reports, pending vendor invoices, payroll, current fund balance, outplacements, purchase property service, oil, gas and propane, electricity, high cost claims, and health claims.

Expenditures:

Motion: by Mr. Gugliotti, seconded by Mrs. Cordone, to approve expenditures for **\$691,119.05** paid on June 08, 2021 for fiscal year 2020-2021.

To approve the July 2021 payroll estimate in the amount of **450,000.00**
So voted.

Transfer(s):

Motion: by Mr. Gugliotti, second by Mr. Charette, to authorize the transfer of **\$234,534.39** from fiscal year 2020-2021 as presented, in the Business Manager's Report.

Superintendent's Report:

The Superintendent gave his report final report for this most unusual school year; he had some informational updates and then plenty of people to thank as we close out the year.

There has been discussion in our community and others around the state to "unmask our kids". He wants as much as anyone else to return to the normalcy that we all knew before March of 2020. However, he would like for the Board, staff, and parents to be reminded that face coverings continue to be mandated as per Governor Lamont and the Connecticut Department of Health (<https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/Covid-19-Knowledge-Base/Latest-COVID-19-Guidance>). Connected to this, we are operating under a strict timeline from the federal government to construct a reopening plan by June 2021....however neither the State nor the CDC have yet provided schools with guidance on what COVID mitigating strategies will be required next year. He will continue to communicate with the community about this.

A reminder to all parents that this Friday and Monday are half days and the last days of the school year. Parents are asked to refer to communications from their school's principal about returning Chromebooks and other school materials.

Both Tyrrell Middle School and Wolcott High School will hold their graduation ceremonies on the field at Wolcott High School. Because we do not have an option to

conduct a ceremony inside, we have set Saturday and Sunday as rain dates. If there is a need to cancel due to the weather, we will provide as much notice to families as possible. As we close out the year, he would like to thank the Board of Education for their flexibility and support of our staff and students. These have been 15 months that required a new level of flexibility and proactiveness by the Board and he thanks the Board members for your cooperation and collaboration.

He had was thanked parents and students for their flexibility as well. Consistently throughout the pandemic, Wolcott was among the top-ten towns in the state in COVID-19 infection rate meaning that our school system was heavily impacted by quarantines and remote learning days. He knows that these constant changes put extra stress on families and students and their ability to adapt helped us have the most productive school year that was possible under the circumstances.

And of course, the staff... across every type of job and role within our school system...our employees have done work that they never imagined when they got into this profession. From contact tracing to remote learning to touchpoint cleaning and home visits to reengage learners, this year has been one of challenges that none of us predicted. Thank you to our staff who demonstrated so much dedication to the kids of Wolcott.

Motion: by Ms. Leonard, seconded by Mr. D'Angelo, to approve the Superintendent's Report as presented.
So voted.

Public Comment:

Nicole Marzano, 120 Center Street, masking policy with the school, spoke of the political affiliations of the asking policy. Worked in the field 25 year prior to having her son, what is happening now is not medical science, it is political science, would like to know what metric was given to the Board that need to be met to have these mandates pulled, they haven't given this to the public yet. Called Hartford multiple times, not given any clear answers, this has gone on far too long. There is a lot of scientific data state wide and nationwide and town wide that supports our vaccination programs have already started reducing cases, hospitalization, and death. She stated that we know that that this has been a tough year for everyone and appreciates all of the work that has been done to try to make this a safe and happy environment for our children but it really has not been that way because of these restrictions that they keep us under. Really wants to know how we could move forward and assist the Board in getting rid of this mandate.

Adopt a Policy – Final Vote:

Motion: by Ms. Leonard, seconded by Mrs. Mazza, to adopt on Final Vote a Board Policy #2.1- Student Wellness Policy.

Nomination(s):

- Motion: by Mr. D'Angelo, seconded by Mr. Gugliotti to appoint the following person(s) as indicated:
1. **Zachary Guertin** to the position of Social Studies Teacher at Wolcott High School effective August 23, 2021;
 2. **Joshua Green** to the position of School Nurse at Tyrrell Middle School effective August 23, 2021;
 3. **Alejandra Mello** to the position of School Nurse at Wakelee School effective August 23, 2021;
 4. **Brittany Romaniello** to the position of Math Teacher at Wolcott High School effective August 23, 2021, pending certification;
 5. **Timothy Scott** to the position of Business Teacher at Wolcott High School effective August 23, 2021, pending certification;
 6. **Joseph Testa** to the position of Boys Soccer Coach at Tyrrell Middle School effective for the 2021 – 2022 Season;
 7. **Morgan Gigliotti** to the position of Girls Soccer Coach at Tyrrell Middle School effective for the 2021 – 2022 Season;
 8. **Summer Custodial Help:**
As Per Attached
 9. **Summer 2021 WSSP Nominations:**
As Per Attached List
So voted.

Consent Agenda:

- Motion: by Mr. Gugliotti, second by Ms. Leonard, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented:
1. **Resignations:**
 - a. **Jason Pace** from the position of Business Teacher at Wolcott High School effective at the end of the 2020 – 2021 School Year;
 - b. **Nancy Sheehan** from the position of Family and Consumer Science at Wolcott High School effective at the end of the 2020 – 2021 School Year;
 - c. **Robert Moffo** from the position of Volleyball Coach at Wolcott High School effective immediately;
 2. **Transfer(s):**
 - a. **Robert Moffo** from the position of Freshman Volleyball Coach at Wolcott High School to the position of Volleyball Coach at Tyrrell Middle School effective August 23, 2021.
 3. **Rescind a Nomination:**
 - a. To Rescind the Summer School Teacher position from Kailby Schommer.
 4. **Dispose of Equipment:**

- a. To give the Technology Department permission to dispose of Computers, Chromebooks, Projectors, TVs, Network Switches, Touch Units, and other items as per attached list;
- b. To give Wolcott High School's Culinary Lab permission to dispose of the following items, that have been replaced with new ADA compliant models:
 - Four stove ranges in Room B120

So voted.

Public Comment:

Brian Andrews, 187 Catering Road, has been hearing what is going on and the position that the Board is put in, these last years have been trying, but what he thinks need to be focused on is this has been a year of passing the buck, we blame Hartford, we blame Chesprocott, we blame Fauci, we blame the feds, all we are doing is waiting for guidance and he thinks now especially as our kids look at this that they are looking for leaders in the community, somebody needs to stand up and be a leader and make a decision. The time of passing the buck has come and gone, if we are going to be in charge of the organization, in charge of the Board of Ed, he thinks the time to really look at the facts, look at what's best for the Town and look at what your constitutes want is now and someone needs to stand up and have the fortitude to make a decision. He really hope we do that moving forward especially when we are talking about next year and how we are going to make a plan and waiting on advice, he thinks what we need to do is stand up and lead. Wish all the best and good luck in moving forward.

Rachel Wisler, 14 Tunxis Road, thanked the Board of Education for all their hard work and great job they have done during these difficult times and wanted to remind the Board of Ed and all listeners of the voting on the referendum that is taking place on June 26th from 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. at Wolcott High School. There are three questions regarding, Public Works and Senior Center, First Responders, and Board of Education.

Items for the Next Agenda:

The next meeting is June 21st. Board members can contact the Board of Education Office if you have additional agenda items.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mrs. Cordone, to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m.
So voted.

Recordings of all Board of Education Meetings that have been on Google Meet could be found on the Wolcott Public Schools Website: www.wolcottps.org

COMMITTEE REPORTS

June 21, 2021

Communications Folder

Monday, 06.21.2021

Items:

- Thank you Card(s)
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Resolution No. 06-21-21: 8389

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – June 21, 2021

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 **\$317,162.11** paid on June 22, 2021 for fiscal year 2020-2021;

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – June 21, 2021

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 **\$81,620.23** from fiscal year 2020-2021 as presented, in the Business Manager's report.



**The Superintendent's
report will be
presented on
Monday night**

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – June 21, 2021

RESOLUTION: BID AWARD – SECURITY AND FIRE ALARM MONITORING AND MAINTENANCE

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 Security and Fire Alarm Monitoring and Maintenance bid (proposal) and award a five-year contract (July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2026), to **Environmental Systems Corporation** in the amount of **\$91,916.00**.

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – June 21, 2021

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. **Dina Galvin** to the position of Art Teacher at Alcott and Frisbie Schools effective August 23, 2021;
2. **Kelly Boggio** to the position of Family Consumer Science Teacher at Wolcott High School effective August 23, 2021, pending certification;
3. **Robert Keyes** to the position of Business Teacher at Wolcott High School effective August 23, 2021, pending certification;
4. **2021 – 2022 Stipend Position:**
As Per Attached List
5. **Summer 2021 WSSP Nominations:**
As Per Attached List

(See attached)

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HIRING CHECKLIST FOR EXTERNAL CANDIDATES:

Name of Candidate: Dina Galvin Position: Art Teacher
Location: Alcott / Frisbie Elementary School

I. DOCUMENTATION:

This checklist, the traditional recommendation to the superintendent form, and all of the following documents must be provided to Megan Patchkofsky by the administrator recommending the final candidate to the Superintendent for nomination to the Board of Education:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Printout of Talent Ed application | <input type="checkbox"/> At least three reference check forms |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cover letter or letter of interest | <input type="checkbox"/> Copies of all pertinent licenses and certifications |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Résumé | |

II. APPLICANT POOL AND SELECTION PROCESS:

Describe the number of qualified applicants for this position and the structure of the selection process:

There were 3 candidates that applied for the open Art Teacher position. All 3 candidates were invited to interview for the position. The 3 candidates were met and interviewed by the committee. 1 candidate was selected and recommended to the Superintendent.

III. INTERVIEW SUMMARY:

In general terms, describe the interview committee for this position:

The interview committee consisted of 2 members... Principal of Alcott Elementary (Matthew Calabrese) and Principal of Frisbie Elementary School (Kimberly Murtaugh).

IV. CANDIDATE PROFILE:

In general terms, summarize what has distinguished this candidate above the others:

The candidate has spent her career (6 years) working as an Art Teacher at the elementary school level, grades K-5. During the interview process, she was able to speak to the questions asked in great detail and share her enthusiasm for art and teaching. Mrs. Galvin's outgoing personality, experience, and teaching philosophy are sure to be a good fit for the students, families, and staff of Alcott and Frisbie Schools.

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HIRING CHECKLIST FOR EXTERNAL CANDIDATES:

Name of Candidate: Kelly Boggio. Position: Family Consumer Science Teacher

Location: Wolcott High School

I. DOCUMENTATION:

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II. APPLICANT POOL AND SELECTION PROCESS:

Describe the number of qualified applicants for this position and the structure of the selection process:

There were 2 qualified applicants for this position. First round involved 2 candidates answering interview questions connected to the position.

III. INTERVIEW SUMMARY:

In general terms, describe the interview committee for this position:

The interview team included one teacher, a department head, and an assistant principal.

IV. CANDIDATE PROFILE:

In general terms, summarize what has distinguished this candidate above the others:

This candidate previously worked in several areas of education prior to entering the Alternative Route Certificate, (ARC) program. She has a masters in Special Education which will be an asset for instruction with the new course. Unified Foods. This candidate's prior experiences, and certifications were seen as assets to the program at the high school.

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HIRING CHECKLIST FOR EXTERNAL CANDIDATES:

Name of Candidate: Robert Keyes.

Position: Business Teacher

Location: Wolcott High School

I. DOCUMENTATION:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Résumé | |

II. APPLICANT POOL AND SELECTION PROCESS:

Describe the number of qualified applicants for this position and the structure of the selection process:

There were 2 qualified applicants for this position. First round involved both candidates answering interview questions connected to the position.

III. INTERVIEW SUMMARY:

In general terms, describe the interview committee for this position:

The interview team included one teacher, a department head, and an assistant principal.

IV. CANDIDATE PROFILE:

In general terms, summarize what has distinguished this candidate above the others:

This candidate previously worked as an attorney for many years prior to entering the Alternative Route Certificate, (ARC) program. Mr. Keyes has worked as an adjunct instructor at Norwalk Community College for 10 years. This candidate's real world experience and passion for education were evident in the interview and seen as assets to the program at the high school.

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Summer 2021 WSSP Nominations – June 21, 2021

Summer Studies School Nurse

Joshua Green

Substitutes

Tammy Cameron

Molly Regan

It is the policy of the Wolcott Board of Education that no person shall be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or otherwise discriminated against under any program because of his or her race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, ancestry, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, mental retardation, past or present history of mental disorder, learning disability or physical disability

AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY AFFIRMATIVE ACTION EMPLOYER

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – June 21, 2021

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. Resignations:

- a. **Elizabeth Beaudoin** from the position of School Psychologist at Frisbie School effective June 17, 2021;
- b. **Julie Ferry** from the position of Special Education Paraprofessional at Wakelee School effective June 14, 2021;

2. Transfer(s):

- a. **Shannon Gomez** from the position of Grade 1 Teacher at Frisbie School to the position of Special Education Teacher at Frisbie School effective August 23, 2021;
- b. **Jamie Northway** from the position of Special Education Paraprofessional at Alcott School to the position of Special Education Paraprofessional at Wakelee School;
- c. **Megan Sforza** from the position of Special Education Paraprofessional at Alcott School to the position of Special Education Paraprofessional at Frisbie School;
- d. **Kassidy Morin** from the position of Special Education Paraprofessional at Alcott School to the position of Special Education Paraprofessional at Frisbie School;
- e. **Nicole McCurrey** from the position of Special Education Paraprofessional at Alcott School to the position of Special Education Paraprofessional at Frisbie School;
- f. **Carolyn Osvald** from the position of Special Education Paraprofessional at Tyrrell Middle School to the position of Special Education Paraprofessional at Alcott School;

3. Dispose of Equipment:

- a. To give the Wolcott High School's Social Studies Department permission to dispose of 30 AP Psychology Textbooks, that are out of date, as per attached list;
- b. To give Tyrrell Middle School's Library permission to dispose of the following items, that no longer safe and broken beyond repair:
 - 7 rectangular library table
 - 1 circular library table
 - 46 wooden chairs

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HIRING CHECKLIST FOR INTERNAL CANDIDATES:

Name of Candidate: Shannon Gomez

Position: Special Education Teacher

Location: Frisbie

I. DOCUMENTATION:

This checklist, the traditional recommendation to the superintendent form, and all of the following documents must be provided to Megan Patchkofsky by the administrator recommending the final candidate to the Superintendent for nomination to the Board of Education:

- Cover letter or letter of interest
- At least three reference check forms (*only necessary if changing units, i.e. from paraprofessional to nurse, teacher to coach*)
- Copies of all pertinent licenses and certifications

II. APPLICANT POOL AND SELECTION PROCESS:

Describe the number of qualified applicants for this position and the structure of the selection process:

There were four qualified candidates for the position.

III. INTERVIEW SUMMARY:

In general terms, describe the interview committee for this position:

The interview team included the special education director, special education supervisor, high school assistant principal, high school special education teacher, and elementary principal.

IV. CANDIDATE PROFILE:

In general terms, summarize what has distinguished this candidate above the others:

Shannon Gomez is an experienced teacher who has been teaching in Wolcott for over 10 years. She has experience with using data to inform her practice, implementing behavior plans, working with instructional assistants and teaching literacy.