



OUR FUTURE IS IN CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

**TUESDAY
7:30 P.M.**

**TYRRELL MIDDLE SCHOOL
LARGE GROUP INSTRUCTION ROOM**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT
January 14, 2020**

- I. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, A moment of Silence for Mahkai Savage and Esther Gasper, 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 December 09, 2019
- III. Committee Reports
- IV. Communications
 - A. Thank you cards
 - B. Rotella Monthly Montage
- V. Business Manager's Report
 - A. Expenditures
- VI. Superintendent's Report
 - A. TESOL Teacher and Math Content Coach Update – Holly Schinkel and Kim Stein
 - B. Teacher of the Year Presentation – Deborah Nicol
- VII. Public Comment
- VIII. Old Business
- IX. New Business
 - A. Nomination(s)
 - B. 2020-2021 Board Schedule – Initial Vote

- C. Discussion and Possible Action on Firewall Equipment and Security Software/Services
- D. Approve Teaching a Sixth Class
- E. Adopt Curriculum – Initial Vote
- F. Consent Agenda
 - 1. Resignation(s)
 - 2. Out of State Field Trip(s)
 - 3. Amend an Approved Out of State Field Trip
 - 4. Out of State Conference(s)
 - 5. Permission to Dispose of Equipment

X. Time for the Public

XI. Items for the Next Agenda

XII. Adjournment

Note:

Committee of the Whole 6:30 p.m. in the Tyrrell Library:

- 1. Discussion on Firewall Equipment and Security Software/Services
- 2. Revised Curriculum Documents
- 3. Business Manager's Report
- 4. Expenditures
- 5. Review the Videographer Contract
- 6. Time for the Public

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT**

A meeting of the Board of Education was held on Monday, November 25, 2019, 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, all Board Members. Also in attendance: Dr. Anthony Gasper, Superintendent of Schools, Shawn Simpson, Assistant Superintendent; Todd Bendtsen, Business Manager; Kevin Hollis, Director 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; Matthew Calabrese, Principal of Alcott Elementary School; Kimberly Murtaugh, Principal of Frisbie Elementary School; Deborah Osvald, Wakelee Elementary School; Wayne Natzel, Facilities Director; 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 held for Mr. Bernard D. Mazza Jr. Mrs. Mancini then read the Wolcott Public Schools' Mission Statement.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. D'Angelo, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 25, 2019.
Aye – 8
Nay – 0
Abstained – 1

Committee Reports:

A committee of the Whole meeting was held at 6:30, topics included a discussion on Pension Management, the Business Manager's Report, and Expenditures.

Communications:

Letter from a parent;
Invite to WEA Holiday Party

Business Manager's Report:**Expenditures:**

Motion: by Mr. Gugliotti, seconded by Mr. Charette, to approve the following expenditures:
To approve expenditures in the amount of **\$787,000.85** paid on December 10, 2019.
To approve the January 2020 payroll expenditures in the amount of **\$1,495,000.00** for fiscal year 2019-2020.
So voted.

Superintendent's Report:

Each Principal from all the schools gave a two-minute highlight on each building. The assistant Superintendent also gave highlights from Teaching and learning and technology.

Mr. Norcross spoke with the board about the beginning findings of working on a new schedule for Tyrrell Middle School. This is in the very early stages and may not be completed until the 2021-2022 school year.

Dr. Gasper spoke of the beginning process of applying for district-wide accreditation for our schools. There was a group of 14 teachers, students, parents, and administrators that gathered to start this process.

Motion: by Ms. Leonard, seconded by Mrs. Mazza, to approve the Superintendent's Report. So voted.

Public Comment:

No one came forward.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nominations:

Motion: by Mr. Charette, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to appoint the individual(s) as indicated:

1. **Kara Currier** to the position of School Social Worker at Wakelee School effective January 02, 2020.

A roll call was taken.

Name	Yes	No	Abstained
Mr. Charette	1		
Mrs. Cordone	2		
Mr. D'Angelo		1	
Mr. Gugliotti		2	
Mr. Hughes		3	
Ms. Leonard	3		
Mrs. Mazza	4		
Mr. McMurray		4	
Mrs. Mancini	5		

Award A Contract – Principal Financial Advisors, Inc.:

Motion: by Mr. D'Angelo, seconded by Mr. Hughes to award a contract to **Principal Financial Advisors, Inc.**, for Pension Management in the amount of \$22,900 per year and Investment Advisory Services in the amount of .078% of Assets under Management per year.
So voted.

Consent Agenda:

Motion: by Mr. D'Angelo, seconded by Mrs. Mazza, to approve the consent Agenda as presented:

A. Out of State Field Trip(s):

1. To allow Wolcott High School's Nursing and Anatomy classes (40) to visit the Boston Science Museum Body's World in Boston, MA. on December 17, 2019, to learn about the complexity, resilience, and vulnerability of the human body through anatomical studies of the body in distress, disease, and optimal health.
2. To allow Wolcott High School's Robotics Team (20) to attend the Western New England University Robotics Competition in Springfield, MA, from March 20th – March 22nd, 2020.
3. To allow the Wolcott High School's Robotics Team (20) to attend the Eastern State Exposition to compete in the New

- England Championship for Robotics, in West Springfield, MA, from April 8th – April 11th, 2020,
4. To allow the Wolcott High School's Robotics Team (20) to attend the Joe Lewis Arena to compete in the Robotics World Championship, in Detroit, MI, from April 29th – May 2nd, 2020.

Time for the Public:

No one came forward

Items for the Next Agenda:

The next meeting is January 13th 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 Mrs. Mazza, to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m. So voted.

Note: The Board of Education meetings are videotaped, and as result are available to be viewed on the WLCT96 site on the Town of Wolcott's website, www.wolcottct.org.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

January 14, 2020

Committee of the Whole – December 09, 2019

Facilities Meeting – December 16, 2019

Operations and Programs – January 06, 2020

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT**

A meeting of the Committee of the Whole was held on Monday, December 09, 2019, 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, Tim McMurray and Kelly Mazza, all Board Members. Also in attendance: Dr. Anthony Gasper, Superintendent of Schools; Todd Bendtsen, Business Manager; Peter Gerlings, Segal Consulting and Wayne Natzel, Facilities Director.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mrs. Cynthia Mancini. Mr. Gerlings gave a presentation about Pension Management. Finance topics were reviewed. They discussed the business manager's report, expenditures, pending vendor invoices, and health claims.

Public Comment:

Rachel Wisler, 14 Tunxis Road, spoke letting the Committee of the Whole know that the IT purchase does not have to go before the Town Council.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: by Mr. Charette, seconded by Mr. Hughes, to adjourn the meeting at
 7:05 p.m.
 So voted.

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

A Facilities Meeting was held on Monday, December 16, 2019, at Wolcott High School. In attendance were: Cynthia Mancini, Chairman of the Board; Paul D'Angelo, Vice Chairman of the Board; Christopher Charette, Tony Gugliotti, and Tim McMurray. Also in attendance: Dr. Anthony Gasper, Superintendent of Schools; Todd Bendtsen, Business Manager; Walter Drewry, Principal at Wolcott High School; and Wayne Natzel, Facilities Director.

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. The committee had a discussion on the Wolcott High School Science Laboratories.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: by Mr. Charette, seconded by Mr. Gugliotti, to adjourn the meeting at
 6:20 p.m.
 So voted.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
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A meeting of Operations and Programs was held on Monday, January 06, 2020, at the Offices of the Board of Education. In attendance were: Cynthia Mancini, Chairman of the Board; Roberta Leonard, Chairman of Operations and Programs and Secretary of the Board; Kathleen Cordone, Tony Gugliotti, and Kelly Mazza. Also in attendance: Shawn Simpson, Moderator and Assistant Superintendent; Sara Vumbaca, Teacher; Steve Granato, Teacher; Jay Rocca, Teacher; Karen Trovato, Teacher; Gabrielle Gallucci, Teacher; Barry Nolan, Teacher; Sarah Malinek, Teacher; Nick Galullo, Teacher; William Balanda, Teacher; Sal Cappola, Teacher; Nicole Leonard, Teacher; Jennifer Mazurek, Teacher; Tyler Meccariello, Teacher; Matthew Craig, Teacher; Mary Devaney, Teacher; Shelby Lorusso, Teacher; Charlie Guerrero, Teacher; Jason Pace, Teacher; Mary Lou Miele, Teacher; George Phelan, Teacher; and Nancy Sheehan, Teacher.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Ms. Leonard. Teachers gave presentations to the committee and discussed the following curricula: Elementary Art part II, Grade 5 Science, Middle School Science, High School Science Ecology, High School Math Pre-Calculus C&CR, Consumer Math Grades 11-12, High School Social Studies: 11th Modern History, US History I, 20th Century Global Studies, Grade 9 Wellness, Spanish IV, Creative Writing, Business Management, Marketing, Photography, Exploring Medical Careers, Construction, and Intro to Foods.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: by Mrs. Cordone, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to adjourn the meeting at
 7:32 p.m.
 So voted.

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – January 14, 2020

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 **\$895,730.26** paid on January 15, 2020 for fiscal year 2019-2020

To approve the February 2020 payroll expenditures in the amount of **\$1,502,500.00** for fiscal year 2019-2020.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

WORKSHOP

- A. TESOL Teacher and Math Content Coach Update –
Holly Schinkel and Kim Stein
- B. Teacher of the Year Presentation – Deborah Nicol

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – January 14, 2020

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. **Cristy Bryant** to the position of School Nurse at Wakelee School effective on January 16, 2020;
2. **Darcy Buceivicius** to the position of Special Education Paraprofessional at Tyrrell Middle School effective on January 16, 2020;
3. **Sabrina Douglas** to the position of Special Education Paraprofessional at Wakelee School effective on January 16, 2020;
4. **James Maisto** to the position of Hall Monitor at Wolcott High School effective on January 16, 2020;
5. **Anthony Bell** to the position of Weight Lifting Co-Coach at Wolcott High School effective January 15, 2020.
6. **Chris Theriault** to the position of Weight Lifting Co-Coach at Wolcott High School effective January 15, 2020.

(See attached)

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – January 14, 2020

RESOLUTION: BOARD 2020-2021 SCHEDULE – Initial Vote

Resolution from Dr. Anthony Gasper, Superintendent of Schools, to the Honorable Board of Education of the Town of Wolcott, making recommendation

TO APPROVE ON INITIAL VOTE THE FOLLOWING 2020-2021 SCHEDULE OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING DATES

	<u>FIRST</u>	<u>SECOND</u>
JULY	13 (Monday – BOE Offices)	
AUGUST	10 (Monday - BOE Offices)	24 (Monday- BOE Offices)
SEPTEMBER	08 (Monday)	21 (Monday)
OCTOBER	05 (Monday)	19 (Monday)
NOVEMBER	10 (Tuesday)	23 (Monday)
DECEMBER	14 (Monday)	
JANUARY	11 (Monday)	
FEBRUARY	08 (Monday)	
MARCH	08 (Monday)	22 (Monday)
APRIL	12 (Monday)	
MAY	10 (Monday)	24 (Monday)
JUNE	07 (Monday)	21 (Monday)

All Board of Education meetings will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Tyrrell Middle School’s Large Group Instruction Room unless otherwise indicated.

All meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month unless otherwise indicated.

Special Meeting of the Board of Education – January 14, 2020

RESOLUTION: APPROVE TEACHING A SIXTH CLASS

Resolution from Dr. Anthony Gasper, Superintendent of Schools, to the Honorable Board of Education of the Town of Wolcott, making recommendation

To approve teaching a 6th class by the following person(s) as indicated:

**Wolcott High School:
Nicholas D'Andrea Anatomy & Physiology**

(See attached)

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – January 14, 2020

RESOLUTION: ADOPT CURRICULUM

Resolution from Dr. Anthony Gasper, Superintendent of Schools, to the Honorable Board of Education of the Town of Wolcott, making recommendation

To adopt on initial vote the following Curricula:

- **Elementary Art Pt. II**
- **Grade 5 Science**
- **Middle School Science**
- **High School Science Ecology**
- **High School Math:**
 - **Pre-Calculus C&CR**
 - **Consumer Math 11-12**
- **High School Social Studies:**
 - **11th Modern History**
 - **US History 1**
 - **20th Century Global Studies**
- **Grade 9 Wellness**
- **Spanish IV**
- **Creative Writing**
- **Business Management**
- **Marketing**
- **Photography**
- **Exploring Medical Careers**
- **Construction**
- **Intro to Foods**

(See Attached)

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – January 14, 2020

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:

A. Resignation(s):

1. **Dorene Page** from the position of Food Service Cook at Frisbee School effective January 3, 2020.

B. Out of State Field Trip(s):

1. To allow Wolcott High School's Varsity Golf Team (08) to visit Queenstown Harbor Golf Club in Queenstown, MD. From April 13-15, 2020 to participate in a golf tournament on a championship golf course.

C. Amend an Approved Out of State Field Trip:

1. To Amend the Wolcott High School's Varsity Cheerleading trip approved on November 12, 2019, to participate in a different competition. The dates and location will remain the same.

D. Out of State Conference(s):

1. **Kristin Ferguson**, SHAPE Teacher, request permission to attend Harvard Medical School's, School Mental Health Treating Students K-12 grade conference at the Fairmont Copley Plaza in Boston, MA on February 7-8, 2020;
2. **Jill Fontanella**, School Social Worker, request permission to attend Harvard Medical School's, School Mental Health Treating Students K-12 grade conference at the Fairmont Copley Plaza in Boston, MA on February 7-8, 2020;
3. **Kristen Sweeney**, School Psychologist, request permission to attend Harvard Medical School's, School Mental Health Treating Students K-12 grade conference at the Fairmont Copley Plaza in Boston, MA on February 7-8, 2020.

E. Permission to Dispose of Equipment:

1. To give Alcott School permission to dispose of non-fiction library books that fall under the CREW method recommendation for book weeding.
2. To give Tyrrell Middle School permission to remove/recycle/dispose of two display refrigeration units in the cafeteria serving area that have been determined beyond repair.

(See attached)