



OUR FUTURE IS IN CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

**MONDAY
7:30 P.M.**

**TYRRELL MIDDLE SCHOOL
LARGE GROUP INSTRUCTION ROOM**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT
AGENDA
February 23, 2015**

- 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 February 9, 2015
- III. Communications
- IV. Business Manager's Report
 - A. Expenditures
- V. Superintendent's Report
 - A. Mr. Macary's Report
 - B. Book Tasting –Mrs. Krug, Mrs. Laroche, Ms. Mumley, and Mrs. Tedesco
- VI. Public Comment
- VII. Committee Reports
 - A. WHS Student Government
- VIII. Old Business
 - A. Approve the 2015-2016 WHS Course of Studies Guide – Final Vote
- IX. New Business
 - A. Transfer Between Jobs
 - B. Nomination(s)
 - C. Approve – Technology Grant Submission

- X. Time for the Public
- XI. Items for the Next Agenda
- XII. Executive Session

Recommended Motion: “that the Board go into executive session for the purpose of the mid-year evaluation of the Superintendent.

ADJOURNMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

- XIII. Adjournment

Note:

Facilities Committee at 6:30-7:00 p.m. in Tyrrell Middle School’s Media Center:

- 1) Facilities Director’s Report; 2) School Building Committee Report; and
- 3) Cenergistic Report.

Finance Committee at 7:00-7:30 p.m. in Tyrrell Middle School’s Media Center:

- 1) Expenditures; 2) Business Manager’s Report; and 3) Call a Doctor Proposal.

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

A Board of Education meeting was held on Tuesday, February 10, 2015, 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, and Arthur Lerz Sr., all Board members. Also in attendance: Joseph Macary, Superintendent of Schools; Todd Bendtsen, Business Manager; Joseph Monroe, Principal of Wolcott High School; Walter Drewry, 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; David Stankus, Facilities Director; Kathy Colavecchio, Frisbie Grade 4 Teacher; Rosa Ramalhete, Frisbie School Psychologist; and Shena Hagen, Frisbie Intern; Leah Ciccone, President of WHS Student Government; and Joan Gray, Board Clerk.

The regular Board meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m., the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 13, 2015. So voted.

Communications:

Thank you note – The Craig Family

Thank you letter – Junior Women's Club of Wolcott, Inc.

Rotella Montage – January 2015

Business Manager's Report:

Expenditures:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to approve expenditures as

follows:

To approve the March 2015 payroll expenditure in the amount of **\$1,500,000.00**.

To approve expenditures in the amount of **\$1,460,243.62** paid on February 11, 2015 for fiscal year 2014-2015.

So voted.

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Norcross introduced Mrs. Colavecchio, who then introduced three Frisbie students who participated in the Grade 4 Invention Convention held at Frisbie School. Each student gave a demonstration of his/her project. They were:

Ethan Cratty – Extreme Hanger

Reese Yost – Flame Guard

Marco Ruggia – Handy Helper Bone

Ms. Ramalhete and Ms. Hagen reported on the Social Emotional Learning Program at Frisbie School. Frisbie students, Lauren Zicca, Kyle Zicca, and Elizabeth D'Ettore, explained how each grade level participated in the SEL Program.

The School Principals gave two minute highlights of activities at their schools.

Starting in January, the Board will be rotating their meetings to visit all five schools. The next meeting will be at Tyrrell Middle School on February 23, 2015.

We are conducting pre-registration for 2015-2016 kindergarten students. If your child will be five years old on or before January 1, 2016, please call the Superintendent's Office at 203 879-8183. An information packet will be emailed to you in March.

Student Services is accepting applications for the 2015-2016 Alcott Preschool Program. A lottery will be held in March to determine the preschool enrollment for the 3 year and 4 year old programs. To obtain an application call 203 879-8178.

Late Opening Schedules for the District's Schools are

Wolcott High School 9:00 a.m.

Tyrrell Middle School 9:30 a.m.

Elementary Schools 10:25 a.m.

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

Public Comment:

No one came forward

Committee Reports:

Mrs. Mancini reported the Finance Committee met earlier. The Superintendent presented his 2015-2016 proposed budget to the Committee. Mr. Bendtsen gave his Business Manager's report.

Leah Ciccone, President of WHS' Student Government, reported the Policy Committee would be sending a proposed policy to the administration changing the requirement for highest honors; the Student Government's website is almost completed; and Mr. Larson, the Wolcott reporter for the Waterbury paper, interviewed students at WHS for an article that will appear in the paper in two weeks.

OLD BUSINESS:**Adopt CT Core State Standards Curriculum – Final Vote:**

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to adopt on final vote the following CT Core State Standards Curriculum:

English Language Arts (Grades K-8)
Mathematics (Grades K-8)

So voted.

Approve – Revised Board Policies – Final Vote:

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Ms. DelBuono, to adopt on final vote the following revised Board policies:

1. Policy 1331 – Community Relations – Smoke Free Environment
2. Policy 5113 – Students – Attendance/Excuses/Dismissal
3. Policy 5141.4 – Students – Reporting of Child Abuse & Neglect

So voted.

NEW BUSINESS:**Approve – Resignation(s):**

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to accept the following resignations:

1. **Amy Devine** in the position of Grade 8 Special Education Teacher at Tyrrell Middle School, effective February 13, 2015;
2. **Lori Egan** in the position of Paraprofessional at Wakelee Elementary School, effective February 4, 2015;
3. **Charlene Mitchell** in the position of 4 hour Food Service Worker at Alcott Elementary School, effective January 30, 2015.

So voted.

Approve – Nominations:

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Mr. Lerz, to appoint the following person(s) as indicated:

1. **Bjanka Avxhiu** in the position of Long Term Substitute Kindergarten Teacher at Wakelee School effective mid February 2015;
2. **Thomas McNerney** in the position of 2nd Shift Custodian at Wolcott High School effective on February 11, 2015;
3. **Renee Merchant** in the position of Special Education Paraprofessional at Wakelee School effective February 11, 2015;
4. **Danielle Noyes-Tortora** in the position of Long Term Substitute Art Teacher at Alcott and Frisbie Schools effective April 1, 2015;
5. **Rachid Sofiane** in the position of Long Term Substitute Special Education Teacher at Tyrrell Middle School effective February 11, 2015;
6. **2015 Spring Coaches** at Wolcott High School:
 Brianna Danielle Assistant Girls Track
 Steven Jasulavic Varsity Girls Tennis
7. **2015 Fall Coaches** at Wolcott High School:
 Kaity Craig Varsity Volleyball
8. **2015 Spring Volunteer Coaches** at Wolcott High School
 Domenic Angiolillo Varsity Baseball
 Ron Gambino Varsity Baseball
 Frank Melillo Varsity Baseball
 John Kiely Freshman Baseball
 Jim Maisto Freshman Baseball
 Shelby Slie Varsity Softball
 Brendan Cepelak Varsity Boys/Girls Tennis

So voted.

Approve – Leave Request:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mr. Lerz, to approve the request of Sara Vumbaca, Art Teacher at Alcott/Frisbie Schools, for an unpaid leave of absence to the end of the 2014-2015 school year to commence after her six-week period of FMLA ends. So voted.

Out of State Field Trip(s):

Motion: by Ms. DelBuono, seconded by Mr. Lerz, to approve the following out of state field trips:

1. Wolcott High School's Golf Team (8) requests permission to play in the Queenstown Harbor Maryland Golf Tournament from May 25 to 27, 2015;

2. Tyrrell Middle School's Grade 7 Science Florida Trip (20) requests permission to go to the Florida Keys and Everglades to study the relationships between organisms and their environment from June 25 to 29, 2016.

So voted.

Approve the 2015-2016 WHS Course of Studies Guide – Initial Vote:

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to approve on initial vote the Wolcott High School's Course of Studies Guide 2015-2016. So voted.

Accept a Donation:

Motion: by Ms. DelBuono, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to accept the following:
A donation of \$3000 to Jen Whipple and Kate McCasland at Wakelee Elementary School to purchase mini iPads for their classrooms from the Ben Was Here Foundation, a charity established in memory of Benjamin John Buckley.

So voted.

Approve a Contract:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mr. Lerz, to approve a contract as follows:
Carolyn Dei Dolori in the position of Software Training Consultant from January 5, 2015 to June 30, 2015. So voted.

Bid Waiver:

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to waive the bid and award a contract to NSI to provide IT support for the Wolcott Public Schools for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year. So voted.

Time for the Public:

Ms. Leonard and Mr. Lerz, both congratulated WHS on the basketball game.

Items for the Next Agenda:

Final vote on WHS' Course of Studies Guide.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Ms. DelBuono, to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of strategy with respect to pending litigation to which the Board of Education is a party.

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Mrs. Clair, to come out of Executive Session and reconvene the regular meeting at 10:15 p.m. So voted.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Ms. DelBuono, to adjourn the regular meeting at 10:16 p.m. So voted.

Resolution No. 02-23-15: 7229

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – February 23, 2015

RESOLUTION: EXPENDITURES

Resolution from Joseph Macary, Superintendent of Schools, to the Honorable Board of Education of the Town of Wolcott, making recommendation

To approve expenditures in the amount of **\$308,030.43** paid on February 24, 2015 for fiscal year 2014-2015.

WOLCOTT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT
SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

February 23, 2015

Two Minute School Highlights:

Alcott:

Frisbie:

Wakelee:

Tyrrell:

Wolcott High:

Curriculum & PD:

Just a reminder, starting last January, the Wolcott Board of Education will be rotating their meeting schedule to visit all five (5) schools over the next few months. Next meeting is at Wakelee School on March 9th.

If you have a child who will be Five (5) years old on or before January 1, 2016, you are requested to contact the Office of the Superintendent of Schools at 203-879-8183 in February. The child's: name, address, age, date of birth, and e-mail addresses will be taken over the phone. Information will be mailed to your home in March. Early pre-registration is greatly appreciated in order for us to plan classes and the budget appropriately.

Safety and security continue to be a top priority for the Wolcott Public Schools. We will continue to review and amend, if necessary, our security guidelines to ensure that our students, faculty, and staff are in a safe learning environment. Wolcott received approximately \$150,000 from a competitive "Security Grant" from the State of Connecticut earlier this year. These funds are being used for additional cameras, panic buttons, and keyless monitoring systems for all five schools. The nature of safety and security in our schools has fundamentally changed forever. Thank you for your cooperation.

Presentations from Tyrrell MS...

- Book Tasting – Mrs. Krug, Mrs. Laroche, Ms. Mumley, and Mrs. Tedesco

Conference Attendance Report February 23, 2015

DATE	COST	PERSON(S)	SCHOOL/POSITION	SUB	PRESENTER	TITLE	LOCATION
02/20/15	None	Paula Luis	Frisbie/SPED Para	Yes	PMT Associates	Initial PMT Training	Middletown, Ct
03/03/15	None	Wendie Rodriguez	District/Supv of SPED	No	SERC	Early Childhood Outcome:New ECO Statewide Assessment Instrument	Windsor Locks, Ct
03/04/15	(M) Only	Frances Shahen	District/Secr of Student Services	No	SERC	Early Childhood Outcome:New ECO Statewide Assessment Instrument	Cromwell, Ct
03/26/15	\$135.00 + (M)	MaryAlice Ruggiero	Frisbie/Nurse	Yes	American Academy of Pediatrics	Critical Issues in School Health 2015	Cromwell, Ct
04/01/15	None	Katherine Bryant	WHS/Transition Coord.	No	ACES	Transition Coordinator Mtg-Legal Issues	Hamden, Ct
04/29/15	\$199 + (M)	Michele Kulmann	Wakelee/SPED Teacher	Yes	Learning and the Brain	Executive Functions in Classrooms	Cromwell, Ct

PMT	Physical Management Training
SERC	State Education Resource Center

**Field Trip Report
BOE Meeting 2-23-15**

Trip ID	Trip Name	Date	School	# Students	Destination	Objectives	Contact
560	Eli Whitney Museum- Science	02/26/15	Frisbie	61	Hamden, CT	Students will apply their scientific knowledge of electricity to build an electric circuit. Students will also apply their knowledge of the sense of sight and the human eye to build a camera obscura. This aligns with our grade 5 curriculum.	Leder, Helene
562	CMEA SRMS Festival	02/27/15	TMS	11	Lincoln Middle School	To participate in an auditioned ensemble with students from 35 schools across the region.	Jones, Katherine
563	CMEA SRMS Festival Saturday	02/28/15	TMS	11	Lincoln Middle School	To participate in an auditioned ensemble with students from 35 schools across the region.	Jones, Katherine
565	Danbury Mall Business Trip	02/27/15	WHS	40	Danbury Fair Mall	Observe marketing concepts used in retail stores	Pace, Jason
571	Wolcott Lanes	02/26/15	WHS	20	955 Wolcott Rd, Wolcott, CT 06716	Given a budget, students will plan a leisure activity.	Garguilo, Brittany
573	Bowling	02/27/15	TMS	9	Wolcott Lanes	community participation & math lessons	Stango, Bethany
574	Bowling SNOW DATE	03/06/15	TMS	9	Wolcott Lanes	community participation & math lessons	S, Bethany
580	Criminology	03/05/15	WHS	50	Wolcott Police Station	Students will be walked through the Arrest and booking process.	Coppola, Sal
582	Children's Village	03/04/15	WHS	9	Children's Village		Pierpaoli, Katie

**Fundraiser Report
February 23, 2015**

DATE	SCHOOL	GROUP/PERSON	DESCRIPTION OF FUNDRAISER
March	WHS	WHPMA	Sell pasta varieties from Pasta Heaven
Mar 11	WHS	Peer Helpers	Sell jewelry
Jun 5	WHS	WHPMA	Annual golf ball drop

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – February 23, 2015

RESOLUTION: APPROVAL OF COURSE OF STUDIES GUIDE 2015-2016

Resolution from Joseph Macary, Superintendent of Schools, to the Honorable Board of Education of the Town of Wolcott, making recommendation

To approve on final vote the Wolcott High School's Course of Studies Guide 2015-2016.

(See attached)

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – February 23, 2015

RESOLUTION: TRANSFER BETWEEN JOB(S)

Resolution from Joseph Macary, Superintendent of Schools, to the Honorable Board of Education of the Town of Wolcott, making recommendation

TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING TRANSFER TO THE POSITION INDICATED:

1. **Carin Grunwald** from the position of General Food Service Worker at Wolcott High School to the position of Cook (6 hour) at Frisbie Elementary School effective February 25, 2015;
2. **Michelle Walden** from the position of General Food Service Worker Floater for the District to the position of 4 Hour General Food Service Worker at Wolcott High School effective February 25, 2015.

(See attached)

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – February 23, 2015

RESOLUTION: NOMINATION(S)

Resolution from Joseph Macary, 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. **Jennifer Giuggio** in the position of 4 Hour General Food Service Worker at Alcott Elementary School effective February 25, 2015;
2. **Maria Johnson** in the position of 4 Hour General Food Service Worker at Wolcott High School effective on February 25, 2015;
3. **Kate Murphy** in the position of Summer Studies Program Secretary effective with the 2015 Summer School.

(See attached)

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – February 23, 2015

RESOLUTION: GRANT SUBMISSION

Resolution from Joseph Macary, Superintendent of Schools, to the Honorable Board of Education of the Town of Wolcott, making recommendation

To authorize the submission and approve the appropriation request for a Connecticut State Department of Education District Technology Upgrades to Support Transition to the New Standards Grant.

(See attached)