

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

A Board of Education meeting was held on Monday, May 12, 2014, at Wolcott High School. In attendance were: Patricia Najarian, Chairman of the Board; Gloria Gubitosi, Vice Chairman 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; 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; a WEA Representative; Deborah Nicol, Tyrrell Teacher; 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. Lumia, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 28, 2014. So voted.

Motion: by Mrs. Clair, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to approve the minutes of the public session of the residency hearing of April 29, 2014. So voted.

Communications:

Thank you note from the Pursel Family
CABE Journal – May 2014
The Rotella Monthly Montage – May 2014
A letter from CT Invention Convention

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

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Ms. DelBuono, to approve the June 2014 payroll expenditure in the amount of \$4,222,500, and To approve expenditures in the amount of \$434,575.59 paid on May 13, 2014 for fiscal year 2013-2014.
So voted.

Superintendent's Report:

Mrs. Nicol and Tyrrell Students, Amanda Morelli, Regan Richard, Alyssa Egan and Lauren VanStone reported on how they created a multimedia presentation using iPads as a culminating activity for their study of William Shakespeare's *The Merchant of Venice*.

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

The Superintendent congratulated Alcott and Frisbie Elementary Schools and Tyrrell Middle School for winning the 2013 Governor's Summer Reading Challenge. The Governor presented their awards on May 9th at the State Library.

Wolcott Summer Studies is starting on June 30th. The Program is held at Tyrrell Middle School for five weeks from 8:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Monday to Friday.

Graduation for Tyrrell Middle School will be June 24th at 4:00 p.m. in Tyrrell's Gymnasium and graduation for Wolcott High School will be June 24th at 7:00 p.m. at the high school on Monroe Field (weather permitting). The last day of school for all students is Tuesday, June 24, 2014. June 23 and 24 will be early dismissal days for students.

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

Public Comment:

No one came forward.

Committee Reports:

Mrs. Gubitosi reported that the Facilities Committee met at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Bendtsen updated them on school repairs and the Building Committee.

Mrs. Lumia said the Negotiations Committee met at 6:45 p.m. Mediation with the Cafeteria Workers Union will be scheduled.

Mrs. Najarian reported that the Finance Committee met at 7:00 p.m. and discussed pending invoices, the internal service report and grants.

NEW BUSINESS:

Approve – Transfer Between Jobs:

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Ms. DelBuono, to approve the following transfer to the position indicated:

1. **Cristin Buckley** from the position of Grade 1 Teacher at Frisbie School to the position of Pre-Kindergarten Teacher at Alcott School effective August 25, 2014.

So voted.

Approve – Termination:

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to approve to terminate the employment of J. M. from the position of Lunchroom Monitor at Wakelee Elementary School effective immediately.

So voted.

Approve – Nominations:

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

1. **Troy Bond** in the position of Special Education Paraprofessional at Wolcott High School – STEP Program effective May 14, 2014;
2. **Beverly Polgroszek** in the position of Lead Speech Clinician for the District effective for the 2014-2015 school year;
3. **Wendy Salustro** in the position of Guidance Counselor at Tyrrell Middle School effective August 25, 2014.

So voted.

Approve – Out of State Field Trip:

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Ms. DelBuono, to approve the following out-of-state field trip:

1. Wolcott High School’s Business Students (51) request permission to go to New York City on May 19, 2014 for a tour of Wall Street.

So voted.

Approve – Out of State Conference:

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

1. **Sharon Lake-Post**, Grade 6 Spanish Teacher at Tyrrell Middle School, requests permission to attend a workshop entitled “Group

Leader Training” being held by World Learning-Experiment in International Living on June 24, 2014 in Brattleboro, VT.
So voted.

Approve – Disposal of Old Books:

Motion: by Ms. DelBuono, seconded by Mrs. Lumia, to approve Alcott Elementary School request for permission to dispose of the old music books entitled, “World of Music Series-Silver Burdett”.
So voted.

Approve – Addendum to the WEA Contract:

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mr. Buzzelli, to approve a revised Appendix VI, *Advisor Stipends for Extracurricular Activities*, to the contract between the Wolcott Board of Education and the Wolcott Education Association.
So voted.

Time for the Public:

No one came forward.

Items for the Next Agenda:

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Mrs. Lumia, to take a 5 minute recess at 8:15 p.m., then go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of a confidential student matter which would result in disclosure of information protected by FERPA, and discussion regarding the employment and performance of a certified employee.

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to come out of Executive Session and reconvene the regular meeting at 8:46 p.m. So voted.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Mrs. Lumia, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:47 p.m. So voted.