

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

A Board of Education meeting was held on Monday, March 24, 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, and Arthur Lerz, 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; 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; Fran Hubeny, Facilities Director; a WEA Representative; Pamela Conway, Tyrrell Teacher; and Joan Gray, Board Clerk.

The regular Board meeting was called to order at 7:35 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 Mrs. Gubitosi, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 10, 2014. So voted.

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Mrs. Clair, to approve the minutes of the Public Session Expulsion Hearing of March 11, 2014. So voted.

Communications:

Exchange Club's Public Service Awards 2014 Notice

Business Manager's Report:

Expenditures:

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Ms. DelBuono, to approve expenditures in the amount of **\$356,558.86** paid on March 25, 2014 for fiscal year 2013-2014. So voted.

Superintendent's Report:

Mrs. Conway reported on a "device neutral" app that allows students and educators to send and receive messages via text message, email, the Celly website, or Celly mobile apps for iOS and Android. She also introduced Tyrrell students, Tyler Nadeau and Joe DiNicola who talked about the benefits of using the app in their class.

The Principals and Mr. Purcaro gave two minute updates on their schools and Professional Development and Curriculum. They also all thanked the Board members for their work on behalf of Wolcott students.

The Superintendent reminded parents that there will be no school from April 14 to April 18 for Spring Vacation.

Pre-school prescreening is being held on April 25th at 9:30 a.m. The purpose of the screening is to identify any preschool age children, 3 or 4, who may have a disability. Call Student Services office at 203 879-8178 to register for the screening.

RIEB is sponsoring their annual book swap on April 4th at Wolcott High School.

The Smarter Balanced Assessments begin March 25 to April 11 for Grade 11 Students; April 28 to May 16 for Grades 4, 5, 7, & 8; and May 19 to June 6 for Grades 3 & 6.

March is Board Appreciation Month. Mr. Macary thanked the Board members for the number of hours they spend attending meetings and events on behalf of the Wolcott students.

Mrs. Najarian and Mr. Macary presented Mrs. Wrenn with a banner for Alcott School to display, which honored Alcott as the Connecticut Association of Schools 2014 Elementary School of the Year.

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

Public Comment:

No one came forward.

Committee Reports:

Mrs. Gubitosi said that the Facilities Committee met at 6:30 p.m. and Mr. Hubeny gave a report on capital improvements.

Mrs. Najarian reported that prior to the Board meeting the Finance Committee met and reviewed bills, and the final adoption of the budget.

OLD BUSINESS:

Adopt the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Budget – Final Vote:

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to adopt on final vote the 2014-2015 Fiscal Year Wolcott Public Schools' Budget in the amount of **\$32,779,867**. So voted.

NEW BUSINESS:

Approve – Resignations:

Motion: by Ms. Leonard, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to accept the resignation of:

1. **Allison Law** in the position of Special Education Teacher at Frisbie Elementary School effective at the end of the 2013-2014 school year;
2. **Joseph Golden** in the position of Head Coach of JV Football and Assistant Varsity Football Coach effective immediately;
3. **Evelyn Scacco** in the position of Food Service Worker at Alcott Elementary School effective March 28, 2014.

So voted.

Approve – Transfer Between Jobs:

Motion: by Ms. Leonard, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to approve the following transfer to the position indicated:

1. **Lisa Calabretta** from the position of 4.0 hour General Food Service Worker at Wolcott High School to the position of 4.5 hour General Food Service Worker at Wolcott High School effective March 25, 2014.

So voted.

Approve – Nominations:

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

1. **Danna Gizzie** in the position of Long Term Substitute Grade 8 English/Language Arts Teacher at Tyrrell Middle School effective approximately April 21, 2014;
2. **Rose Kay** in the position of Long Term Substitute Special Education Teacher at Alcott Elementary School effective approximately April 28, 2014 pending certification;
3. **Michelle McNerney** in the position of Long Term Substitute Grade 5 Teacher at Frisbie Elementary School effective approximately April 1, 2014;

4. **Jason Pace** in the position of Assistant Boys Outdoor Track Coach at Wolcott High School effective for the 2014 spring season.
So voted.

Approve – Leave of Absence:

Motion: by Ms. DelBuono, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to approve Nicole DeConti, English Teacher at Wolcott High School, request for an unpaid leave of absence from her position until August 2014. So voted.

Approve – Out of State Field Trip(s):

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

1. Wolcott High School's Band and Show Choir (60) request permission to compete in a "Festival of Music" competition in Chatham, NJ and cultural activities in New York City on March 28-30, 2014;
2. Wolcott High School's Robotics Team (15) requests permission to compete in a robotics competition in Lewiston, Maine on April 3-6, 2014;
3. Tyrrell Middle School's 7th Grade Science Florida Trip (approximately 20) request permission to go to the Florida Keys/Everglades to study relationships between organisms and their environment on June 26-30, 2015.

So voted.

Bid Award – Water System Maintenance:

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to approve the WATER SYSTEM MAINTENANCE BID and award a three year contract (July 1, 2014 thru June 30, 2017), to **Eastern Water Solutions, Inc.** in the amount of **\$76,049.43**. So voted.

Approve – Disposal of Equipment:

Motion: by Ms. DelBuono, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to approve Tyrrell Middle School's request for permission to dispose of outdated equipment in the Fitness Room as follows:

- Stair stepper
- Rowing machine
- Lat pull down machine
- Leg extension machine

So voted.

ADD TO THE AGENDA

Approve – Nomination(s):

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Mr. Lerz, to add to the agenda a resolution to appoint a Long Term Substitute Teacher at Alcott School.
So voted.

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to appoint the following person(s) as indicated:
1. **Melissa Brochu** in the position of Long Term Substitute Grade 3 Teacher at Alcott Elementary School effective March 25, 2014.
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.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: by Ms. DelBuono, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:25 p.m. So voted.