

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT**

A Board of Education meeting was held on Tuesday, May 26, 2015, at Tyrrell Middle 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, Roberta Leonard, Arthur Lerz Sr., and Kimberly Lumia, all Board members. Also in attendance: Joseph Macary, Superintendent of Schools; Joseph Monroe, Principal of Wolcott High School; Deborah Osvald, Assistant Principal of Wolcott High School; Arline Tansley, Principal of Tyrrell Middle School; Holly Wrenn, Principal of Alcott School; Joseph Norcross, Principal of Frisbie School; Robert Nagashima, Principal of Wakelee School; Wendie Rodriguez, Supervisor of Special Education; David Stankus, Facilities Director; Lisa Riggi, Wolcott High School's Athletic Director; Danielle Maringola, Coach of the Wolcott High School Dance Team; Leah Ciccone, Wolcott High School Student Government President; and Joan Gray, Board Clerk.

The regular Board meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m., the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

**Approval of Minutes:**

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 11, 2015. So voted.

**Communications:**

Letter from CT Invention Convention organization  
Invitation to the Frisbie Cultural Food Fair  
Invitation to the WHS Music Banquet and Awards

**Business Manager's Report:**

**Expenditures:**

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to approve the following expenditures:

To approve expenditures in the amount of **\$312,614.54** paid on May 27, 2015 for fiscal year 2014-2015. So voted.

**Superintendent's Report:**

Mrs. Riggi and Coach Maringola introduced the State Champion Wolcott High School Dance Team. Mrs. Najarian presented the team members with their championship rings.

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

The Summer Studies Program will be held at Tyrrell Middle School starting June 29<sup>th</sup>. This year, Latchkey Services will be available after the summer school day with lunch included. Applications can be downloaded at [www.wolcottps.org](http://www.wolcottps.org).

The Wolcott Public Schools will be conducting its annual "end of the year" survey. Students, parents, teachers, staff, and community members are encouraged to log onto the District's website and complete the survey.

Graduation for Tyrrell is on June 19<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. in Tyrrell's gymnasium; and Wolcott High School is on June 19<sup>th</sup> at the high school on Monroe Field (weather permitting). The last day of school in Wolcott is Friday, June 19, 2015. June 18 and 19 will be early dismissal days.

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, 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. They received an overview of the Affordable Care Act and the Call a Doctor Plus Program from our insurance advisors. They also discussed pending invoices, and the new Universal Chart of Accounts.

The Negotiations Committee met on May 21 with the School Secretaries Union, and Mrs. Lumia reported that two follow up meetings are scheduled.

Ms. Ciccone told the Board about the Wolcott High School Student Government's June 11<sup>th</sup> Yearbook Day event, and also the Policy Committee's work to amend the Honor Roll policy.

**OLD BUSINESS:****Adopt New/Revised Policies, Regulations & Bylaws – Final Vote:**

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to adopt on final vote the following new or revised policy, regulation or bylaw:

1. New
    - a. 6171.2 Policy – Instruction: Preschool Special Education
  2. Revised
    - a. 5131 Policy/Regulation – Students: Transportation
    - b. 9325 – Bylaws of the Board: Meeting Conduct
- So voted.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Approve – Resignations:**

- Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mr. Buzzelli, to accept the resignations of:
1. **Xie Greene** in the position of Food Service Worker at Tyrrell Middle School and the position of AM and PM Latchkey Worker at Wakelee Elementary School, effective at the beginning of the 2015-2016 school year;
  2. **Wendie Rodriguez** in the position of Supervisor of Special Education for the Wolcott Public Schools, effective June 30, 2015.
- So voted.

**Approve – Nominations:**

- Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to appoint the following person(s) as indicated:
1. **James Crandall** in the position of Assistant Varsity Football Coach at Wolcott High School effective with the 2015-2016 school year pending certification;
  2. **Brett DiStasio** in the position of Special Education Teacher at Tyrrell Middle School effective with the 2015-2016 school year;
  3. **Natalie DiVirgilio** in the position of World Language/Art/Music Department Head at Wolcott High School effective with the 2015-2016 school year;
  4. **Nanci Fleming** in the position of Technology Coordinator at Alcott Elementary School effective with the 2015-2016 school year;
  5. **Rebekah Shoemaker** in the position of Pre-Kindergarten Teacher at Alcott Elementary School effective with the 2015-2016 school year;
  6. **2015 Summer Studies Staff:**

**Certified Staff:**  
 Barbara Jackson – Substitute Special Education Teacher  
 Michele Kulmann – Special Education Teacher  
 Danielle Morek – Speech Pathologist  
 Barbara Thompson – Life Skills Special Education Teacher

**Paraprofessionals – 5 weeks:**  
 Rosanna Ali

Matthew Angelone  
 Sami Connolly  
 Lynn DiManno  
 Gilda Burns  
 Justin Hitchcock  
 Cheryl Lago  
 Rachel Levesque  
 Paula Luis  
 Fallon Mesaros  
 Madison Muccino  
 Kari Prescott  
 Brenda Ruegg  
 Carmen Slebonick  
 Patricia Stanco  
 Susan Zabbara

**Paraprofessionals – 6 weeks:**

Adriana D’Amico  
 Janice Gallagher

So voted.

**Adopt the Revised Evaluation & Support Plans:**

Motion: by Mr. Lerz, seconded by Mrs. Clair, to adopt the revised Wolcott Public School’s System for Educator Evaluation and Support Plan and the System for Administrator Evaluation and Support Plan.

So voted.

**Approve Contracts:**

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Mr. Lerz, to table to Executive Session the following contracts:

Andrew Bundock	Desktop Technician	2015-2017
Erich Urban	Desktop Technician	2015-2017

So voted.

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mr. Lerz, to approve the following contract as amended:

Joan Gray	Admin Assistant to the Supt/BOE	2015-2018
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So voted.

**Bid Award – Milk:**

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mr. Lerz, to approve the bid and award a contract to Guida’s Dairy to provide milk to the Wolcott

Public Schools with fluctuating prices for the 2015-2016 school year. 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 Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to go into Executive Session for 1) review of correspondence protected by attorney-client privilege concerning contract issues, and 2) discussion of a confidential student matter which would result in disclosure of information protected by FERPA.

Motion: by Mrs. Clair, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to come out of Executive Session and reconvene the regular meeting at 8:58 p.m. So voted.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:05 p.m. So voted.