

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT**

A meeting of the Board of Education was held on Monday, June 11, 2018, at Wolcott High School. In attendance were: Lori DelBuono Bartlett, Chairman of the Board of Education; Cynthia Mancini, Vice Chairman of the Board of Education; Roberta Leonard, Secretary of the Board of Education; Thomas Buzzelli, Christopher Charette, Kathleen Cordone, Paul D'Angelo, Anthony Gugliotti and Kelly Mazza, all board members. Also in attendance: Dr. Anthony Gasper, Superintendent of Schools; Todd Bendtsen, Business Manager; Frank Purcaro, Director of Student Learning & Teaching; Kevin Hollis, Director of Student Services; Rosa Ramalhete, Supervisor of Special Education; 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; Daniel Caetano, Assistant Principal of Tyrrell Middle School; Shawn Simpson, Principal of Alcott Elementary School; Kimberly Murtaugh, Principal of Frisbie Elementary School; Deborah Osvald, Principal of Wakelee Elementary School; and Jessica Kenny, Board Clerk.

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 p.m. by Mrs. DelBuono Bartlett, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a moment of silence was given for former teachers, Mrs. Cynthia DelPrincipe, Mrs. Inez Hartigan, Mr. Richard Kupstis, and Ms. Patricia Loy. Mrs. DelBuono Bartlett then read the Wolcott Public Schools' Mission Statement.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 21, 2018. So voted.

Communications:

Thank you Cards from students and staff members
Frisbie School's Cultural Food Fair Invitation
Rotella School's Monthly Montage

Business Manager's Report:

Expenditures:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mr. D'Angelo, to approve the following expenditures:
To approve the July 2018 payroll expenditures in the amount of
\$500,000;

To approve expenditures in the amount of **\$1,052,448.66** paid on June 12, 2018 for fiscal year 2017-2018.

So voted.

Superintendent's Report:

The Top 25 Seniors were introduced by Mr. Drewry, and congratulated by Mrs. DelBuono Bartlett and Dr. Gasper. The 2018 Top 25 Seniors are:

25. Maldonado, Jonathan
24. Polzella, Michael
23. Polzella, Mattea
22. Belval, Amber
21. Keane, Courtney
20. Lacombe, Elizabeth
19. Hale, Alex
18. Wright, Lauren
17. Forrest, Anna
16. Dalton, Taylor
15. Santos, Lauren
14. Nadeau, Tyler
13. Hamel, Gabrielle
12. Morin, Kristen
11. Mahoney, Caitlin
10. Herren, Alexander
09. Robert, Lauren
08. Mix, Stephanie
07. Kelly, John
06. Hickey, Samantha
05. Liu, Fiona
04. Briglia, Autumn
03. Bylyku, Jessica
02. Williams, Julia
01. McEvoy, Emily

Two minute school highlights were presented by each principal.

The Wolcott Paraeducator of the Year was introduced by Mr. Hollis and congratulated by Mrs. DelBuono Bartlett and Dr. Gasper. The Wolcott Paraeducator for 2019 is Carol Douty.

The meeting was reconvened by Mrs. DelBuono Bartlett.

The Superintendent took this opportunity to clear up some misconceptions that occurred during the recent budget hearings. On Tuesday, June 5th, the Town Council approved a budget that reduced the Board of Education's request by \$200,000. He went on to say

that this would have an impact on resources and services in the classroom, as mentioned in prior communications. The superintendent also stated that the Board will vote tonight on an amended budget that address the cuts received from the Council.

Dr. Gasper went on to explain cuts that have been made over the past ten years, Administrators, Teachers and resources to name a few. He also went on to explain that every proverbial rock we have has been turned over to find efficiencies in facilities, energy, and operating cost. One example given was our school system being recognized with Energy Star certification for all five schools and the netted \$2,000,000 in savings over a five-year period in regards to this.

The Superintendent than went on to share that at Tuesday's Town Council meeting a statement was made that the schools can deliver all the current programming with a \$300,000 cut. The statement is factually incorrect. He also went on to explain about the March 14, 2018 joint meeting with the Finance Committees of the Board and Council and what projects and purchases were delayed that lowered the continuation request from 4.2% to 3.03%.

Dr. Gasper brought up that during the Council meeting, the mention of a financial audit of the board as stated. He wanted all residence to take comfort in the fact The Wolcott Board of Education has had a clean audits for more than ten years with no "findings" that would indicate any type of impropriety or faulty accounting procedures in accordance with Connecticut law of requiring an independent audit by external accountants of every board of education once per year.

In closing he did assure that the Board and Superintendent will continue to collaborate to provide the best education possible for Wolcott children within the funds that are apportioned by the Town Council. He thanked the members of the community who have been active during the budget process and expressed the appreciation of their support.

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

Public Comment:

Jessica Tynan Lynch, 13 Ridgcrest Drive, expressed her feelings about the current class size in the Kindergarten classes at Frisbie School and the concern of the size of the grade 1 classes for the 2018-2019 school year. She requested the board take into consideration of hiring an additional grade 1 teacher at Frisbie for the 2018-2019 school to accommodate the incoming class size.

NEW BUSINESS:**Resignations:**

- Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mr. Charette, to accept the resignation(s) of:
1. **Barbara Detlefsen** in the position of Food Service Worker at Wolcott High School effective May 29, 2018;
 2. **Kristin Garcia** in the position of Activities Advisor at Wolcott High School effective June 22, 2018;
 3. **Cynthia Mascolo** in the position of Chemistry/AP UCONN teacher at Wolcott High School effective after the conclusion of the 2017 – 2018 school year;
 4. **Eileen Simon** in the position of Team Leader for the Granite Team at Tyrrell Middle School effective June 22, 2018;
 5. **Lyly Tran** in the position of Speech – Language Pathologist at Alcott School effective at the end of the school year.
- So voted.

Nominations:

- Motion: by Mr. Gugliotti, seconded by Mr. D'Angelo, to appoint the individual(s) as indicated:

1. **2018 - 2019 Stipend Positions:**
CATEGORY B = \$2600.00 Stipend
Marching Band/Pep Band Advisor (WHS) Justin Clement

CATEGORY C = \$1600.00 Stipend
DECA Advisor (WHS) Jason Pace
Excel Club Advisor (WHS) Mary Devaney

CATEGORY D = \$650.00 Stipend
Writing Club Advisor (TMS) Joanne Mumley

DISTRICT:**Wolcott High School****Department Heads:**

English/Language Arts - \$2200 Lisa Durant
Special Education - \$3286 Sarah McOmber

Technology Coordinator - \$1250 Robert Cormier

Aye – 8

Nye – 0

Abstained – 1

Motion Carries

Bid Award – Milk

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to approve the bid and award a contract to Wade's Dairy, Inc. to provide milk to the Wolcott Public Schools with fluctuating prices for the 2018-2018 school year.
So voted.

Adjust the 2018-2019 Wolcott Public Schools' Budget

Motion: by Mr. Gugliotti, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to approve the revised 2018 – 2019 Fiscal Year Wolcott Public Schools' Budget as amended in the Finance Subcommittee meeting in the amount of \$34,966,668, which is a reduction of \$200,000 in the approved budget due to budget cuts by the Wolcott Town Council.

A roll call was taken.

Aye – 5

Nye – 4

The motion carries.

Committee Reports:

Mrs. Mancini said that the Finance Committee met and discussed pending vendor invoices and transfers. They also discussed the 2018-2019 Budget.

Time for the Public:

No one came forward.

Items for the Next Agenda:

The next meeting is June 25 and will be at Tyrrell Middle School.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Mrs. Mazza, to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing the employment status of certified staff.
So voted.

Motion: by Mr. Gugliotti, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to come out of Executive Session and reconvene the regular meeting.
So voted.

Transfer Between Jobs:

Motion: by Mr. Gugliotti, seconded by Mr. D'Angelo, to approve the following Transfers to the position indicated:

1. **June Fishbein** from the position of Grade 4 teacher at Frisbie School to the position of Grade 5 teacher at Wakelee School.

So voted.

Rescind the Notice of Non-Renewal:


Motion: by Mr. D'Angelo, seconded by Mr. Buzzelli, to rescind the notices of non-renewal and reinstate their position for the 2018-2019 school year to the list of certified employees presented by the Superintendent.
So voted.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Mr. Gugliotti, to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 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.

APPROVED



Lori DelBuono Bartlett, Chairman
Wolcott Board of Education