

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT**

A meeting of the Board of Education was held on Monday, June 26, 2017, at Tyrrell Middle School. In attendance were: Patricia Najarian, Chairman of the Board; Gloria Gubitosi, Vice Chairman of the Board; Thomas Buzzelli, Gloria Clair, Anthony Gugliotti, Roberta Leonard, and Cynthia Mancini, all Board members. Also in attendance: Dr. Anthony Gasper, Superintendent of Schools, Frank Purcaro, Director of Student Learning and Teaching; Kevin Hollis, Director of Student Services, Rosa Ramalhete, Supervisor of Special Education; Walter Drewry, Interim Principal of Wolcott High School; Bryan MacKay, Assistant Principal of Wolcott High School; Joseph Morgan, Interim Assistant Principal of Wolcott High School; Joseph Norcross, Principal of Frisbie Elementary School; Deborah Osvald, Principal of Wakelee Elementary School; Shawn Simpson, Principal of Alcott Elementary School; David Stankus, Facilities Director; and Joan Gray, Board Clerk.

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m. by Mrs. Najarian, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. A moment of silence was held for Mrs. Cosgrove a former employee of the Wolcott Public Schools.

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

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 12, 2017. So voted.

Communications:

None

Business Manager's Report:

Expenditures:

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

To approve expenditures in the amount of **\$419,433.43** paid on June 27, 2017 for fiscal year 2016-2017. So voted.

Superintendent's Report:

Two minute school highlights were presented by each principal. Mr. Norcross reported for Tyrrell Middle School, and Mr. MacKay for Wolcott High School.

Mr. Hollis introduced the Wolcott Public Schools' Paraprofessional of the Year, Barbara Lindquist. Mr. Purcaro reported on the first year of both i-Ready and Envision.

The Superintendent thanked all of the parents and community members who have been so engaged in the budget process this year. The \$100,000 cut to our budget will cause us to make some difficult decisions regarding classroom resources and facilities purchases but we understand that this was a particularly difficult year for all municipalities in the state.

Wolcott Summer Studies Program started today with over 500 students enrolled in 134 classes. The Program is being held at Wolcott High School because of the planned installation of a natural gas line, and a new water heater at Tyrrell.

The maintenance and custodial crews have begun their usual summer cleaning, repairs, and maintenance throughout the district.

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

Public Comment:

No one came forward.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resignations:

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to accept the resignation(s) of:

1. **Kimberly Murtaugh** in the position of Adult Education Director for the Wolcott Public Schools effective immediately;
2. **Mary Beth Strathman** in the position of Grade 1 Teacher at Alcott Elementary School for the purpose of retirement effective June 20, 2017.

So voted.

Transfer Between Jobs:

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

1. **Debbie Golden** from the position of Library Paraprofessional at Wakelee Elementary School to the position of Library Paraprofessional at Frisbie Elementary School effective with the 2017-2018 school year;

2. **Joseph Morgan** from the position of Interim Assistant Principal at Wolcott High School to the position of Assistant Principal at Wolcott High School effective July 1, 2017;
3. **Krista Nori** from the position of Grade 5 Teacher at Alcott Elementary School to the position of Grade 5 Teacher at Wakelee Elementary School effective with the 2017-2018 school year;
4. **Christina VanOrmer** from the position of Physical Education Teacher at Alcott, Wakelee and Tyrrell Schools to the full time Physical Education Teacher at Wakelee Elementary School effective with the 2017-2018 school year.

So voted.

Nominations:

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

1. **Shannon Gomez** to the position of Head Teacher at Frisbie Elementary School effective with the 2017-2018 school year;
2. **Alexander Raul Casasola Morales** to the position of Spanish Teacher at Tyrrell Middle School effective with the 2017-2018 school year;
3. **2018 Spring Coaches for Wolcott High School:**

Steve Jasulavic	Varsity Boys Tennis
James Crandall	Varsity Girls Tennis
Becky Riviezzo	Head Coach – Girls Outdoor Track
Chris Riviezzo	Assistant Coach – Girls Outdoor Track
Will Balanda	Head Coach – Boys Outdoor Track
Briana Daniele	Assistant Coach – Boys Outdoor Track
Lisa Novakowski	Varsity Softball
Charisse Courtney	JV Softball
Tary Scott	Varsity Baseball
Bob Warren	JV Baseball
Dave Pelletier	Freshman Baseball
Craig Kealey	Varsity Boys Golf
Marty DiTuccio	Varsity Girls Lacrosse

So voted.

Permission to Dispose of Equipment:

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to approve the request by Wolcott High School's Career/Tech Ed Department to discard outdated/damaged equipment and textbooks as presented. So voted.

Permission to Dispose of Outdated Textbooks:

Motion: by Mrs. Clair, seconded by Mr. Buzzelli, to approve the request by Wolcott High School's World Language Department to dispose of the Ven

Connigo Spanish Level II and Spanish Level III textbooks and workbooks published in 2000 and 2003 which are no longer useful or relevant.
So voted.

Revise the 2017-2018 Board of Education Meeting Schedule:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to revise the Board of Education's regular meeting schedule as indicated:

- Change the location of the July 17 and August 14 meetings to the Najarian Conference Room at the Board Offices, 1488 Woodtick Road.

So voted.

Adopt Curricula – Initial Vote:

Motion: by Ms. Leonard, seconded by Mrs. Clair, to adopt on initial vote the following Curricula for Wolcott High School:

- Architectural Design
- Introduction to Business
- Grade 11 ELA, Part 2

So voted.

Approve an Out of State Conference:

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

1. **Kathryn Glendon**, Project Director of the DFC Grant, and **Carin Grunwald**, Assistant to the Project Director, request permission to attend the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America's 16th Annual Mid-Year Training Institute being held in Atlanta, GA from July 22-27, 2017.

So voted.

Accept a Bid Award – Student Insurance:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to approve the bid and award a contract to **Lefebre Insurance,L.L.C.** to provide the 2017-2018 Voluntary Student Accident Insurance and Interscholastic Sports Insurance Coverage in the amount of **\$34,870** for a 2 Yr. Term. So voted.

Accept a Bid Award – Water Heating Equipment:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Clair, to approve the bid and award a contract to **Barry Associates, Inc.** for the replacement of water heating equipment at Tyrrell Middle School in the amount of **\$63,000.00** including Add Alternate pricing. So voted.

ADD TO THE AGENDA:**Adjust the 2017-2018 Wolcott Public School's Budget:**

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to add a resolution to the agenda to revise the 2017-2018 budget. So voted.

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Clair, to approve the revised 2017-2018 Fiscal Year Wolcott Public Schools' Budget in the amount of \$34,129,851. So voted.

Committee Reports:

Mrs. Mancini said the Finance Committee met earlier and discussed pending vendor invoices, the budget reports, bid award summary sheets for student insurance and water heating equipment for Tyrrell They also reviewed the list of recommended budget reductions in the amount of \$100,000 and revised the budget to \$34,129,851.

Ms. Leonard stated that the Operations & Programs Committee met at 6:15 p.m. and had 2 presentations: Mr. Purcaro's on WHS curricula, and Ms. Glendon on CASA accomplishments for the past school year. Ms. Leonard also reported on the ACES Board meeting where they set salaries for administrators, and signed an international student exchange partnership with China.

Time for the Public:

No one came forward

Items for the Next Agenda:

Final vote on the WHS curricula.

The next meeting is July 17 and will be at the Board Offices at Alcott School.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to go into Executive Session to discuss 1) the contract status of certain non-tenured staff members; and 2) discuss the contract of a certified employee. So voted.

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to come out of Executive Session and reconvene the regular meeting at 8:51 p.m. So voted.

Action of items discussed in Executive Session:

Revise the Contract of a Certified Employee:

Motion: by Ms. Leonard, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to extend Todd Bendtsen's contract an additional year, making the contract in effect from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2021. So voted.

Rescind the Notice of Non-Renewal:

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to rescind the notices of non-renewal and reinstate their positions for the 2017-2018 school year to the list of certified employees presented by the Superintendent. So voted.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m. So voted.

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