



OUR FUTURE IS IN CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

**MONDAY
7:30 P.M.**

**TYRRELL MIDDLE SCHOOL
LARGE GROUP INSTRUCTION ROOM**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT
AGENDA
July 20, 2015**

- I. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, and Reading of the Mission Statement

The mission of the Wolcott Public Schools is to promote the academic, social, and emotional development of all students to become contributing members of the global community.

- II. Approval of Minutes

- A. Regular Meeting of June 22, 2015
- B. Special Meeting of July 6, 2015

- III. Communications

- IV. Business Manager's Report

- A. Expenditures

- V. Superintendent's Report

- A. Mr. Macary's Report

- VI. Public Comment

- VII. Committee Reports

- VIII. Old Business

- IX. New Business

- A. Resignation(s)
- B. Nomination(s)
- C. Permission to Teach a 6th Class
- D. Approve a Revised Board of Education Meeting Schedule
- E. Approve the 2014-2015 Annual Report of the Superintendent

F. Bid Award – IT Services

- X. Time for the Public
- XI. Items for the Next Agenda
- XII. Executive Session

Recommended Motion: “that the Board go into executive session for discussion of collective bargaining issues (non-certified employees), employment of a certified administrator, and discussion of the Superintendent of Schools contract.”

ADJOURNMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

- XIII. Adjournment:

Note:

Facilities Committee at 6:30-7:00 p.m. in Tyrrell Middle School’s Media Center:
1) Update on Summer Projects; 2) Building Committee Report; and 3) Facilities Director’s Report.

Finance Committee at 7:00-7:30 p.m. in Tyrrell Middle School’s Media Center:
1) Expenditures; and 2) Business Manager’s Report.

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

A Board of Education meeting was held on Monday, June 22, 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, Lori DelBuono, Arthur Lerz Sr., and Kimberly Lumia, all Board members. Also in attendance: Joseph Macary, Superintendent of Schools; Todd Bendtsen, Business Manager; Frank Purcaro, Director of Student Learning & Teaching; Melissa Iles, Director of Student Services; 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; Daniel Caetano, Teacher at Wolcott High School; and Joan Gray, Board Clerk.

Prior to their regular meeting, the Board met in Executive Session.

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to go into Executive Session at 6:33 p.m. for discussion of a collective bargaining agreement with non-certified employees, and the discussion of an administrative position. So voted.

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mr. Buzzelli, to come out of Executive Session at 7:05 p.m. So voted.

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. DelBuono, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 8, 2015. So voted.

Communications:

Thank you note – Mr. Simpson

Thank you note – Ms. Nelson
Thank you note – The Clair Family

Business Manager's Report:

Expenditures:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Clair, to approve the following expenditures:
To approve expenditures in the amount of **\$1,346,850.03** paid on June 23, 2015 for fiscal year 2014-2015.
So voted.

Superintendent's Report:

The School Principals gave two minute reports of activities at their schools, and Mr. Purcaro updated the Board on testing, curriculum and teacher evaluations.

The Summer Studies Program will be held at Tyrrell Middle School starting June 29th. This year, Latchkey Services will be available after the summer school day with lunch included. Applications can be downloaded at 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.

Three Building Projects are going on this summer – the Wakelee Canopy, the Wolcott High School Lecture Hall and Music Suite.

The next Board meeting will be on July 20th at Tyrrell Middle School.

Mrs. Najarian and Mr. Macary presented Mrs. Wrenn, who is retiring on June 30th, with a clock and picture of the Wolcott Public Schools’ buildings to thank her for her many years of service to the District.

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

Public Comment:

No one came forward

Committee Reports:

Mrs. Mancini reported the Finance Committee met. They discussed pending invoices, budget reports, and bids on the portable classrooms at Frisbie, photography services, and Information Technology Support Services.

Mrs. Lumia said that the Negotiations Committee will be meeting with the School Secretaries' Union on July 29th and the Paraprofessionals' Union on July 16th.

OLD BUSINESS:**Revise Policy/Regulation #6146 – Final Vote:**

Motion: by Mrs. Clair, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to adopt on final vote the following revised policy and regulation:
#6146 Instruction – Graduation Requirements
So voted.

Adopt the 2015-2016 School Handbooks – Final Vote:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Ms. DelBuono, to approve on final vote the 2015-2016 Handbooks as follows:
The Elementary Schools Parents/Guardians Handbook
Tyrrell Middle School Student Handbook
Wolcott High School Student Handbook
So voted.

NEW BUSINESS:**Approve – Resignations:**

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to accept the resignations of:
1. **Jason Pearson** in the position of Soccer Coach at Tyrrell Middle School, effective immediately.
So voted.

Approve Transfer Between Jobs:

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Ms. DelBuono, to approve the following transfer to the position indicated:
1. **Daniel Caetano** from the position of Social Studies Teacher at Wolcott High School to the position of Assistant Principal at Tyrrell Middle School effective July 1, 2015;
2. **Rosa Ramalhete** from the position of School Psychologist at Frisbie Elementary School to the position of Supervisor of Special Education and Alternative Programs for the Wolcott Public Schools effective July 1, 2015;
3. **Brenda Ruegg** from the position of Special Education Paraprofessional at Frisbie Elementary School to the position of

Special Education Paraprofessional at Tyrrell Middle School effective August 26, 2015.

So voted.

Approve – Nominations:

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

1. **Kristin Ferguson and Kristin Klemeshfsky** in the position of Yearbook Co-Advisors at Wolcott High School for the 2015-2016 school year;
2. **Andrea Heller** in the position of Grade 8 Social Studies Teacher at Tyrrell Middle School effective on August 24, 2015;
3. **Paula Luis** in the position of Special Education Paraprofessional at Wakelee Elementary School effective on August 26, 2015;
4. **Lynn Maia** in the position of Secretary-10 month at Tyrrell Middle School effective on July 1, 2015;
5. **Anthony Mancini** in the position of Grade 1 Teacher at Alcott Elementary School effective on August 24, 2015;
6. **Amanda McLaughlin** in the position of Grade 2 Teacher at Frisbie Elementary School effective on August 24, 2015 pending certification;
7. **Tyler Meccariello** in the position of Social Studies Teacher at Wolcott High School effective August 24, 2015;
8. **Nicole Thomas** in the position of Social Studies Teacher at Wolcott High School effective August 24, 2015 pending certification;
9. **2015 Summer Studies Staff:**

Certified Staff:

Rebekah Shoemaker – Pre-School Teacher

So voted.

Accept a Grant Award:

Motion: by Mrs. Clair, seconded by Ms. DelBuono, to approve and accept the Wolcott Education Foundation's Grant Award as follows:

Kimberly Murtaugh, Carolyn Barnet & Donna Calabro

School: Wakelee Elementary School

Project Title: Reading and Technology

Amount Awarded: \$1,500

So voted.

Approve a District Child Nutrition Standard Certification Statement:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Clair, to approve the following certification statement:

On behalf of the Wolcott Board of Education:

Pursuant to section 10-215f of the Connecticut General Statutes, we hereby certify that all food items offered for sale to students in the school(s) under our jurisdiction, and not exempted from the Connecticut Nutrition Standards published by the Connecticut State Department of Education, will meet said standards during the period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. Such certification shall include all food offered for sale to students separately from reimbursable meals at all times and from all sources, including but not limited to, school stores, vending machines, school cafeterias, and any fundraising activities on school premises, whether or not school sponsored.

We hereby acknowledge that the Wolcott Board of Education, will exclude from certification food and beverage items that do not meet the Connecticut Nutrition Standards, provided that (1) such food is sold in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend, (2) such sale is at the location of the event, and (3) such food is not sold from a vending machine or school store.
So voted.

Ratify a Contract – AFSCME, Council 4, C.O. Secretaries:

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Ms. DelBuono, to ratify the agreement as amended between the Wolcott Board of Education and the AFSCME, Council 4, Central Office Secretaries Union effective July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2019. So voted.

Bid Award – Removal of Portable Classrooms:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Lumia, to approve the bid and award a contract for the Demolition/Removal of Portable Classrooms at Frisbie Elementary School to **Resource Services LLC** in the amount of **\$19,500.00**. 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. Gubitosi, seconded by Mrs. Lumia, to go into Executive Session for discussion of the Superintendent of Schools contract. So voted.

Motion: by Ms. DelBuono, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to come out of Executive Session and reconvene the regular meeting at 8:44 p.m. So voted.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:45 p.m. So voted.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT**

A Special Meeting of the Board of Education meeting was held on Monday, July 6, 2015, at Wolcott High 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.

The special Board meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Approve – Resignations:

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Mr. Lerz, to accept with regret the resignation of:

1. **Joseph Macary** in the position of Superintendent of Schools for the Wolcott Public Schools effective September 25, 2015.

So voted.

Approve a Search Committee:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to appoint the following person(s) to the committee to search for an individual to fill the position of Superintendent of Schools for the Wolcott Public Schools:

Thomas Buzzelli
Gloria Clair
Lori DelBuono
Gloria Gubitosi
Roberta Leonard
Arthur Lerz
Kimberly Lumia
Cynthia Mancini
Patricia Najarian, Chairman

So voted.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:40 p.m. So voted.

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – July 20, 2015

RESOLUTION: EXPENDITURES

Resolution from Joseph Macary, Superintendent of Schools, to the Honorable Board of Education of the Town of Wolcott, making recommendation

To approve the August 2015 payroll expenditure in the amount of **\$850,000.**

To approve expenditures in the amount of **\$142,638.12** paid on July 21, 2015 for fiscal year 2014-2015.

To approve expenditures in the amount of **\$609,271.13** paid on July 21, 2015 for fiscal year 2015-2016.

WOLCOTT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT
SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

July 20, 2015

The Summer Studies Program is now in the fourth week of its five week program. There are approximately 500 students enrolled in special education, literacy, or enrichment classes ranging from tennis to cooking. There are many new courses being offered like CSI, Minute to Win It, Wolcott Idol and Fashionista. Summer School is running well and there are no issues.

The first day of school for students is August 26, 2015
The first day of school for teachers is August 24, 2015

Registration for new students to Wolcott High School for the 2015-2016 school year will take place on August 20th and 21st from 9:00AM to 1:00PM at the Guidance Office of the high school. Registration will be by appointment only. Please call 203-879-8157 on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday mornings during the summer to set-up an appointment.

All perspectives athletes who wish to participate in Wolcott High School and Tyrrell Middle School athletics must have a current physical. Forms for the Wolcott High School sports can be obtained from the WHS Main Office and forms for Tyrrell MS sports can be obtained from Tyrrell MS at the start of the school year. All athletes must report for the first day of practice, with a current physical, shorts and t-shirt ready to participate in practice.

There are three Building Projects going on this summer – the Wakelee Canopy, Wolcott High School Lecture Hall and WHS Music Suite will be renovated during the summer. We are all excited about the enhancements and upgrades to our school buildings.

The Annual Report of the Superintendent of Schools for the 2014-2015 School Year is in your Board Packet for your review. This year, the programs and activities were aligned to our 2014-2019 five year goals. We can all be proud of the district accomplishments, school accolades and student achievements that have taken place over the past school year. Thank you

Conference Attendance Report

July 20, 2015

DATE	COST	PERSON(S)	SCHOOL/POSITION	SUB	PRESENTER	TITLE	LOCATION
10/23; 10/24	\$275.00	Pamela Conway	TMS/Proj Expl Teacher	No	Ct Assoc for the Gifted/CABE	New England Conf on Gifted and Talented Development	Crowwell, Ct

Fundraiser Report July 20, 2015

DATE	SCHOOL	GROUP/PERSON	DESCRIPTION OF FUNDRAISER
Aug 21 - 23	WHS	SkillsUSA	Work at the Wolcott Fair
Aug 23	WHS	Strength & Gridiron Club	Lawn sign sale
Aug 28 to Sept 11	WHS	Senior Class	Sell magazines & frozen food items
Nov 12 to Dec 3	WHS	Senior Class	Entertainment book mobile app discount program

Special Meeting of the Board of Education – July 20 2015

RESOLUTION: RESIGNATION(S)

Resolution from Joseph Macary, Superintendent of Schools, to the Honorable Board of Education of the Town of Wolcott, making recommendation

TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION(S) OF:

1. **Daniel Caetano** in the position of Boys JV Soccer Coach at Wolcott High School effective July 1, 2015;
2. **Daniel Cocchiola** in the position of Director of Guidance for the Wolcott Public Schools and in the position of Guidance Counselor at Wolcott High School effective July 14, 2015;
3. **Melissa Iles** in the position of Director of Student Services for the Wolcott Public Schools effective August 14, 2015.

(See attached)

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – July 20, 2015

RESOLUTION: NOMINATION(S)

Resolution from Joseph Macary, Superintendent of Schools, to the Honorable Board of Education of the Town of Wolcott, making recommendation

TO APPOINT THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) AS INDICATED:

- 1. **Sarah Gerard** in the position of School Psychologist at Frisbie Elementary School effective August 24, 2015;
- 2. **Aisha Mobley** in the position of Guidance Counselor at Wolcott High School effective August 19, 2015;
- 3. **Aisha Mobley** in the position of Director of Guidance for the Wolcott Public Schools effective August 19, 2015;
- 4. **Kimberly Moriarty** in the position of Head Teacher at Frisbie Elementary School effective for the 2015-2016 school year;
- 5. **Shaye Sheehan** in the position of Interim Director of Student Services for the Wolcott Public Schools effective August 17, 2015.
- 6. **2016 Spring Coaches** at Wolcott High School as follows:

Steve Jasulavic	Varsity Boys Tennis
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Becky Riviezzo	Head Coach – Girls Outdoor Track
Chis Riviezzo	Assistant Coach- Girls Outdoor Track
Will Balanda	Head Coach-Boys Outdoor Track
Justin Bolton	Strength & Conditioning Coach
Lisa Belval	Varsity Girls Softball
Charisse Courtney	JV Girls Softball
Tary Scott	Varsity Boys Baseball
Ed Belval	JV Boys Baseball
David Pelletier	Freshman Boys Baseball
Craig Kealey	Varsity Boys Golf

(See attached)

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – July 20, 2015

RESOLUTION: APPROVE TEACHING A SIXTH CLASS

Resolution from Joseph Macary, Superintendent of Schools, to the Honorable Board of Education of the Town of Wolcott, making recommendation

To approve teaching a 6th class at Wolcott High School by the following person(s) as indicated:

SHAPE	Joe DiLeo
STEP Science	Steve Jasulavic
STEP Social Studies	Joe Morgan
STEP English	Don Niemitz
STEP Math	John Waitkus
Business	Charlie Guerrera
Business	Jason Pace
EMT	Chris Lofgren
Biology	Bryan McKay
Architectural Design	John Matthews

(See attached)

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – July 20, 2015

**RESOLUTION: REVISE BOARD OF EDUCATION 2015-2016 MEETING
 SCHEDULE**

Resolution from Joseph Macary, Superintendent of Schools, to the Honorable Board of Education of the Town of Wolcott, making recommendation

To approve rescheduling the October 13, 2015 (Tuesday) Board of Education Meeting to October 5, 2015 (Monday).

(See attached)

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – July 20, 2015

**RESOLUTION: APPROVE THE 2014-2015 SUPERINTENDENT'S
ANNUAL REPORT**

Resolution from Joseph Macary, Superintendent of Schools, to the Honorable Board of Education of the Town of Wolcott, making recommendation

To approve the 2014-2015 Superintendent's Annual Report

(See attached)

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – July 20, 2015

RESOLUTION: BID AWARD(S)

Resolution from Joseph Macary, Superintendent of Schools, to the Honorable Board of Education of the Town of Wolcott, making recommendation(s)

To approve the bid and award a contract to New England Systems Inc. (NSI) to provide information technology support services for the Wolcott Public Schools in the amount of \$144,000.00 per year for the 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 school years.

(see attached)