

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT**

A Board of Education meeting was held on Monday, October 5, 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, Roberta Leonard, Arthur Lerz Sr., and Kimberly Lumia, all Board members. Also in attendance: Dr. Thomas Smyth, Interim Superintendent of Schools; Todd Bendtsen, Business Manager; Frank Purcaro, Director of Student Learning and Teaching; Shaye Sheehan, Interim Director of Student Services; Rosa Ramalhete, Supervisor of Special Education; Joseph Monroe, Principal of Wolcott High School; Walter Drewry, Assistant Principal of Wolcott High School; Deborah Osvold, Assistant Principal of Wolcott High School; Arline Tansley, Principal of Tyrrell Middle School; Daniel Caetano, Assistant Principal of Tyrrell Middle School; Shawn Simpson, Principal of Alcott School; Joseph Norcross, Principal of Frisbie School; Robert Nagashima, Principal of Wakelee School; David Stankus, Facilities Director; Eileen Girgenti, Food Services Director; and Joan Gray, Board Clerk.

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 Ms. Leonard, seconded by Ms. DelBuono, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 21, 2015.

Communications:

The CABA Journal –October 2015
CABA Delegate Assembly information
CABA/CAPSS Convention information

Business Manager's Report:

Budget Transfers:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to authorize the transfer of **\$98,619.61** presented in the Business Manager's report. So voted.

Expenditures:

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

To approve the November 2015 payroll expenditure in the amount of **\$862,528.54**.

To approve expenditures in the amount of **\$1,440,000.00** paid on October 6, 2015 for fiscal year 2015-2016.

So voted.

Superintendent's Report:

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

Dr. Smyth reported that the Board of Education is seeking to identify and notify the parents or legal guardians of children who may be in need of Americans with Disabilities Act section 504 services. He advised, "If you have a child with a handicap that substantially limits one or more major life activity and who is not currently identified, please contact your building Principal or Mr. Walter Drewry, District ADA 504 Coordinator at 203 879-8164."

The Parent Portal is a feature available to Middle and High School parents, which allows access to their child's attendance, grades, assignments, etc.

Flu and cold season is upon us. Dr. Smyth encouraged parents and students to practice good hygiene by regularly washing their hands and avoiding contact as much as possible. Flu shots for children are highly recommended.

Congratulations to Wakelee School for being named A National Blue Ribbon School. The National Blue Ribbon Schools Program recognized public and private schools where students achieve high learning standards and are making notable improvements in closing the achievement gap. Congratulations to all involved.

Mr. Purcaro gave the Board a report on our SBAC test results.

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

Public Comment:

No one came forward

Committee Reports:

Mrs. Mancini said that the Finance Committee met earlier and reviewed pending invoices, the Affordable Health Care Act with options for the school system, reviewed the Internal Service Report, September health claims and oil prices.

Mrs. Clair reported that the Personnel Committee discussed a new job description for a Data Management System Specialist.

OLD BUSINESS:

Adopt Revised/New Board Policies – Final Vote:

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to adopt on final vote the following Board policies:

1. Revised Policies:
 - Policy 5113 – Students – Attendance/Excuses/Dismissal
 - Policy 5114 – Students – Suspension & Expulsion/Due Process
 - Policy 5141.21 – Students – Administering Medication
 - Policy 5141.3 – Students – Immunizations
2. New Policy:
 - Policy 5144.1 – Students – Physical Restraints/Seclusion

So voted.

Adopt Revised Curriculum – Final Vote:

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to adopt on final vote the following curriculum:

Tyrrell Middle School

1. Art (Grade 6-8)

Wolcott High School

1. Advanced Team Sports (Grades 11 & 12)
2. Career and Technology Education (Grades 9-12)
3. Ceramics/Pottery (Grades 9-12)
4. Civics (Grade 10)
5. Concert Band (Grades 9-12)
6. Concert Choir (Grades 9-12)
7. Contemporary Issues (Grades 11 & 12)
8. Drawing (Grades 9-12)
9. French I (Grades 9-12)
10. Individual and Family Development (Grades 11-12)
11. Jazz Band (Grades 9-12)
12. Latin I (Grades 9-12)
13. Life Long Fitness and Adventure (Grades 11 & 12)
14. Show Choir (Grades 9-12)
15. Spanish 3 (Grades 10-12)
16. Wellness (Grade 9)
17. Wellness (Grade 10)

So voted.

NEW BUSINESS:**Approve – Resignation(s):**

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

1. **Michael Terry** in the position of Boys Basketball Co-Coach at Tyrrell Middle School effective immediately.

So voted.

Approve – Nomination(s):

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

1. **Kelly Barrows** to the position of Paraprofessional in the ABC Classroom at Tyrrell Middle School effective on October 7, 2015;
2. **Cynthia Mascolo and Sarah Stabile** to the position of MATH Club Co-Advisors effective for the 2015-2016 school year;
3. **Dr. Anthony Gasper** to the position of Superintendent of Schools for the Wolcott Public Schools effective November 23, 2015.

So voted.

Approve – Out of State Field Trip:

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to approve the following out-of- state field trip:

1. Wolcott High School’s Music Department Students (45) request permission to go to a play at the St. James Theater in New York City, NY on November 4, 2015 for exposure to American culture through theater.

So voted.

Dispose of Equipment:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Ms. DelBuono, to approve Student Services Department’s request for permission to dispose of the following equipment:

G.B.C. Shredder – Model #4260X

So voted.

Adopt a Job Description – Initial Vote:

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mrs. Clair, to adopt on initial vote a job description for the position of Data Management System Specialist.

So voted.

Approve – a Contract:

Motion: by Ms. Leonard, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to approve a contract for **Dr. Anthony Gasper** in the position of the Superintendent of Schools for the period November 23, 2015 to November 22, 2018. So voted.

Approve – Out of State Conference:

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

Andrea Tordanato, Speech Language Pathologist, requests permission to attend the workshop entitled “Introduction to PROMPT Technique” being held November 6-8, 2015 in New York City, NY by the PROMPT Institute.

So voted.

Time for the Public:

No one came forward.

Items for the Next Agenda:

Final vote on a job description.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Mrs. Clair, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:17 p.m. So voted.