

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

A meeting of the Board of Education was held on Monday, August 14, 2017, at the Board Offices. 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, Todd Bendtsen, Business Manager, Walter Drewry, Principal of Wolcott High School; Joseph Morgan, Assistant Principal of Wolcott High School; Shawn Simpson, Principal of Alcott Elementary School; Kimberly Murtaugh, Principal of Frisbie Elementary School; David Stankus, Facilities Director; and Joan Gray, Board Clerk.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mrs. Najarian, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 17, 2017. So voted.

Motion: by Mr. Gugliotti, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi to approve the minutes of the special meeting of July 24, 2017. So voted.

Communications:

Thank you notes

Business Manager's Report:

Budget Transfers:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to authorize the transfer of **\$ 327,847.84** from fiscal year 2016-2017 as presented in the Business Manager's report. So voted.

Expenditures:

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

To approve the September 2017 payroll expenditure in the amount of **\$1,598,000.**

To approve expenditures in the amount of **\$331,551.30** paid on August 15, 2017 for fiscal year 2016-2017.

To approve expenditures in the amount of **\$587,737.27** paid on August 15, 2017 for fiscal year 2017-2018.

So voted.

Superintendent's Report:

Wolcott Summer Studies Program was a huge success. The Superintendent thanked the program director, Sara Tedesco, along with Frank Purcaro and Dave Stankus for their cooperation in making the program run very smoothly.

Our maintenance and custodial staff continue to make excellent progress in readying our schools. From the yearly cleaning and sanitizing of classrooms to installation of LED lighting, athletic field upgrades, and new playgrounds...our facilities are well maintained and will be ready to open on the first day of school. Despite this progress and eye toward maintenance, our facilities continue to age and their needs are showing more and more each day. We experienced substantial roof leaks at Tyrrell and Wakelee during heavy rains on August 5th causing damage to ceiling tiles, walls, and files. The air conditioner unit for the Business Office failed and needed emergency replacement. The HVAC control system for Frisbie School failed and will need replacement before the start of school.

Convocation will take place on Thursday, August 24th starting at 8:45 a.m. with a breakfast in Tyrrell Middle School's front hallway, and the Convocation program in the auditorium at 9:30 a.m. Board members were encouraged to attend if they are available.

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

Public Comment:

No one came forward.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resignations:

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

1. **Sara Tedesco** in the positions of Athletic Coordinator and Technology Coordinator at Tyrrell Middle School effective immediately.
So voted.

Transfer Between Jobs:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Clair, to approve the following transfer to the position indicated:

1. **Paige Cipriano** from the position of Grade 3 Teacher at Frisbie Elementary School to the position of Grade 2 Teacher at Frisbie Elementary School effective with the 2017-2018 school year;
2. **Sheila DiStasio** from the position of Library Media Specialist at Wolcott High School to the position of Library Media Specialist at Tyrrell Middle School effective with the 2017-2018 school year;
3. **Karri Langdeau** from the position of Paraprofessional at Wakelee Elementary School to the position of Paraprofessional at Tyrrell Middle School effective with the 2017-2018 school year.

So voted.

Nominations:

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to appoint the following person(s) to the position as indicated:

1. **Mark Casioppo** to the position of Special Education Teacher in the Phoenix Program at Wolcott High School effective with the 2017-2018 school year;
2. **Justin Clement** to the position of Marching and Pep Band Advisor at Wolcott High for the 2017-2018 school year;
3. **Ron Cyr** to the position of Boys' JV Soccer Coach at Wolcott High School for the 2017-2018 school year;
4. **Jonathon DeLucrezia** to the position of Special Education Paraprofessional at Wakelee Elementary School effective August 28, 2017;
5. **Brittany Ditota** to the position of Elementary Math Interventionist at Wakelee and Alcott Elementary Schools effective with the 2017-2018 school year pending receipt of certification;
6. **June Fishbein** to the position of Grade 4 Teacher at Frisbie Elementary School effective with the 2017-2018 school year;
7. **Shakira Jacobs-Vasquez** to the position of Family and Consumer Science Teacher at Wolcott High School effective with the 2017-2018 school year;
8. **Carrie Pawlak** to the position of Kindergarten Teacher at Alcott Elementary School effective with the 2017-2018 school year;

- 9. **Eleanor Riker** to the position of Spanish Teacher at Tyrrell Middle School effective with the 2017-2018 school year;
 - 10. **Krista Rocco** to the position of Special Education Paraprofessional at Wakelee Elementary School effective August 28, 2017;
 - 11. **Betsy Walsh** to the position of Paraprofessional – Library Assistant at Wakelee Elementary School effective August 28, 2017;
 - 12. **2017-2018 WHS Sports Volunteers:**

Tony Bell	Football
Ryan Caggiano	Football
Nate Filipone	Football
John Kiely	Football
William Liquindoli	Football
James Maisto	Football
Chris Benson	Boys & Girls Cross-Country
Cody Doubleday	Boys Soccer
Rebecca Riviezzo	Girls Soccer
 - 13. **Isabel Nunes** to the position of Library Media Specialist at Wolcott High School effective with the 2017-2018 school pending the results of her reference check and an interview with the Superintendent.
- So voted.

Revise an Employee’s Start Date:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Clair, to revise Brandon Cepelak’s start date as a Night Custodian at Wakelee Elementary School from July 19, 2017 to August 14, 2017. So voted.

Approve Teaching a Sixth Class:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mr. Buzzelli, to approve teaching a 6th class by the following person(s) as indicated:

Tyrrell Middle School:

Theresa Krusewski Physical Education

Wolcott High School:

John Waitkus Mathematics

Kristin Garcia Mathematics

So voted.

Accept a Donation:

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to accept a donation to the Tyrrell Middle School’s Music Department of a drum kit from the Lumia family. So voted.

Committee Reports:

Mrs. Gubitosi reported that the Facilities Committee met at 6:00 p.m. and continued their discussion of the Feasibility Study with Mr. Roach, Mr. Stankus and Dr. Gasper.

Mrs. Mancini said the Finance Committee met earlier and discussed pending vendor invoices, the budget reports, transfer requests, and the bus and electricity contracts.

Mr. Najarian mentioned that the Negotiation Committee would be meeting this Wednesday for a planning session.

Time for the Public:

No one came forward

Items for the Next Agenda:

The next meeting is August 28 and will be at Tyrrell Middle School.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. So voted.

Note: During the summer, the Board of Education meetings are not videotaped, and as result are not available to be viewed on the WLCT96 site on the Town of Wolcott's website, www.wolcottct.org.