

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT**

A Board of Education meeting was held on Thursday, November 5, 2015, at Tyrrell Middle School. In attendance were: Attorney Brian Tynan, and the Board elect-members Thomas Buzzelli, Gloria Clair, Gloria Gubitosi, Anthony Gugliotti, Roberta Leonard, Arthur Lerz, Kimberly Lumia, Cynthia Mancini, and Patricia Najarian. Also in attendance: Dr. Thomas Smyth, Interim Superintendent of Schools; Todd Bendtsen, Business Manager; 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 Osvald, Assistant Principal of Wolcott High School; Arline Tansley, Principal of Tyrrell Middle School; Daniel Caetano, Assistant Principal of Tyrrell Middle School; Joseph Norcross, Principal of Frisbie School; Robert Nagashima, Principal of Wakelee School; David Stankus, Facilities Director; and Joan Gray, Board Clerk.

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

Mr. Tynan read the Wolcott Public Schools' Mission Statement.

Board Swearing in:

Attorney Tynan, swore in the new Board of Education. Members are as follows: Thomas Buzzelli, Gloria Clair, Gloria Gubitosi, Anthony Gugliotti, Roberta Leonard, Arthur Lerz, Kimberly Lumia, Cynthia Mancini, and Patricia Najarian.

Organizational Vote:

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mrs. Clair, to nominate Patricia Najarian as Chairman of the Board of Education.

Motion: by Ms. Leonard, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to close nominations.
So voted.

***All Board Members present voted "aye" in support of Mrs. Najarian to the position of Chairman.
The motion carries.***

Motion: by Mrs. Clair, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to nominate Gloria Gubitosi as Vice Chairman of the Board.

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to close nominations.
So voted.

*All Board Members present voted “aye” in support of Mrs. Gubitosi to the position of Vice Chairman.
The motion carries.*

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to nominate Kimberly Lumia as Secretary of the Board.

Motion: by Ms. Leonard, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to close nominations.
So voted.

*All Board Members present voted “aye” in support of Mrs. Lumia to the position of Secretary.
The motion carries.*

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to take a 10 minute recess.

Mrs. Najarian called the meeting back into session.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: by Mrs. Clair, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 26, 2015.

*All Board Members voted “aye” except Mr. Gugliotti who abstained from the vote.
The motion carries.*

Communications:

Invitation to Thanksgiving dinner from the Lifeskills Classes

The CABE Journal – November 2015

Invitation to 8th Grade Curriculum and Activities Night

Business Manager’s Report:

Expenditures:

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

To approve the December 2015 payroll expenditure in the amount of **\$2,150,000.**

To approve expenditures in the amount of **\$216,170.33** paid on November 6, 2015 for fiscal year 2015-2016.

So voted.

Superintendent’s Report:

The School Principals gave one minute reports on the activities at their schools. Mrs. Ramalhete reported on the Special Education Department.

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."

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.

The State Board of Education approved the SAT Exam as the mastery examination for grade 11 students, replacing the Smarter Balanced Tests beginning in March 2016.

November 3rd, Wolcott Public Schools funded two Professional Development activities for teachers. The Elementary Teachers had *Performance Task Rubric/Report Card Scoring*, and the Secondary Teachers had *Google Education in the Classroom*.

Motion: by Mrs. Clair, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, 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 Internal Service Report, oil prices, and the five-year Capital Plan.

NEW BUSINESS:

Approve – Transfer Between Jobs:

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

1. **Judith Sweeney** from the position of 4 Hour Food Service Floater to the position of 4 Hour Food Service Worker at Tyrrell Middle School effective November 9, 2015.

So voted.

Approve – Out of State Field Trip:

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

1. Tyrrell Middle School's Grade 7 Students (177) request permission to go to the Boston Science Museum on November 13, 2015 for enrichment of science and math curriculum (STEM).

2. A Wolcott High School's Chorus Student (1) requests permission to go to the American Choral Director's Association Festival in Boston, MA from February 10 to 13, 2015.

So voted.

Approve – Out of State Conference:

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

1. **Lisa Riggi**, Athletic Director at Wolcott High School, requests permission to attend the 46th National Athletic Directors Conference being held December 13-15, 2015 in Orlando, FL.

So voted.

Dispose of Equipment:

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to approve Food Services request for permission to dispose of the following equipment at Frisbie School:

A Reach in Refrigerator – Model R-30, Serial # 00015571

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.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: by Mrs. Clair, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:10 p.m. So voted.