



OUR FUTURE IS IN CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

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

**TYRRELL MIDDLE SCHOOL
LARGE GROUP INSTRUCTION ROOM**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT
December 11, 2017**

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 November 27, 2017

III. Communications

IV. Business Manager's Report

A. Budget Transfers

B. Expenditures

V. Superintendent's Report

A. Dr. Gasper's Report

B. Lego Robotics – Mr. Cormier

VI. Public Comment

VII. Old Business

VIII. New Business

A. Nomination(s)

B. Out of State Field Trip

C. Permission to Discard Old Equipment

D. Permission to Accept a Donation

E. Contract Award – Special Education Transportation

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

Recommended Motion: "that the Board go into executive session for the purpose of discussing ongoing negotiations."

ADJOURNMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

- XIII. Action on Item XII, if Necessary
- XIV. Adjournment

Note:

Facilities Committee at 6:15 p.m. in Tyrrell Middle School's Media Center:

1. Feasibility Study Overview – Mr. Stankus & Dr. Gasper

Finance Committee at 7:00-7:30 p.m. in Tyrrell's Media Center:

1. Business Manager's Report
2. Budget Transfers
3. Expenditures
4. Review Transportation Bids

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT**

A meeting of the Board of Education was held on Monday, November 27, 2017, at Tyrrell Middle School. In attendance were: Lori DelBuono Bartlett, Chairman of the Board of Education; Cynthia Mancini, Vice Chairman of the Board of Education; Roberta Leonard, Secretary of the Board of Education; Thomas Buzzelli, Christopher Charette, Kathleen Cordone, Paul D'Angelo, Anthony Gugliotti, and Kelly Mazza. Also in attendance: Dr. Anthony Gasper, Superintendent of Schools, Frank Purcaro, Director of Student Learning & Teaching; Kevin Hollis, Director of Student Services; Rosa Ramalhete, Supervisor of Special Education; Walter Drewry, Principal of Wolcott High School; Bryan MacKay, Assistant Principal of Wolcott High School; Joseph Morgan, Assistant Principal of Wolcott High School; Joseph Norcross, Principal of Tyrrell Middle School; Daniel Caetano, Assistant Principal of Tyrrell Middle School; Kimberly Murtaugh, Principal of Frisbie Elementary School; David Stankus, Facilities Director; Anthony Cianchetti, School Social Worker; Deborah Goodman, School Psychologist; Danielle Morek, School Speech and Language Pathologist; and Joan Gray, Board Clerk.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mrs. DelBuono Bartlett, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and Mrs. DelBuono Bartlett read the Wolcott Public Schools' Mission Statement.

Mrs. DelBuono Bartlett announced the Board of Education Committee membership as follows:

Finance	Chairman: Cindy Mancini Members: Paul D'Angelo, Tony Gugliotti
Negotiations	Chairman: Tony Gugliotti Members: Chris Charette
Facilities	Chairman: Tom Buzzelli Members: Cindy Mancini, Roberta Leonard
Operations & Programs	Chairman: Roberta Leonard Members: Kelly Mazza, Kathy Cordone
Parliamentarian	Tony Gugliotti
ACES Representative	Roberta Leonard

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: by Ms. Leonard, seconded by Mr. D'Angelo, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 14, 2017. So voted.

Communications:

Invitation to the WHS Fall Sports Banquet

Notice from WHS PAC on a Poinsettia Fundraiser

Business Manager's Report:**Expenditures:**

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mr. D'Angelo, to approve the following expenditures:

To approve expenditures in the amount of **\$221,046.84** paid on November 28, 2017 for fiscal year 2017-2018.

So voted.

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Hollis and Mrs. Ramalhete gave the Board of Education an overview of the programs, procedures, and services offered by the District's Student Services Department. In addition, some of the Department's support staff were introduced and explained what services their area provided.

The School Principals gave two minute school highlights, and Mr. Purcaro gave an update on the Student Learning and Teaching Department.

Dr. Gasper said that these are very exciting times for our schools, the school system, and Board of Education. A new Board of Education is seated and, as with any change, this will bring opportunities for new vision and new ideas on how to achieve our long-range goals. A key document in this work will be the Board's new Vision of the Graduate - ratified by the Board in September 2017. All of our work to come will be guided by this document as we work to "unpack" it into specific plans at the school, department, and teacher levels. Over the next few editions of this update, he said he will take the time to introduce you to this simple-but-rich document (the full document can be found at this [LINK](#)).

The introduction of the Vision is very important to understand. It says *"To guide long-range, strategic planning and implementation of programs, the Wolcott Board of Education has prepared and ratified the following list of skills, knowledge, and dispositions that define its aspirations for all students. It is important to note that this vision encompasses a child's thirteen-year journey through our school system. The word 'graduate' should not be interpreted to pertain only to high school students. These are attributes to be developed in each classroom in each grade level."* We will be working to ensure that all of the skills and dispositions laid out later on in the document into all of

our curricula, teaching methods, and experiences from kindergarten through grade twelve. He looks forward to updating you further on the Vision in the future.

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

Public Comment:

No one came forward.

Committee Reports:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nominations:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to appoint the individual(s) as indicated:

1. **Paulina Palazzo** to the position of Special Education Paraprofessional at Frisbie Elementary School effective on November 29, 2017;
2. **Nancy Sheehan** to the position of Family Consumer Science Teacher at Wolcott High School effective as soon as possible.

So voted.

Permission to Discard Old Equipment:

Motion: by Mrs. Mazza, seconded by Mr. Gugliotti, to approve the request from Mr. Stankus to dispose of a Cub Cadet riding lawn tractor and a Husqvarna snow thrower at Wolcott High School which are no longer serviceable. So voted.

Approve a Grant Award - WEF:

Motion: by Mr. Gugliotti, seconded by Mr. D'Angelo, to approve and accept a Wolcott Education Foundation's Grant as follows:

Shannon Gomez \$200.00
Location: Frisbie Elementary School
Project Title: Family STEM Night

So voted.

Time for the Public:

No one came forward.

Items for the Next Agenda:

The next meeting is December 11 and will be at Tyrrell Middle School.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to go into Executive Session to discuss a confidential student matter protected under FERPA, and the discussion of ongoing negotiations. Mrs. Najarian, Mrs. Lumia, and Mr. Bendtsen were invited to attend Executive Session. So voted.

Motion: by Mr. D'Angelo, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to come out of Executive Session and reconvene the regular meeting at 9:23 p.m. So voted.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mr. D'Angelo, to adjourn the meeting at 9:24 p.m. So voted.

Note: The Board of Education meetings are videotaped, and as result are available to be viewed on the WLCT96 site on the Town of Wolcott's website, www.wolcottct.org.

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – December 11, 2017

RESOLUTION: BUDGET TRANSFER(S)

Resolution from Dr. Anthony Gasper, Superintendent of Schools, to the Honorable Board of Education of the Town of Wolcott, making recommendation

To authorize the transfer of \$229,280.24 from fiscal year 2017-2018 as presented in the Business Manager's report.

Resolution No. 12-11-17: 7739

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – December 11, 2017

RESOLUTION: EXPENDITURES

Resolution from Dr. Anthony Gasper, Superintendent of Schools, to the Honorable Board of Education of the Town of Wolcott, making recommendation

To approve the January 2017 payroll expenditure in the amount of **\$1,510,000.**

To approve expenditures in the amount of **\$1,003,479.75** paid on December 12, 2017 for fiscal year 2017-2018.

WOLCOTT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT
SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

DECEMBER 11, 2017

Lego Robotics – Mr. Cormier

Two Minute School Highlights:

Alcott:

Frisbie:

Wakelee:

Tyrrell:

Wolcott High:

Student Services:

Earlier this evening, the Board of Education heard an update from our Facilities Director, Mr. Stankus regarding the state of our facilities. Families and staff members who follow the Board's work are, by now, well familiar with this topic. In September, I issued an update to the community but it is of such importance that it bears repeating here.

All of our school buildings are in a state of needing constant repair. These are not issues of normal maintenance, as our custodians and maintenance staff do a good job of regularly scheduled upkeep. The issue at hand is that the core, the infrastructure of our buildings' systems are all coming to their end-of-life almost simultaneously. The Board and I want for our students and staff to have safe, bright, and modern facilities in which to learn and work. While our facilities are currently safe and compliant with all pertinent codes, the heating, cooling, plumbing, and roofing systems within them are beginning to fail in substantial ways. While we do our best to plan for such things during the budget process, the speed at which critical items are failing is accelerating.

The Board engaged Friar Associates, an architectural firm from Farmington experienced in school construction, to conduct a feasibility study. This study was thorough and looked at all of our building exteriors, interiors, systems, and our enrollment projections. These architectural and engineering studies verified that our school buildings will need critical attention and renovation within the next five-to-ten years. It's also important to remember that current enrollment in our elementary schools ranges from 51% to 62% of capacity.

In the coming months, the Board and I will continue to discuss these important matters and we will keep Wolcott families and staff apprised of our progress.

**Field Trip Report
BOE Meeting 12/11/17**

Trip ID	Trip Name	Date	School	# Students	Trip Destination	Educational Objectives	Contact Name
1296	Grade 6 Project Explore/Honors ELA Christmas Carol	12/13/2017	Tyrrell	50	Hartford Stage	Provide a live theater experience for the students and tie in with reading A Christmas Carol in their ELA classes	Conway, Pamela
1362	Brass Mill Center Mall	12/13/2017	WHS	71	495 Union St, Waterbury, CT 06706	Students will be able to read the mall map to find where they need to go. They will also work on skills like paying for an item, adding up their subtotal to make sure they have enough money, figuring out sales tax, calculating their change they will receive and ordering food from the food court.	Russo, Stephanie
1360	Unified Summit	12/15/2017	WHS	3	Aetna, 151 Farmington Ave., Hartford CT 06156	Given lessons on socialization, the students will be able to initiate and reciprocate conversations in order to network. Given lessons on leadership, students will be able to list how to be a leader in the Unified Sports field.	Pelletier, David
1369	WHS Music Department Performance at Wakelee	12/15/2017	WHS	75	Wakelee Elementary School	The Concert Band, Jazz Band, and Concert Choir will perform for the entire student body at Wakelee	Clement, Justin
1368	WES- Caroling at Wolcott View	12/18/2017	Wakelee	64	Wolcott View Mannor Beach Road	Community outreach	Couture, Tammy
1366	Unified Sports at Senior Center	12/20/2017	WHS	13	Senior Center	Unified sports students will engage in exercise with the elderly as well as deliver holiday cards that they created.	Brown, Linda
1381	Bowling	1/3/2018	WHS	40	Wolcott Lanes	Students will engage in a life long fitness activity. H14.3 - Use physical activity as a positive opportunity for social and group interaction and development of life long skills.	Brown, Linda
1382	Bowling	1/4/2018	WHS	40	Wolcott lanes	Students will engage in a life long fitness activity. H14.3 - Use physical activity as a positive opportunity for social and group interaction and development of life long skills.	Brown, Linda
1361	Student Leadership Conference	1/8/2018	Frisbie	18	Naugatuck Valley Community College	The purpose of this conference is to provide students with an opportunity to develop skills needed to be effective leaders. Students will participate in hands-on activities designed to foster leadership skills in productive thinking, decision making, communication, and creative problem solving.	Discepolo, Janet
1380	Trip to State Capitol	1/8/2018	WHS	100	CT General Assembly and State Supreme Court	Learn about the lawmaking process and Supreme Court decision making process.	Coppola, Salvatore

Fundraiser Report December 11, 2017

DATE	SCHOOL	GROUP/PERSON	DESCRIPTION OF FUNDRAISER
Dec 15	Alcott	Community Giveback	Donations to wear an ugly sweater that day. Funds raised will go to the Wolcott Dog Pound in memory of Jim Mullen

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – December 11, 2017

RESOLUTION: NOMINATION(S)

Resolution from Dr. Anthony Gasper, 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. Rachel Turner to the position of Long Term Substitute Reading Specialist at Tyrrell Middle School effective December 12, 2017;

2. WHS Volunteer Coaches for the 2017-2018 school year as follows:

Christopher Bendtsen	Indoor & Outdoor Track
Monica Gray	Cheerleading
Matthew Maisto	Boys Basketball (pending certification)
Michael Bozzuto	Boys Basketball (pending certification)

(See attached)

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RESOLUTION: OUT-OF-STATE FIELD TRIPS

Resolution from Dr. Anthony Gasper, Superintendent of Schools, to the Honorable Board of Education of the Town of Wolcott, making recommendation

TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING OUT-OF-STATE FIELD TRIP:

1. **Tyrrell Middle School's 8th Grade Students (190) request permission to go to Washington, D.C. from May 29 to June 1, 2018.**

(See attached)

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – December 11, 2017

RESOLUTION: PERMISSION TO DISPOSE OF EQUIPMENT

Resolution from Dr. Anthony Gasper, Superintendent of Schools, to the Honorable Board of Education of the Town of Wolcott, making recommendation

To give the following departments permission to dispose of equipment:

Food Services at Wolcott High School:

- Two door reach-in Hobart refrigerator, model #DE2, asset tag #01340
- Company Serve Lift hot holding unit, model #1500H-73-C, asset tag #04777.

Technology Services:

- Recycle outdated computer and monitors currently being stored at Tyrrell Middle School.

(See attached)

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – December 11, 2017

RESOLUTION: ACCEPT A DONATION

Resolution from Dr. Anthony Gasper, Superintendent of Schools, to the Honorable Board of Education of the Town of Wolcott, making recommendation

To accept a donation from Mr. Kevin Burns and family to Tyrrell Middle School's Music Program of a Gemeinhardt flute, an Olds clarinet, and a non-name brand trumpet. The estimated value of the donation is \$400.

(See attached)

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – December 11, 2017

RESOLUTION: CONTRACT AWARD – SPECIAL EDUCATION TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Resolution from Dr. Anthony Gasper, Superintendent of Schools, to the Honorable Board of Education of the Town of Wolcott, making recommendation(s)

To enter into a contract with **Kids Wheels, LLC** for Special Education transportation services from 7/1/2018 to 6/30/2023 using the attached rates per the RFP response.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

December 11, 2017

Operations & Programs Committee – November 27, 2017

WOLCOTT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT

OPERATIONS & PROGRAMS COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 27, 2017

A meeting of the Board of Education's Operations & Programs Committee was held on Monday, November 27, 2017, at Tyrrell Middle School. In attendance were: Roberta Leonard, Chairman of the Operations & Programs Committee and Secretary of the Board; Lori DelBuono Bartlett, Chairman of the Board; Cynthia Mancini, Vice Chairman of the Board; Thomas Buzzelli, Kathleen Cordone, Christopher Charette, Paul D'Angelo, Anthony Gugliotti, and Kelly Mazza, all Board members. Also in attendance: Dr. Anthony Gasper, Superintendent of Schools.

The meeting was called to order at 9:23 p.m. by Ms. Leonard.

The Committee discussed field trip and fundraiser policies.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: by Mrs. Cordone, seconded by Mrs. Mazza, to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m. So voted.