

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

A meeting of the Board of Education was held on Monday, May 22, 2017, at Tyrrell Middle School. In attendance were: Patricia Najarian, Chairman of the Board; Gloria Gubitosi, Vice Chairman of the Board; Kimberly Lumia, Secretary of the Board; Thomas Buzzelli, Anthony Gugliotti, Roberta Leonard, Arthur Lerz, and Cynthia Mancini, all Board members. Also in attendance: Dr. Anthony Gasper, Superintendent of Schools, Todd Bendtsen, Business Manager; Frank Purcaro, Director of Student Learning & Teaching; Kevin Hollis, Director of Student Services, Rosa Ramalhete, Supervisor of Special Education; Walter Drewry, Interim Principal of Wolcott High School; Bryan MacKay, Assistant Principal of Wolcott High School; Joseph Morgan, Interim 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 Elementary School; Deborah Osvald, Principal of Wakelee Elementary School; Shawn Simpson, Principal of Alcott Elementary School; David Stankus, Facilities Director; Janet Discepolo, Project Explore Teacher; and Joan Gray, Board Clerk.

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 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. Gubitosi, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 8, 2017. So voted.

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Mrs. Lumia, to approve the minutes of the special meeting of May 4, 2017. So voted.

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to approve the minutes of the special meeting of May 8, 2017. So voted.

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Lumia, to approve the minutes of the special meeting of May 16, 2017. So voted.

**Communications:**

Thank you notes

Invitations to District events

**Business Manager's Report:****Budget Transfers:**

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to authorize the transfer of **\$130,083.40** from fiscal year 2016-2017 as presented in the Business Manager's report. So voted.

**Expenditures:**

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Lumia, to approve the following expenditures:  
To approve expenditures in the amount of **\$248,827.81** paid on May 23, 2017 for fiscal year 2016-2017.  
So voted.

**Superintendent's Report:**

Mrs. Discepolo introduced students from the elementary schools and middle school who demonstrated their prize winning inventions from this year's Invention Convention.

Two minute school highlights were presented by each principal, such as Mr. Simpson showed the Board the virtual field trips that his students are going on through Google Expeditions. Mrs. Tansley introduced Mr. Goldstone, whose students demonstrated how they compete in Rubik's Cube contests. Mr. Drewry introduced Mr. Clement's band members who performed the Star Spangled Banner and showed the Board their new band uniforms which they designed. Mr. Hollis updated the Board on activities in the Student Services Department.

Dr. Gasper thanked all of the community members, parents, staff, and students who came out to the Town Council's public hearing on the budget May 16<sup>th</sup>. The next meeting of the Town Council will be June 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at Town Hall.

The Board and the Superintendent are moving forward with a study of our school facilities and the district's future. Plans and recommendations will be publicly released over the next four weeks.

May and June are times of celebration for our schools. The Board and the Superintendent salute the accomplishments of our students, and acknowledge the parents who have supported them along the way.

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

**Public Comment:**

No one came forward.

**NEW BUSINESS:****Resignations:**

Motion: by Ms. Leonard, seconded by Mr. Lerz, to accept the resignation(s) of:

1. **Susan Boutote** in the position of Dance Team Coach at Tyrrell Middle School effective immediately.

So voted.

**Nominations:**

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

1. **Jennifer Duetzmann** to the position of 10-month Secretary at Wolcott High School effective on May 24, 2017;
2. **Taylor Notation** to the position of Tech Ed Teacher at Wolcott High School effective for the 2017-2018 school year (the appointment is dependent upon budget appropriation & receipt of CT certification);
3. **Stephanie Russo** to the position of Special Education Teacher at Wolcott High School effective for the 2017-2018 school year (the appointment is dependent upon budget appropriation);
4. **Chauna Wilson** to the position of Special Education Teacher for the Extended School Year Program being held at Wolcott High School effective June 26, 2017;
5. **2017-2018 Winter Coaches:**

**Wolcott High School:**

Matt Craig	Varsity Boys Basketball
Jim Maisto	JV Boys Basketball
Tug Drysdale	Freshman Boys Basketball
Marty DiTuccio	Varsity Girls Basketball
Ron Cyr	JV Girls Basketball
Jill Guerrera	Varsity Cheer
Scott Rossignol	Assistant Cheer
Becky Riviezzo	Head Boys & Girls Indoor Track
Samantha Barrett	Assistant Indoor Track
Chris Riviezzo	Assistant Indoor Track

**Tyrrell Middle School:**

Lee Kelsey	Girls Basketball
Scott Blacker	Boys Basketball Co-Coach
David Fortier	Boys Basketball Co-Coach
Anna Bartoli	Cheerleading
6. **2017-2018 Stipend Positions:**

**CATEGORY A = \$3600.00 Stipend**

Robotics Team Advisor (WHS) Robert Cormier  
Drama Advisor (WHS) Laura Zimmerman/Nicole Thomas (Co-Advisors)

CATEGORY B = \$2600.00 Stipend

Show Choir Advisor (WHS) Laura Zimmerman

Yearbook Advisor (WHS) Kristin Ferguson/Kristin Klemeshefsky  
(Co-Advisors)

Parliamentarian Advisor (WHS) William Balanda

Senior Class Advisor (WHS) Michelle Thies

National Honor Society Advisor (WHS) Sarah Stabile/Alyssa Giedra  
(Co-Advisors)

Jazz Band Advisor (WHS) Justin Clement

CATEGORY C = \$1600.00 Stipend

Drama Advisor (TMS) Katherine Jones

Activities Advisor (WHS) Kristin Garcia

Financial Advisor (WHS) Kristin Garcia

FCCLA Advisor (WHS) Kathryn Pierpaoli

DECA Advisor (WHS) Jason Pace

Community Service Advisor (WHS) Sarah Stabile

Skills USA Advisor (WHS) Christine Lofgren

Math Club Advisor (WHS) Cynthia Mascolo/Sarah Stabile (Co-  
Advisors)

Construction Engineering Club Advisor (TMS) Stephen Mirto

CATEGORY D = \$650.00 Stipend

National Junior Honor Society Advisor (TMS) Kerri Baker

Student Council Advisor (TMS) Sarah Garbus

Yearbook Advisor (TMS) Andrea Krug

Writing Club Advisor (TMS) Joanne Mumley

Rubik's Cube Club Advisor (TMS) Dan Goldstone

Chess Club Advisor (TMS) Wendy Salustro

Video Production Club Advisor (TMS) Katherine Jones

Homework Club Advisor (TMS) (4) John Fish; Richard Ligi;

Karen LeBlanc; Nina Mascetti-Johnson

DISTRICT:

Adult Education Director - \$7,026 Kimberly Murtaugh

Lead Speech Clinician - \$1200 Danielle Morek

District Technology Coordinator - \$750 Carrie Fiske

Wolcott High School

Athletic Director - \$12,000 Tanya Adorno

Technology Coordinator - \$1250 Shelia Distasio

Discovery Program Advisor (2) - \$1,400 each Sarah McOmber/Stacey  
Hart

**Department Heads:**

PE/Wellness - \$2857 Tanya Adorno

Math – \$3286 John Waitkus

Social Studies - \$3286 Salvatore Coppola

Science - \$3286 Sean Pennington

Special Education - \$2857 Sarah McOmber

World Language – \$3286 Natalie Morgan

**Tyrrell Middle School**

Athletic Coordinator - \$6000 Sara Tedesco

Technology Coordinator - \$1250 Sara Tedesco

**Team Leaders - \$2200:**

Diamond – Sarah Garbus/Nina Mascetti-Johnson (Co-Advisors)

Granite – Eileen Simon

Marble – Karen Trovato

Pearl – Jessica Stevenson/Richard Ligi (Co-Advisors)

Platinum – Jill Wright

Onyx – Lisa Roman/Scott Blacker (Co-Advisors)

Unified Arts – Kristen Weber

**Alcott Elementary School**

Head Teacher – \$6500 Bethann Sickles

Technology Coordinator - \$750 Nanci Fleming

**Frisbie Elementary School**

Technology Coordinator - \$750 Nancy Warzecha

**Wakelee Elementary School**

Technology Coordinator - \$750 Joseph Cornelio

So voted.

**Approve an Out of State Field Trip:**

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

1. Tyrrell Middle School's Music Students, Grade 8 Students, and Project Explore Students (90) request permission to go to the Theater District in New York City on November 8, 2017.

So voted.

**Revise the Board of Education's 2016-2017 Meeting Schedule:**

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to revise the Board of

Education's regular meeting schedule as indicated:

- Change the location of the June 12, 2017 meeting to Wolcott High School's Auditorium

So voted.

**Adopt Algebra I Resources & Award a Contract to Pearson Publishing:**

Motion: by Ms. Leonard, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to adopt EnVision Algebra I Resources and award a contract to **Pearson Publishing** in the amount of **\$30,870.70**. So voted.

**Accept a Bid Award – IT Services:**

Motion: by Mr. Gugliotti, seconded by Mr. Buzzelli, to table accepting the bid and awarding a contract for IT support for the Wolcott Public Schools; and to go back out to bid.

*The Chairman called for a roll call vote.*

*Board Members voting “yes” to table and go back out to bid:*

*Mr. Buzzelli, Mr. Gugliotti, and Mr. Lerz.*

*Board Members voting “no” to the motion to table and go back out to bid: Mrs. Gubitosi, Ms. Leonard, Mrs. Lumia, and Mrs. Mancini.*

*Board Member “abstaining” from the vote: Mrs. Najarian.*

*The Motion was denied.*

Motion: by Ms. Leonard, seconded by Mrs. Lumia, to accept the bid and award a contract to **NSI** to provide IT support for the Wolcott Public Schools from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2019 in the amount of **\$10,500 per month**.

*The Chairman called for a roll call vote.*

*Board Members voting “yes” to approve the motion: Mrs. Gubitosi, Ms. Leonard, Mrs. Lumia, and Mrs. Mancini.*

*Board Members voting “no” to the motion: Mr. Buzzelli, Mr. Gugliotti, and Mr. Lerz.*

*Board Member “abstaining” from the vote: Mrs. Najarian.*

*The Motion carries.*

**Award a Contract – Friar Associates:**

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to award a contract to **Friar Associates** for additional services pertaining to a feasibility study for the Wolcott Public Schools facilities in the amount of **\$4,600**. So voted.

**Committee Reports:**

Ms. Leonard stated that the Operations & Programs Committee met earlier. WHS' Student Government presented two policies for the Committee to consider; and Mr. Purcaro, Mr. Waitkus, and Ms. Garcia reported on the Algebra I textbooks that they tested for Wolcott High School.

Mrs. Mancini reported that the Finance Committee met earlier and discussed pending vendor invoices, transfers, an agreement with Friar Associates and a RFP summary for technology services..

Mrs. Lumia, the Chair of the Negotiations Committee, said the Committee has completed negotiations with the Cafeteria Workers, and has had their first sessions with both the Custodians' and the Nurses' unions.

**Time for the Public:**

No one came forward

**Items for the Next Agenda:**

The next meeting is June 12<sup>th</sup> and will be at Wolcott High 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 employment matter of a certified employees. So voted.

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mr. Buzzelli, to come out of Executive Session and reconvene the regular meeting. So voted.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to adjourn the meeting at 9:27 p.m. So voted.

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