

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT**

A special meeting of the Board of Education was held on Wednesday, October 12, 2016, 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, Gloria Clair, 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; Joseph Monroe, Principal of Wolcott High School; Walter Drewry, Assistant Principal of Wolcott High School; Bryan MacKay, 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; 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. Clair, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 26, 2016. So voted.

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to approve the minutes of the special meeting of September 28, 2016. So voted.

Motion: by Mrs. Clair, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to approve the minutes of the special meeting of October 3, 2016. So voted.

Communications:

Thank you note from Ms. Leonard

Thank you note from the WHS Baseball Team

Business Manager's Report:

Expenditures:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Lumia, to approve the following expenditures:
To approve the November 2016 payroll expenditure in the amount of **\$1,440,000.**
To approve expenditures in the amount of **\$620,744.88** paid on October 13, 2016 for fiscal year 2016-2017.
So voted.

Superintendent's Report:

Two minute school highlights were presented by each principal. Mr. Hollis reported on the Student Services Department.

Last week, Mr. Joe Norcross visited Washington DC for the ceremony honoring him as one of the nation's distinguished principals of the year.

The first testing window for our new i-Ready assessment platform is complete across grades kindergarten through eighth. Teachers and principals have reported that the testing went smoothly with students and that the data generated from i-Ready is already helping to make effective instructional decisions.

At this time, school-level data teams are finishing their work on school growth plans. Principals are now using their school growth plans to inform conversations with each teacher about their professional goals for the year.

The Look for the Good school culture program is now in full swing across all three of our elementary schools. Students have written on each school's Gratitude Wall after having had a kickoff assembly explaining the purpose of the project.

Mr. Frank Purcaro, the Director of Student Learning and Teaching, presented an analysis of the 2016 statewide assessment results.

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

Public Comment:

No one came forward.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Resignations:

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

1. **Wellingta Dias** in the position of Food Service Worker at Wolcott High School effective October 7, 2016;
2. **Whitney Goodman** in the position of Math Intervention Tutor at Tyrrell Middle School effective November 1, 2016;
3. **Nicole Rindos** in the position of JV Girls' Basketball Coach at Wolcott High School effective September 26, 2016.

So voted.

Transfer Between Jobs:

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

1. **Jennifer Belisle** from the position of Food Service Worker at Wolcott High School to the position of Food Service Worker at Alcott Elementary School effective October 14, 2016.

So voted.

Approve – Nominations:

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

1. **Casey Distasio** to the position of Food Service General Worker at Wolcott High School effective October 14, 2016;
2. **Mary McCarthy** to the position of Biology Teacher at Wolcott High School effective date to be determined;
3. **Sean Pennington** to the position of Department Head of the Science Department at Wolcott High School effective October 13, 2016;
4. **Margaret Santone** to the position of Food Service General Worker at Wolcott High School effective October 14, 2016.

So voted.

Approve 2016-2017 Tuition Rate:

Motion: by Mrs. Clair, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to approve the following tuition rate for the 2016-2017 School Year:

ALL GRADES - \$12,210

So voted.

Approve 2016-2017 Special Education Related Services Rates:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Clair, to approve the following Special Education related services rates for the 2016-2017 School Year:

Special Education Teacher	-	\$53.00/hour
Speech Therapy	-	\$93.00/hour
Counseling	-	\$85.00/hour

Social Work Services	-	\$85.00/hour
Occupational Therapy	-	\$84.00/hour
Physical Therapy	-	\$76.00/hour
Music Therapy	-	\$63.00/hour
Nursing Services	-	\$58.00/hour
Instructional Assistant	-	\$17.00/hour

So voted.

Accept a Donation:

Motion: by Ms. Leonard, seconded by Mrs. Lumia, to accept the following donation from the Ben Was Here, Inc. Foundation:

1. Frisbie School will receive \$1,000 for the purchase of a 3D printer, 3D pens and accessories.

So voted.

Out of State Conference Requests:

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to approve the following out of state conference requests:

1. **Taryn Villano-Corsa**, Guidance Counselor at Wolcott High School, requests permission to attend a Counselor Tour at Western New England University, Springfield, MA on November 4, 2016.
2. **Danielle Morek**, Speech/Language Pathologist at Wakelee School, requests permission to attend the American Speech Language Hearing Association Conference at the Convention Center, Philadelphia, PA from November 16-19, 2016.

So voted.

Out of State Field Trip:

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

1. Wolcott High School's Model UN (60) requests permission to go to NYC to the United Nations on October 27, 2016 for Model UN class.

So voted.

Bid Award - Truck:

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Mr. Lerz, to approve the bid and award a contract for a Ford F350DRW Dump Truck for the Wolcott Public Schools to Crowley Ford in the amount of **\$43,062.00**. So voted.

Permission to Dispose of Obsolete Equipment:

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to approve the Central Office's request for permission to dispose of miscellaneous obsolete or unusable computer equipment, office furniture and classroom supplies.
So voted.

Committee Reports:

Ms. Leonard stated that the Operations and Programs Committee met at 6:30 p.m. and reviewed Board policies for possible changes.

Mrs. Lumia reported that the Negotiations Committee has negotiated a contract with the Paraprofessional's union. The next contract negotiation is with the Nurses' union.

Mrs. Mancini reported that the Finance Committee met earlier and discussed pending invoices, the internal service report, the bid award for a truck and the current oil rates.

Time for the Public:

No one came forward.

Items for the Next Agenda:

The next Board meeting will be Monday, October 24th.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:50 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.