



OUR FUTURE IS IN CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

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

**WAKELEE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
CAFETERIA**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT
February 22, 2016**

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. Special Meeting of February 9, 2016

III. Communications

IV. Business Manager's Report

A. Budget Transfers

B. Expenditures

V. Superintendent's Report

A. Dr. Gasper's Report

B. Wakelee Choral Ensemble – Mr. Fontaine

C. CABE Communications Award Presentation – Ms. Brown

VI. Public Comment

VII. Committee Reports

VIII. Old Business

A. Adopt the 2016-2017 School Calendar – Final Vote

IX. New Business

A. Resignation(s)

B. Out of State Field Trip(s)

- X. Time for the Public
- XI. Items for the Next Agenda
- XII. Adjournment

Note:

Facilities Committee at 6:30-7:00 p.m. in the Wakelee Elementary School's Library: 1) Facilities Director's Report.

Finance Committee at 7:00-7:30 p.m. in the Wakelee Elementary School's Library: 1) The Olga Krasnovsky Scholarship; 2) Budget Transfers; 3) Expenditures; and 4) Business Manager's Report.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT**

A special meeting of the Board of Education was held on Tuesday, February 9, 2016, at Frisbie Elementary 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, Anthony Gugliotti, Roberta Leonard, Arthur Lerz Sr., and Cynthia Mancini, all Board members. Also in attendance: Dr. Anthony Gasper, Superintendent of Schools; Todd Bendtsen, Business Manager; 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; Deborah Osvald, Assistant Principal of Wolcott High School; Arline Tansley, Principal of Tyrrell Middle School; Daniel Caetano, Assistant Principal of Tyrrell Middle School; Shawn Simpson, Principal of Alcott School; Joseph Norcross, Principal of Frisbie School; Robert Nagashima, Principal of Wakelee 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. A moment of silence was observed in memory of Larry Shapiro, who was Principal of Wolcott High School.

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

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 11, 2016. So voted.

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to approve the minutes of the special meeting of January 27, 2016. So voted.

Communications:

E-Mail on the Public Relations Contract– Mr. & Mrs. Guerrero, Mr. Mallett, and Ms. Shea

Thank-you note – Wolcott Food Pantry

Rotella Monthly Montage – February 2016

Waterbury Arts Magnet Newsletter – February 2016

Business Manager's Report:

Expenditures:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to approve the following expenditures:
To approve the March 2016 payroll expenditure in the amount of **\$1,640,000.**
To approve expenditures in the amount of **\$879,728.20** paid on February 10, 2016 for fiscal year 2015-2016.
So voted.

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Norcross introduced Frisbie students from Grades 1 to 5, who talked about their classes' community service projects.

The School Principals gave two minute reports on the activities at their schools. Mr. Purcaro reported on his department of Student Learning and Teaching.

The Board of Education will be rotating their meeting schedule to visit all five schools. The next meeting is February 22nd at Wakelee Elementary School.

If you have a child who will be five year old on or before January 1, 2017, please contact the Superintendent's office at 203 879-8183 to pre-register your child for kindergarten.

The Department of Student Services is accepting applications for the Alcott Preschool Program for 2016-2017. The deadline to apply is March 7th. A lottery will determine the enrollment for the 3 and 4 year old programs. Contact Student Services at 203 879-8178.

Just a reminder that our School Late Opening Schedule is as follows:

- o Wolcott High School – 9:30 AM
- o Tyrrell Middle School – 10:00 AM
- o Elementary Schools – 10:55 AM

Ms. Glendon, the Project Director of the District's Drug Free Community Grant, gave the Board a presentation on the Citizens Against Substance Abuse (CASA) Coalition.

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

Public Comment:

No one came forward.

Committee Reports:

Ms. Leonard reported that the Operations and Programs Committee met at 6:30 p.m. and Mr. Purcaro answered questions on Wolcott High School's Course of Studies Guide. Dr. Gasper updated the Committee on an international trip.

Mrs. Mancini said that the Finance Committee met earlier and received a presentation from the Superintendent on his 2016-2017 proposed budget. Mr. Bendtsen reported on ECS funding, the Olga Krasnovsky Scholarship, pending invoices, the Internal Service Report, and budget reports.

Mrs. Lumia said the Negotiations Committee is in ongoing negotiations with the Para and School Secretaries unions.

OLD BUSINESS:

Approve the WHS 2016-2017 Course of Studies Guide:

Motion: by Ms. Leonard, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to approve on final vote the Wolcott High School's Course of Studies Guide 2016-2017. So voted.

NEW BUSINESS:

Approve – Resignation(s):

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

1. **Joseph Cornelio** in the position of Varsity Football Assistant Coach at Wolcott High School for the 2016 fall season;
2. **Paula Meier** in the position of A.M. Latchkey Instructor at Wakelee Elementary School effective immediately;
3. **Carleen Van Blarcom** in the position of Purchasing Coordinator for the Wolcott Public Schools for the purpose of retirement effective on September 6, 2016.

So voted.

Approve – Nomination(s):

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mrs. Clair, to appoint the following person as indicated:

1. **Briana Daniele** to position of Varsity Volleyball Coach at Wolcott High School effective for the 2016 Fall Season;
2. **Linda Erami** to the position of Special Education Paraprofessional at Frisbie Elementary School effective February 9, 2016;
3. **Vincent Pugliese** to the position of Custodian 2nd shift at Wolcott High School effective on February 10, 2016;
4. **Sara Pysher** to the position of Music Long-Term Substitute Teacher at Tyrrell Middle School effective approximately late February 2016.

So voted.

Approve – Out of State Field Trips:

- Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Lumia, to approve the following out-of- state field trips:
1. Wakelee Elementary School's Grade 4 Students (42) request permission to go to Old Sturbridge Village, Sturbridge, MA on April 29, 2016 to experience/view topics discussed in Social Studies and Language Arts classes.
 2. Wolcott High School's Senior Class (120) request permission to go to Six Flags New England, Agawam, MA on May 31, 2016 to promote the development of social skills and provide a final bonding experience for the Senior Class.
 3. Wolcott High School's French Students (20) request renewal of permission to go to Quebec City, Quebec, Canada. This trip was originally approved by the Board of Education on October 27, 2014 for February 2015 and postponed to February 12-15, 2016.
- So voted.

Approve – Out of State Conferences:

- Motion: Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to approve the following out-of-state conferences:
1. **Kathryn Glendon**, Project Director of the DFC Grant, requests permission to attend the National Coalition Academy workshops entitled, "Community Anti-drug Coalitions of America," being held in Tucson, AZ on March 14-17, May 16-19, and August 8-11, 2016.
- So voted.

Accept a Grant:

- Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mrs. Clair, to approve and accept the Exxon Mobil Educational Alliance Program \$500 Grant to be used for maintenance and support of Wolcott High School's Math and/or Science areas. So voted.

Adopt the 2016-2017 School Calendar – Initial Vote:

- Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mr. Lerz, to approve on initial vote the 2016-2017 school calendar as presented. So voted.

Permission to Conduct Student Surveys:

- Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Lumia, to conduct student surveys in connection with the Drug Free Community Grant. So voted.

Permission to Participate in Doctoral Research:

- Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Clair, to allow the District's

elementary schools to participate in a Doctoral Research study as presented. So voted.

Time for the Public:

Kathleen Cordone, 80 Old Boundline Road, asked that the Board conduct their business according to the Freedom of Information laws, and be more transparent in their actions.

David Borzellino, 88 South Colman Road, objected to the way the Board conducted themselves in the Triflection and the Public Relations contract matters.

Dennis Cleary, 108 Mad River Road, reminded the taxpayers that by accepting the technology bid from Triflection over the ACES bid the school system had saved \$529,000 over a two year period.

Items for the Next Agenda:

Final vote on the 2016-2017 school calendar.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to go into Executive Session for the discussion of a personnel matter (certified employee). So voted.

Motion: by Mrs. Clair, seconded by Mr. Lerz, to come out of Executive Session and reconvene the regular meeting at 9:35 p.m. So voted.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mr. Lerz, to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:35 p.m. So voted.

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – February 22, 2016

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 \$46,443.37 presented in the Business Manager's report.

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – February 22, 2016

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 expenditures in the amount of \$219,594.26 paid on February 23, 2016 for fiscal year 2015-2016.

WOLCOTT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT
SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

February 22, 2016

On behalf of the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education, Elizabeth Brown, a member of their Board of Directors, has a presentation to make to our Board of Education.

Two Minute School Highlights:

Alcott:

Frisbie:

Wakelee:

Tyrrell:

Wolcott High:

Student Services & Alternative Programs:

The Board of Education and the Superintendent continue to collaborate in the development of the educational budget for the 2016-2017 school year. The Board will hold a public hearing on the budget this week on Thursday, February 25th at 7:00 PM at Tyrrell Middle School. We encourage Wolcott residents to attend in order to become more informed about the Board's proposed budget.

Just a reminder, the Wolcott Board of Education is rotating their meeting schedule to visit all five (5) schools. The next meeting is at Wolcott High School on March 14th.

If you have a child who will be Five (5) years old on or before January 1, 2017, you are requested to contact the Office of the Superintendent of Schools at 203-879-8183 in February. The child's: name, address, age, date of birth, and e-mail addresses will be taken over the phone. Information will be mailed to your home in March. Early pre-registration is greatly appreciated in order for us to plan classes and the budget appropriately.

Our Department of Student Services will be accepting applications for the Alcott Preschool Program for 2016-2017. Applications are available for all Wolcott residents who have a child between the ages of 3 and 4, born in 2012 and 2013. The deadline for applications is March 7th. A lottery will be held to determine the preschool enrollment for the 3-year-old and 4-year-old programs for the next school year. Parents will be notified of the results in May. If you would like an application, please contact the secretary in the Student Services office at 203-879-8178.

Wakelee's Music Teacher, Mr. Fontaine will now introduce the Wakelee Choral Ensemble.

Conference Attendance Report February 22, 2016

DATE	COST	PERSON(S)	SCHOOL/POSITION	SUB	PRESENTER	TITLE	LOCATION
3/23; 3/24	\$100.00	Sara Tedesco	Athl Coord/TMS	No	CIAC/CAAD	CIAC Athl Dir Conference	Rocky Hill, Ct
05/25/16	(M) Only	Steven Granato	Gr 5 Teacher/FES	Yes	PMT Associates	PMT Refresher	Middletown, Ct.

CIAC/CAAD	Ct Interscholastic Athletic Conf/Ct Assoc of Athl Directors
PMT	Physical Management Training

Field Trips
BOE Meeting 2-22-16

ID	Trip Name	Date	Location	# Students	Trip Destination	Educational Objectives	Contact Name
811	Frindle	03/01/16	TMS	50	Bushnell	To experience a live theatre performance that supports literature read in class.	Terry, Michael
826	CMEA Southern Region Festival	03/05/16	TMS	18	Lincoln Middle School, Meriden	To perform in an honor ensemble with students from the Southern Region of Connecticut.	Regimbald, Jeremiah
827	CMEA Southern Region Festival	03/04/16	TMS	18	Lincoln Middle School, Meriden	To attend an honor festival with CMEA.	Regimbald, Jeremiah
831	Grade 8 Project Explore to Fascia's Chocolates	03/03/16	TMS	30	Fascia's Chocolates	The 8th grade project Explore students have been studying types of businesses as they work with the Stock Market game and studied the Hershey and Mars companies. This trip would allow us to see, first hand, how a company is started/the business grown, etc. AND stick with the chocolate industry.	Conway, Pamela
832	CMEA Regionals-Saturday	03/05/16	TMS	16	Lincoln Middle School, Meriden	<p>The students involved in this festival have auditioned for the Connecticut Music Educator's Association Southern Region. Those who were selected have been placed in one of four honor ensembles: treble chorus (soprano and alto voices), mixed chorus (soprano, alto and baritone voices), orchestra (strings, winds and percussion), and band (winds, percussion).</p> <p>The students will be preparing their music with Mrs. Jones and Mr. Regimbald, and will participate with students from 60 schools in our region. The students who participate in this festival are our most talented students, and this is a way for us to showcase what they are capable of, as well as challenge them musically.</p>	Regimbald, Jeremiah
860	Central Ct University	03/09/16	WHS	12	Central Connecticut State University Early Learning Program Center	Experience Learning Center	Pierpaoli, Katie
862	Grocery shopping - SNOW DATE	02/26/16	TMS	6	Walsh's IGA	Community experience, to purchase items needed to prepare a meal	bstango@wolcott.org, Bethany
863	WES-Kick-off to Addition and Subtraction	03/11/16	Wakelee	91	Wolcott Lanes	K Students will be beginning their addition and subtraction unit and a great way to kick that off is to go bowling with Math and Reading buddies. This trip will also require older student to use higher order thinking skills in order to "teach" the kindergarteners.	Stec, Kristin

**Field Trips
BOE Meeting 2-22-16**

866	Cosmic Cultures	02/27/16	TMS	25	Mead School, Ansonia	Students will learn about Astronomy and its influence on Ancient Cultures.	virr, Christine
870	Pat's IGA	02/25/16	WHS	8	816 Wolcott Rd Wolcott, CT 06716	Given a shopping list, student will find 4/5 items independently. Given a budget, students will be able to create a shopping list that is within the budget.	Garguilo, Brittany
872	Ms. Tedeschi Mrs. Wilson's classes visit Wakelee	03/09/16	TMS	37	Wakelee	Mrs. Wilson and I would like to take a field trip to Wakelee School so that our students can read the historical fiction picture books they created, as well as teach lessons to the kindergartners regarding the civil rights unit we just completed.	Tedeschi, Jackie
874	Wolcott Senior Center	03/10/16	WHS	24	Wolcott Senior Center	UConn HDFS1070 Senior Hours required for course	Pierpaoli, Katie

Fundraiser Report February 22, 2016

DATE	SCHOOL	GROUP/PERSON	DESCRIPTION OF FUNDRAISER
Feb to Mar	WHS	Varsity Softball	Sell pies & breads
Feb 23 to Mar 15	WHS	Parent Music Assoc	Sell pasta & sauces
Mar	WHS	Excel Club	Sell Fascia chocolates
Mar 10	Tyrrell	Student Council	Sell tickets for movie & pizza
Mar 11	Frisbie	Project Explore	Family Bingo Night
Mar 14	Frisbie	Flyers-Relay for Life Team	Amalfi's pizza dinner
May 27 or Jun 3	WHS	Parent Music Assoc	9th Annual Golf Ball Drop

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – February 22, 2016

RESOLUTION: APPROVAL 2016-2017 SCHOOL CALENDAR

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

To approve on final vote the 2016-2017 school calendar as presented.

(See Attached)

Special Meeting of the Board of Education – February 22, 2016

RESOLUTION: RESIGNATION(S)

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

TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION(S) OF:

1. **Jessica Bonacassio** in the position of P.M. Latchkey Instructor at Wakelee Elementary School effective on February 19, 2016;
2. **Briana Daniele** in the position of Assistant Volleyball Coach at Wolcott High School effective immediately.

(See attached)

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – February 22, 2016

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. Wolcott High School's Golf Team (9) requests permission to go to Queenstown, Maryland for spring training at a professional golf course from May 30 to June 1, 2016.**

(See attached)