

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT**

A meeting of the Board of Education was held on Tuesday, January 14, 2020, at Tyrrell Middle School. In attendance were: Cynthia Mancini, Chairman of the Board; Roberta Leonard, Secretary of the Board; Christopher Charette, Kathleen Cordone, Tony Gugliotti, Sean Hughes, Timothy McMurray, and Kelly Mazza. Also in attendance: Dr. Anthony Gasper, Superintendent of Schools, Shawn Simpson, Assistant Superintendent; Todd Bendtsen, Business Manager; Kevin Hollis, Director of Student Services;; 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; Dan Caetano, Assistant Principal of Tyrrell Middle School; Matthew Calabrese, Principal of Alcott Elementary School; Kimberly Murtaugh, Principal of Frisbie Elementary School; Wayne Natzel, Facilities Director; Alex Pagán, IT Director; Holly Schinkel, TEASOL Teacher; Kim Stein, Math Content Coach; Deborah Nicol, Wolcott High School Teacher; Jodi Giglio, Teacher at Wakelee School; Bethany Stango, Teacher at Tyrrell Middle School; and Jessica Kenny, Board Clerk.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mrs. Cynthia Mancini, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a moment of silence was held for Mahkai Savage and Mrs. Esther Gasper. Mrs. Mancini then read the Wolcott Public Schools' Mission Statement.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: by Ms. Leonard, seconded by Mr. Hughes, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 09, 2019.
So voted

Approved:


Cynthia Mancini, Chairman
Wolcott Public Schools

Committee Reports:

A committee of the Whole meeting was held at 6:30, topics included a discussion on Firewall Equipment and Security Software/Services, Revised Curriculum Documents, the Business Manager's Report, Expenditures, and a review of the Videographer's contract.

Communications:

Thank you cards
Rotella Monthly Montage

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

Motion: by Mr. Gugliotti, seconded by Mrs. Mazza, to approve the following expenditures:
To approve expenditures in the amount of **\$895,730.26** paid on January 15, 2020.
To approve the February 2020 payroll expenditures in the amount of **\$1,502,500.00** for fiscal year 2019-2020.
So voted.

Superintendent's Report:

Dr. Gasper took a moment to thank the Board of Education, past and present, staff, families, community, the Mayor and the Chief of Police for the condolences given the him in regards to the passing of his mother.

The Board had an update from the Ms. Stein, who spoke of her new position as Math Content Coach and how well it has been working out. This year she has been concentrating on Grades 5 and 6 problem solving.

Ms. Schinkel also updated the Board on her new position as a TESOL teacher. She explained the steps she takes to evaluate students who are learning English as a second language. Currently Wolcott Public Schools have 73 ELL students and there are 16 different languages.

Mrs. Nicol and a few students celebrate Teacher of the year by giving heartwarming speeches on why each teacher from our district was deserving of the nomination of Teacher of the Year.

Motion: by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Charette, to approve the Superintendent's Report.
So voted.

Mrs. Mancini called for a 5-minute recess, the meeting was called back to order at 8:10 p.m.

Public Comment:

No one came forward.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nominations:

Motion: by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Charette, to appoint the individual(s) as Indicated:

1. **Cristy Bryant** to the position of School Nurse at Wakelee School effective on January 16, 2020;
2. **Darcy Bucevicius** to the position of Special Education Paraprofessional at Tyrrell Middle School effective on January 16, 2020;
3. **Sabrina Douglas** to the position of Special Education Paraprofessional at Wakelee School effective on January 16, 2020;
4. **James Maisto** to the position of Hall Monitor at Wolcott High School effective on January 16, 2020;
5. **Anthony Bell** to the position of Weight Lifting Co-Coach at Wolcott High School effective January 15, 2020.
6. **Chris Theriault** to the position of Weight Lifting Co-Coach at Wolcott High School effective January 15, 2020.

2020-2021 Board Schedule – Initial Vote:

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

	<u>FIRST</u>	<u>SECOND</u>
JULY	13 (Monday – BOE Offices)	
AUGUST	10 (Monday - BOE Offices)	24 (Monday- BOE Offices)
SEPTEMBER	08 (Monday)	21 (Monday)
OCTOBER	05 (Monday)	19 (Monday)
NOVEMBER	10 (Tuesday)	23 (Monday)
DECEMBER	14 (Monday)	
JANUARY	11 (Monday)	
FEBRUARY	08 (Monday)	
MARCH	08 (Monday)	22 (Monday)
APRIL	12 (Monday)	
MAY	10 (Monday)	24 (Monday)
JUNE	07 (Monday)	21 (Monday)

All Board of Education meetings will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Tyrrell Middle School’s Large Group Instruction Room unless otherwise indicated.

All meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month unless otherwise indicated.
So voted.

Discussion and Possible Action on Firewall Equipment and Security Software/Services:

The Board had a discussion on during Committee of the Whole and the Board meeting about the Firewall Equipment and Security Software and Services.

Motion: by Mrs. Leonard, seconded by Mrs. Cordone to award the bid for firewall equipment and security software services to E-plus Technology, Inc. for a five-year total of \$325,142.00.

A roll call was taken.

Name	Yes	No	Abstained
Mr. Charette	1		
Mrs. Cordone	2		
Mr. D’Angelo			
Mr. Gugliotti			1
Mr. Hughes	3		
Ms. Leonard	4		
Mrs. Mazza	5		
Mr. McMurray		1	
Mrs. Mancini	6		

Approve Teaching a Sixth Class:

Motion: by Mr. Gugliotti, seconded by Mr. Hughes to “Table” the approval of teaching a 6th class by the following person(s) indicated:

Wolcott High School:

Nicolas D’Andrea Anatomy & Physiology

So voted.

Adopt Curriculum – Initial Vote:

Motion: by Mrs. Mazza, seconded by Mr. Hughes to adopt on Initial Vote the following Curricula:

- **Elementary Art Pt. II**
- **Grade 5 Science**
- **Middle School Science**
- **High School Science Ecology**
- **High School Math:**
 - **Pre-Calculus C&CR**

- **Consumer Math 11-12**
- **High School Social Studies:**
 - **11th Modern History**
 - **US History 1**
 - **20th Century Global Studies**
- **Grade 9 Wellness**
- **Spanish IV**
- **Creative Writing**
- **Business Management**
- **Marketing**
- **Photography**
- **Exploring Medical Careers**
- **Construction**
- **Intro to Foods**

So voted.

Consent Agenda:

Motion: by Mr. Gugliotti, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to approve the consent Agenda as presented:

A. Resignation(s):

1. **Dorene Page** from the position of Food Service Cook at Frisbee School effective January 3, 2020.

B. Out of State Field Trip(s):

1. To allow Wolcott High School's Varsity Golf Team (08) to visit Queenstown Harbor Golf Club in Queenstown, MD. From April 13-15, 2020 to participate in a golf tournament on a championship golf course.

C. Amend an Approved Out of State Field Trip:

1. To Amend the Wolcott High School's Varsity Cheerleading trip approved on November 12, 2019, to participate in a different competition. The dates and location will remain the same.

D. Out of State Conference(s):

1. **Kristin Ferguson**, SHAPE Teacher, request permission to attend Harvard Medical School's, School Mental Health Treating Students K-12 grade conference at the Fairmont Copley Plaza in Boston, MA on February 7-8, 2020;
2. **Jill Fontanella**, School Social Worker, request permission to attend Harvard Medical School's, School Mental Health Treating Students K-12 grade conference at the Fairmont Copley Plaza in Boston, MA on February 7-8, 2020;
3. **Kristen Sweeney**, School Psychologist, request permission to attend Harvard Medical School's, School Mental Health

Treating Students K-12 grade conference at the Fairmont Copley Plaza in Boston, MA on February 7-8, 2020.

E. Permission to Dispose of Equipment:

1. To give Alcott School permission to dispose of non-fiction library books that fall under the CREW method recommendation for book weeding.
2. To give Tyrrell Middle School permission to remove/recycle/dispose of two display refrigeration units in the cafeteria serving area that have been determined beyond repair.

So voted.

Time for the Public:

No one came forward

Items for the Next Agenda:

The next meeting is February 10th and will be at Tyrrell Middle School.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Charette, to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 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.