

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT**

A regular meeting of the Board of Education was held on Monday, August 22, 2016, at Tyrrell Middle School. In attendance were: Patricia Najarian, Chairman of the Board; Gloria Gubitosi, Vice Chairman of the Board; Thomas Buzzelli, Gloria Clair, Anthony Gugliotti, Arthur Lerz, and Cynthia Mancini, all Board members. 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; Joseph Monroe, 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 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. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 18, 2016. So voted.

Motion: by Mrs. Clair, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to approve the minutes of the special meeting of August 5-6, 2016. So voted.

**Communications:**

Thank You note from a Board member

**Business Manager's Report:**

**Budget Transfers:**

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to authorize the transfer of **\$329,210.57** from fiscal year 2015-2016 presented in the Business Manager's report. So voted.

**Expenditures:**

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to approve the following expenditures:

To approve the September 2016 payroll expenditure in the amount of **\$1,640,000.**

To approve expenditures in the amount of **\$250,272.63** paid on August 23, 2016 for fiscal year 2015-2016.

To approve expenditures in the amount of **\$688,885.59** paid on August 23, 2016 for fiscal year 2016-2017.

So voted.

**Superintendent's Report:**

The Superintendent referred to his welcome back letter to the staff. He indicated that we have had many successes this year, and would continue to build on them. The important areas of focus for the coming year are as follows:

- Implement the new District Growth Plan
- Implement School Data Teams
- Support teachers in the implementation of new math resources and assessment system K-8
- Establishing pathways of study for high school students

He also reported that our SBAC results were excellent with a 9% growth in our math scores, which is more than twice the state average growth of 4.4%; and a 6% growth in ELA scores, which is nearly twice the state average growth of 3.5%.

He thanked the custodial, maintenance, and IT staff for all their hard work to prepare the buildings for the start of the new school year.

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

**Public Comment:**

No one came forward.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Adopt a Science Textbook-WHS-Final Vote:**

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to adopt on final vote the following textbook:

1. Biology, by Dr. Kenneth Miller & Dr. Joseph Levine, Publisher is Pearson Education, Copyright 2014, for Grades 9-12.

So voted.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Transfer Between Jobs:**

Motion: by Mrs. Clair, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to approve the following

transfer to the position indicated:

1. **Kari Prescott** from the position of Paraprofessional in the Pre-School at Alcott Elementary School to the position of Special Education Paraprofessional at Alcott Elementary School effective August 29, 2016.

So voted.

**Approve – Nominations:**

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

1. **Jennifer Belisle** to the position of Food Service Worker at Frisbie Elementary School effective August 23, 2016;
2. **Nicholas D’Andrea** to the position of Integrated Science 9-12 Teacher at Wolcott High School effective August 25, 2016;
3. **Gina Effrece** to the position of .45 Numeracy Teacher at Alcott Elementary School effective for the 2016-2017 school year;
4. **Carrie Fiske** to the position of District Webmaster effective for the 2016-2017 school year;
5. **Kim Magaldi** to the position of Food Service Cook at Frisbie Elementary School effective August 23, 2016;
6. **Jim Maisto** to the position of Junior Varsity Boys Basketball Coach at Wolcott High School effective for the 2016-2017 school year;
7. **Alexander Casasola Morales** to the position of Long-Term Substitute Spanish Teacher at Tyrrell Middle School as per CSDE guidelines effective for the 2016-2017 school year;
8. **Danielle Schweikher** to the position of .45 Numeracy Teacher at Wakelee Elementary School effective for the 2016-2017 school year;
9. **Kimberly Stein** to the position of .45 Numeracy Teacher at Frisbie Elementary School effective for the 2016-2017 school year;
10. **Tammi Treen** to the position of District Substitute Coordinator for the Wolcott Public Schools effective for the 2016-2017 school year;
11. **Staci Tumel** to the position of 10 Month Secretary at Wolcott High School effective September 1, 2016;
12. **2016-2017 Sports Volunteers** for Wolcott High School as follows:
  - a. **Football-Varsity/JV**  
Pete Pace  
Joe Lynch  
Jay Prescott  
Tony Bell
  - b. **Football-Freshman**  
John Kiely  
Jim Maisto  
Tug Drysdale

c. **Cheerleading**

Jamie Gaudiosi

Monica Grey

So voted.

**Committee Reports:**

Mrs. Mancini reported that the Finance Committee met earlier and discussed pending invoices, September Payroll estimate, budget reports, the transfer requests, Internal Service report, Latchkey’s profit and loss statement, and a discussion of Olga Krasnovsky Scholarship fund investment options.

Mrs. Najarian said the Operations and Programs Committee met at 6:30 p.m. Dr. Gasper reviewed Board Policies that need to be updated and CABA recommendations.

**Time for the Public:**

No one came forward.

**ADD TO THE AGENDA:**

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Mr. Gugliotti, to add to the agenda two resolutions:

- 1. To approve a WHS Swim Team
- 2. To accept resignations

So voted.

**Authorize a WHS Girls Swim Program:**

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Clair, to authorize Maya DuPlessis and Skylar Romsky to practice and compete for Wolcott High School in cooperation with the Naugatuck High School’s Girls Swim Team as one-man teams for the 2016-2017 school year. So voted.

**Accept Resignations:**

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

- 1. **Robert Nagashima** in the position of Assistant Principal at Wolcott High School effective August 26, 2016;
- 2. **Shannon Murphy** in the position of Varsity Dance Coach at Wolcott High School effective immediately.

So voted.

**Items for the Next Agenda:**

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Clair, to go into Executive Session for discussion of two confidential student discipline outcomes, and the discussion of two certified employee matters. So voted.

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Mr. Buzzelli, to come out of Executive Session and reconvene the regular meeting at 8:25 p.m. So voted.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:25 p.m. So voted.

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