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

A Board of Education meeting was held on Monday, January 13, 2014, at Alcott Elementary School. In attendance were: Patricia Najarian, Chairman of the Board; Gloria Gubitosi, Vice Chairman of the Board; Cynthia Mancini, Secretary of the Board; Thomas Buzzelli, Gloria Clair, Lori DelBuono, Roberta Leonard, and Arthur Lerz, all Board members. Also in attendance: Joseph Macary, Superintendent of Schools; Frank Purcaro, Director of Curriculum and Professional Development; Todd Bendtsen, Business Manager; 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; Shawn Simpson, Assistant Principal of Tyrrell Middle School; Holly Wrenn, Principal of Alcott School; Joseph Norcross, Principal of Frisbie School; Robert Nagashima, Principal of Wakelee School; Melissa Iles, Director of Student Services; Wendie Rodriguez, Supervisor of Special Education; Fran Hubeny, Facilities Director; a WEA Representative; Lisa Goldberg, Alcott Teacher; and Joan Gray, Board Clerk.

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m., and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

**Approval of Minutes:**

Motion: by Ms. Leonard, seconded by Ms. DelBuono, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 9, 2013. So voted.

**Communications:**

Thank you note – Mrs. Gubitosi  
Thank you note – the United Way of Greater Waterbury  
Thank you note – The Gugliotti Family  
The CABE Journals – December 2013 & January 2014

**Business Manager's Report:**

**Expenditures:**

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Ms. DelBuono, to approve the February 2014 payroll expenditure in the amount of **\$1,500,000.**

To approve expenditures in the amount of **\$780,375.95** paid on January 14, 2014 for fiscal year 2013-2014.

So voted.

**Superintendent's Report:**

Mrs. Goldberg introduced three Alcott AV Club members, Natasha Hagan, Ryan Jones and Mia Sanchez. The students did a PowerPoint presentation, which described what the AV Club does at Alcott School.

Mrs. Osvald explained the process that the Goals Committee used to develop the draft of the Mission Statement and Five Year Goals that the Board was to vote on at this meeting.

The Principals and Mr. Purcaro gave two minute updates on their schools and Curriculum and Professional Development for the District.

Starting with their January meeting, the Board of Education will be rotating their meeting schedule to visit all five schools over the next few months.

Pre-registration for Kindergarten and the Pre-K Program lottery is underway for January and February. Please call the 203 879-8183 and 203 879-8178 to register.

The Connecticut State Department of Education has named Alcott and Wakelee Elementary Schools as Schools of Distinction for highest progress among schools with a school performance index greater than 88 and for highest overall performance.

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

**Public Comment:**

No one came forward.

**Committee Reports:**

Mrs. Mancini reported that prior to the meeting the Finance Committee met and reviewed pending invoices, the internal service report, and reviewed the budget format.

Mrs. Najarian reported for Mrs. Gubitosi that the Facilities Committee met earlier and received an update on ongoing projects from the Facilities Director.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:****Approve – Resignation:**

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

1. **Tammy Phillips** in the position of General Food Service Worker at Wolcott High School effective January 1, 2014.

So voted.

**Approve – Nominations:**

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

1. **Ann Bourassa** in the position of Food Service Worker Floater for the Wolcott Public Schools effective January 15, 2014;
2. **Brian Patenaude** in the position of Long Term Substitute PE/Health Teacher at Tyrrell Middle School and Alcott Elementary School pending certification effective January/February 2014.

So voted.

**Approval – Out of State Field Trip(s):**

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Ms. DelBuono, to approve the following out-of-state field trips:

1. Wolcott High School Ski Club (45) requests permission to go to Okemo Mountain, Ludlow, VT to ski on February 8, 2014;
2. Wolcott High School Boys Baseball Team (30) requests permission to go to Johnson City, TN from March 26-30, 2014 to play baseball against Tennessee High School teams and a JV level college team.

So voted.

**Approve an Out of State Conference:**

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

1. **Kristin Sweeney-Bizier**, School Psychologist, requests permission to attend the conference entitled “School Mental Health” being held January 31 to February 1, 2014 in Boston, MA by Harvard Medical School’s Department of Psychiatry.

So voted.

**Adopt the Wolcott Public Schools 2014-2019 Goals – Initial Vote:**

Motion: by Ms. Leonard, seconded by Ms. DelBuono, to adopt on initial vote the draft of the 2014-2019 Wolcott Public Schools Mission Statement and Goals. So voted.

**Time for the Public:**

No one came forward.

**Items for the Next Agenda:**

2014-2019 WPS Goals on a final vote.

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 take a 5 minute recess at 8:15 p.m., then go into Executive Session for the purpose the mid-year evaluation of the Superintendent. So voted.

Motion: by Mrs. Clair, seconded by Ms. DelBuono, to come out of Executive Session and reconvene the regular meeting at 10:30 p.m. So voted.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Ms. DelBuono, to adjourn the regular meeting at 10:31 p.m. So voted.