

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

A Board of Education meeting was held on Monday, February 23, 2015, at Tyrrell Middle 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, Arthur Lerz Sr. and Kimberly Lumia, all Board members. Also in attendance: Joseph Macary, Superintendent of Schools; Todd Bendtsen, Business Manager; Joseph Monroe, Principal of Wolcott High School; Walter Drewry, Assistant Principal of Wolcott High School; Deborah Osvold, 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; Frank Purcaro, Director of Curriculum and Professional Development; Melissa Iles, Director of Student Services; David Stankus, Facilities Director; Andrea Krug, Michelle LaRochelle, Joanne Mumley, and Sara Tedesco, all Tyrrell Teachers/Staff Members; and Joan Gray, Board Clerk.

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

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

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mr. Buzzelli, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 9, 2015. So voted.

Communications:

Cirna Annual Report – 2013-2014

Rotella Montage – February 2015

Business Manager's Report:

Expenditures:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Ms. DelBuono, to approve expenditures as follows:

To approve expenditures in the amount of **\$308,030.43** paid on February 24, 2015 for fiscal year 2014-2015.
So voted.

Superintendent's Report:

Mrs. Tansley introduced Mrs. Larochelle, who explained the "Book Tasting" event that took place at Tyrrell in the Media Center to introduce students to different books and start discussion amongst the students. The following Tyrrell students helped with the presentation: Jamie Hoban, Lauren Kazamekas, Daniel Podzunas, Caitlin Regan, and Edona Zhuta.

The School Principals gave two minute highlights of activities at their schools. Mr. Purcaro updated the Board on Professional Development and March testing.

Starting in January, the Board will be rotating their meetings to visit all five schools. The next meeting will be at Wakelee Elementary School on March 9th.

We are conducting pre-registration for 2015-2016 kindergarten students. If your child will be five years old on or before January 1, 2016, please call the Superintendent's Office at 203 879-8183. An information packet will be emailed to you in March.

Safety and security continue to be a top priority for the Wolcott Public Schools. Wolcott received approximately \$150,000 from a competitive "Security Grant" from the State of CT to aid in this effort.

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Mrs. Clair, to approve the Superintendent's Report. So voted.

Public Comment:

No one came forward

Committee Reports:

Mrs. Gubitosi said the Facilities Committee met at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Stankus gave them an update on Facilities, plus the work being done by the Building Committee to renovate the schools. He also reviewed the District's energy conservation program.

Mrs. Mancini reported the Finance Committee met earlier. Mr. Bendtsen gave his Business Manager's report including pending invoices, the internal service report, and a potential program called Consult a Doctor.

OLD BUSINESS:**Approve the 2015-2016 WHS Course of Studies Guide – Final Vote:**

Motion: by Ms. DelBuono, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to approve on final vote the Wolcott High School's Course of Studies Guide 2015-2016. So voted.

NEW BUSINESS:**Approve – Transfer Between Jobs:**

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

1. **Carin Grunwald** from the position of General Food Service Worker at Wolcott High School to the position of Cook (6 hour) at Frisbie Elementary School effective February 25, 2015;
2. **Michelle Walden** from the position of General Food Service Worker Floater for the District to the position of 4 Hour General Food Service Worker at Wolcott High School effective February 25, 2015.

So voted.

Approve – Nominations:

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

1. **Jennifer Giuggio** in the position of 4 Hour General Food Service Worker at Alcott Elementary School effective February 25, 2015;
2. **Maria Johnson** in the position of 4 Hour General Food Service Worker at Wolcott High School effective on February 25, 2015;
3. **Kate Murphy** in the position of Summer Studies Program Secretary effective with the 2015 Summer School.

So voted.

Approve – A Grant Submission:

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Ms. DelBuono, to authorize the submission and approve the appropriation request for a Connecticut State Department of Education District Technology Upgrades to Support Transition to the New Standards Grant. So voted.

Time for the Public:

Robert Lee, 79 Kingswood Lane, reported a bus safety issue.

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. Clair, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to go into Executive Session for the purpose of the mid-year evaluation of the Superintendent.

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Mrs. Lumia, to come out of Executive Session and reconvene the regular meeting at 10:06 p.m. So voted.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Ms. DelBuono, to adjourn the regular meeting at 10:07 p.m. So voted.