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

**WOLCOTT HIGH SCHOOL
RESOURCE CENTER**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT
AGENDA
May 12, 2014**

- 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. Regular Meeting of April 28, 2014
B. Public Session of the Residency Hearing of April 29, 2014
- III. Communications
- IV. Business Manager's Report
A. Expenditures
- V. Superintendent's Report
A. Mr. Macary's Report
B. Using iPads in the Classroom – Mrs. Nicol
- VI. Public Comment
- VII. Committee Reports
- VIII. Old Business
- IX. New Business
A. Transfer Between Jobs
B. Termination
C. Nomination(s)
D. Out of State Field Trip

- E. Out of State Conference
- F. Discard Old Books
- G. Addendum to the WEA Contract

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

Recommended Motion: “that the Board go into executive session for the purpose of discussion of a confidential student matter which would result in disclosure of information protected by FERPA, and discussion regarding the employment and performance of a certified employee.

ADJOURNMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

- XIII. Adjournment

Note:

Facilities Committee at 6:30-6:45 p.m. in Wolcott High School’s Virtual Learning Computer Lab: 1) Facilities Report.

Negotiations Committee at 6:45-7:00 p.m. in Wolcott High School’s Virtual Learning Computer Lab: 1) Revised Appendix VI to the contract between the WEA and the Board of Education.

Finance Committee at 7:00-7:30 p.m. in Wolcott High School’s Virtual Learning Computer Lab: 1) Expenditures; and 2) Business Manager’s Report.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT**

A Board of Education meeting was held on Monday, April 28, 2014, at Wolcott High 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, Kimberly Lumia, and Cynthia Mancini, all Board members. Also in attendance: Joseph Macary, Superintendent of Schools; Todd Bendtsen, Business Manager; Frank Purcaro, Director of Curriculum and Professional Development; 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; a WEA Representative; Danielle Deloy, Frisbie Teacher; and Joan Gray, Board Clerk.

The regular Board meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m., the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and a moment of silence was held for the Jonathan Law High School Student, Maren Sanchez.

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

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: by Ms. Leonard, seconded by Mrs. Lumia, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 7, 2014. So voted.

Communications:

The Rotella Monthly Montage – April 2014

A letter from LISA

A letter from Senator Markley and Representative Sampson

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

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to approve the expenditures in the amount of \$323,431.27 paid on April 29, 2014 for fiscal year 2013-2014. So voted.

Superintendent's Report:

Mrs. Deloy introduced the Frisbie ORFF Ensemble, who performed an instrumental number for the Board. The ORFF members are Jenika Kearney, Joseph Kearney, Bethany Perry, Isabella Lumia, Jalynn Maia, Kyle Hensel, Jared Day, Hannah Wright, Christina Japs, Christopher Evangelista, and Heather Spada.

The Principals gave two minute updates on their schools and Mrs. Osvald reported on Wolcott High School for Mr. Monroe, who was unable to attend the meeting.

Mr. Purcaro reported on Curriculum and Professional Development, which included an update on Smarter Balanced Assessment testing in the District.

The Superintendent congratulated Alcott and Frisbie Elementary Schools and Tyrrell Middle School for winning the 2013 Governor's Summer Reading Challenge. The Governor will present their awards in May at the State Library.

Wolcott Students in Grades 4, 5, 7, & 8 will take the Smarter Balanced Assessment Tests from April 28 to May 16; and Grades 3 & 6 from May 19 to June 6.

Graduation for Tyrrell Middle School will be June 24th at 4:00 p.m. in Tyrrell's Gymnasium and graduation for Wolcott High School will be June 24th at 7:00 p.m. at the high school on Monroe Field (weather permitting). The last day of school for all students is Tuesday, June 24, 2014. June 23 and 24 will be early dismissal days for students.

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

Public Comment:

No one came forward.

Committee Reports:

Mrs. Mancini reported that the Finance Committee met at 7:00 p.m. and discussed pending invoices, March health claims and a video service agreement for 2014-2015.

OLD BUSINESS:**Approve – the 2014-2015 Board of Education Meeting Schedule – Final Vote:**

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Lumia, to approve on final vote the following 2014-2015 schedule of Board of Education meeting dates:

	<u>FIRST</u>	<u>SECOND</u>
JULY	21 (Monday-TMS Large Group Instruction Room)	
AUGUST	18 (Monday-TMS Large Group Instruction Room)	
SEPTEMBER	8 (Monday)	22 (Monday)
OCTOBER	14 (Tuesday)	27 (Monday)
NOVEMBER	17 (Monday)	
DECEMBER	8 (Monday)	
JANUARY	12 (Monday-Alcott)	
FEBRUARY	9 (Monday-Frisbie)	23 (Monday-TMS)
MARCH	9 (Monday-Wakelee)	23 (Monday)
APRIL	20 (Monday)	
MAY	11 (Monday)	26 (Tuesday)
JUNE	8 (Monday)	22 (Monday)

All Board of Education meetings will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Wolcott High School Resource Center unless otherwise indicated.

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

So voted.

Approve – New & Revised Policies & Regulations – Final Vote:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to adopt on final vote the following new or revised policies and regulations:

1. New
 - a. 1316.2 – Community Relations: Civility
 - b. 6172.12 – Instruction: Magnet Schools
 - c. 9273 – Bylaws of the Board: Conflict of Interest
2. Revised
 - a. 0521 – Mission-Goals-Objectives: Nondiscrimination
 - b. 1331 – Community Relations: Smoke-Free Environment
 - c. 4118.231 – Personnel-Certified/Non-Certified: Alcohol, Drugs & Tobacco
 - d. 5113 – Students-Policy: Attendance & Excuses
 - e. 5144.4 – Students Discipline: Physical Exercise & Discipline of Students

So voted.

Approve – The WHS 2014-2015 Course of Studies Guide – Final Vote:

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to approve on final vote the Wolcott High School's Course of Studies Guide 2014-2015. So voted.

NEW BUSINESS:**Approve – Resignation(s):**

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mr. Buzzelli, to accept the resignations of:

1. **Margaret Maddaloni** in the position of Preschool Teacher at Alcott Elementary School for the purpose of retirement at the end of the 2013-2014 school year;
2. **Mary Rodrigues** in the position of Grade 1 Teacher at Wakelee Elementary School effective May 1, 2014.

So voted.

Approve – Leave of Absence Request:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to approve the request of Lori Galvin, Reading Specialist at Wakelee Elementary School, for an unpaid leave of absence from her position until August 2014.

So voted.

Approve – Nominations:

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

1. **Cassandra DePaolo** in the position of Food Service General Worker at Alcott Elementary School effective April 30, 2014;
2. **Anthony Goldberg** in the position of 2nd Shift Custodian at Tyrrell Middle School effective May 1, 2014;
3. **Christopher Hayes** in the position of Junior Varsity Football Coach at Wolcott High School effective for the 2014 fall sports season pending certification;
4. **Lori Hubeny** in the position of Food Service General Worker at Wolcott High School effective April 30, 2014;
5. **Bruce Neville** in the position of Girls Freshman Basketball Coach at Wolcott High School effective for the 2014 sports season pending certification;
6. **2014 Tyrrell Fall Sports Coaches:**

Laura Didominzio	Dance Team
Christina VanOrmer	Girls Soccer
Mike Terry	Boys Soccer Co-Coach
Lee Kelsey	Boys Soccer Co-Coach
Marian Boisvert	Volleyball

- Dan Goldstone Cross Country
7. **2014 Tyrrell Softball Volunteers:**
 Jim Ward
 Chuck Cammaratta
 John Antonowitz
8. **2014 WHS Spring Sports Volunteers:**
 Sean Begley Varsity Baseball
 Frank Melillo Baseball
 Ronald Gambino Baseball
 Charlie Guerrero Baseball
 James Maisoto Freshman Baseball
 John Kiely Freshman Baseball
 Domenic Angiolillo Baseball
 Loren Angiolillo Softball
 Mikelyn Messina Softball
 Gabrielle Gallucci Softball
 Alex Harbanuk Softball
 Alyssa Perazzella Softball Scorekeeper
- So voted.

Approve – Out of State Field Trip:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Lumia, to approve the following out-of-state field trip:

1. Wolcott High School's Football Team (55) requests permission to go to the Beckett YMCA's football camp in Beckett, MA from August 23-24, 2014.

So voted.

Approve – Disposal of Equipment:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mr. Buzzelli, to approve Alcott Elementary School's requests for permission to dispose of the following old furniture from the Teacher Room:

13 - Steel framed chairs

1 - 8' Conference table

So voted.

ADD TO THE AGENDA:

Approve – A Resignation:

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to add to the agenda a resolution to accept a resignation. So voted.

Motion: by Mr. Lerz, seconded by Mrs. Lumia, to accept the resignation of **Cynthia Demchak** in the position of Grade 4 Teacher at Alcott Elementary School for the purpose of retirement at the end of the 2013-2014 school year. So voted.

Time for the Public:

No one came forward.

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. Lumia, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to take a 5 minute recess at 8:05 p.m., then go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of a collective bargaining issue (non-certified employee), pending lawsuits and completed grievances.

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Ms. DelBuono, to come out of Executive Session and reconvene the regular meeting at 9:21 p.m. So voted.

ADD TO THE AGENDA:

Approve – Nominations:

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Mr. Buzzelli, to add to the agenda a resolution to approve nominations. So voted.

Motion: by Ms. DelBuono, seconded by Mr. Lerz, to appoint the following person(s) as indicated:

1. **Jeremiah Regimbald** in the position of Music/Band Teacher at Tyrrell Middle School effective August 25, 2014;
 2. **Kristin Weber** in the position of Family and Consumer Science Teacher at Tyrrell Middle School effective August 25, 2014.
- So voted.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: by Ms. DelBuono, seconded by Mrs. Lumia, to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:23 p.m. So voted.

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – May 12, 2014

RESOLUTION: EXPENDITURES

Resolution from Joseph Macary, Superintendent of Schools, to the Honorable Board of Education of the Town of Wolcott, making recommendation

To approve the June 2014 payroll expenditure in the amount of \$4,222,500.

To approve expenditures in the amount of \$434,575.59 paid on May 13, 2014 for fiscal year 2013-2014.

WOLCOTT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT
SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

May 12, 2014

Two Minute School Highlights:

Alcott:

Frisbie:

Wakelee:

Tyrrell:

Wolcott High:

Student Services:

Congratulations to Alcott Elementary, Frisbie Elementary, AND Tyrrell Middle School for winning the 2013 Governor's Summer Reading Challenge. There has been a Wolcott School honored each of the last seven years. Governor Malloy handed out the awards to each school's top readers on Friday, May 9th at the State Library in Hartford. The student did a terrific job of doing their summer reading. Great Work!

Teachers and staff have been working to prepare our students for the upcoming Smarter Balanced Assessments. Wolcott students in grades 4, 5, 7, & 8 will take the test from April 28th to May 16th and students in grades 3 & 6 from May 19th to June 6th. Please make sure that students are well rested and prepared for this important assessment. We want everyone to put forward their best effort.

Starting on June 30th, the Wolcott Summer Studies, one of the longest running programs in the State of Connecticut, will be conducting enrichment classes for students over the next five weeks. The Program will be held at Tyrrell Middle School with four classes per student running every day from 8:00AM to 12:15PM. Classes vary from literacy and numeracy to arts and crafts to getting ready for kindergarten. This is a great program for our district and over 400 students are taking advantage of this exciting educational experience this summer.

Just a reminder, graduation in Wolcott is set. Tyrrell Middle School students will graduate on Tuesday, June 24th at 4:00PM in the TMS Gymnasium (indoors) and Wolcott High School students will graduate on June 24th at 7:00PM at the high school (outdoors- weather permitting) on Monroe Field. Please note that the last day of school for all students will be June 24th, with June 23rd and June 24th being early dismissal days.

Presentations:

- Tyrrell Middle School – Mrs. Nicol and Using I-Pads in the Classroom

Conference Attendance Report

May 12, 2014

DATE	COST	PERSON(S)	SCHOOL/POSITION	SUB	PRESENTER	TITLE	LOCATION
05/28/14	None	Ellen Kasek	Frisbie/Reading Consultant	No	Ct Systems of Professional Learning	K-5 ELA Module 3	ACES; Hamden, Ct
05/29/14	None	Dale Bartlett	WHS/Reading Consultant	No	Ct Systems of Professional Learning	6-12 ELA Module 3	ACES; Hamden, Ct
06/24/14	None	Sharon Lake-Post	TMS/Gr 6 Spanish	No	World Learning-Experiment in International Living	Group Leader Training	Brattleboro, Vt.
08/12 - 08/14	None	Ella Kremens	WHS/Spanish Teacher	No	University of Ct.	Spanish Summer Institute 2014	Storrs, Ct.
08/22/14	(M) Only	Cindy Skerritt	WES/PE Teacher	No	ACES	TEAM Mentor Update	Hamden, Ct

(M) = Mileage

(P) = Parking Fees

Field Trip Report BOE Meeting 5-12-14

Trip #	Trip Name	Date	Location	# Students	Trip Destination	Educational Objectives	Contact
169	Alcott's Field Day at Peterson Park	05/23/14	Alcott	283	Peterson Park, Wolcott CT	Community and Physical Fitness	Murphy, Kate Secretary
183	State Capitol and Museum	05/23/14	Frisbie	68	Hartford	To learn about state government, three branches of government and state history	Granato, Steven - Gr 5
200	The Bushnell Theater - Grade 8	05/15/14	TMS	50	The Bushnell Theater, Hartford	Linking literature (including 30-minute read groups) with theater.	Carroll, Nicole Gr. 8
232	Rock Cats Education Day Game	05/22/14	TMS	220	Rock Cats Stadium New Britain	Ties to cross content Baseball Unit	Garbus, Sarah Gr. 6
254	Grade 8 NYC	05/22/14	TMS	34	NYC - Broadway - Phantom of the Opera	Career exploration - technology, engineering, music, theater production.	Granato, Steven Gr 5
278	Psychology Students	05/15/14	WHS	55	Alcott School	To apply understanding of learning and developmental theories through teaching a lesson to pre-schoolers and observing behavior.	Thies, Michelle
303	3rd and 5th Gr. Mile Run	05/16/14	Alcott	86	WHS - Track		Murphy, Kate
326	NHS, Newport Mansions- the Gilded age	05/27/14	WHS	38	Newport, RI	Students will have a hands-on experience of the different social class structures during the Gilded Age by visiting one of the mansions with a guided audio tour that compares the life of the owners and workers.	Stange, Deborah - ART
329	National Honor Society- Life Skills Field Day	05/15/14	WHS	35	Peterson Park	For their spring service project, the NHS students have chosen to plan and host a spring picnic and field day for the district Life Skills classes. The purpose is to give the Life Skills students opportunity to socially interact with peers and practice communication skills.	Michelle Thies, DeborahStange
332	Psychology Students	05/22/14	WHS	55	Alcott School	To apply understanding of learning and developmental theories through teaching a lesson to pre-schoolers and observing behavior.	Thies, Michelle
340	construction career days	05/15/14	WHS	10	Durham Fair Grounds		Matthews, John Tech. Ed
341	Barker Animation	05/19/14	WHS	10	Cheshire and Wallingford, CT 2 locations		Miele, MARY LOU
345	Marine Science Day	05/14/14	TMS	10	One of 6 locations on Long Island Sound (will know by May 5th)	Students will partake in hands-on workshops involving the Long Island Sound ecosystem and possibly go on a boat ride to dredge the bottom.	Jones, Todd Gr. 6
346	WES-WHS/NHS Picnic	05/15/14	Wakelee	6	Peterson Park	Social skills-life skills-food preparation-bring food to share	Thompson, B. Spec. Ed IHC
352	Kndgrtn Spring Field Trip to Meig's Pt Nat. Center	05/14/14	Frisbie	51	Meig's Pt Nat. Cntr. Hammonasset Beach, Madison CT	Culmination of Science studies	Eggleton, Krystyn

Field Trip Report BOE Meeting 5-12-14

Trip #	Trip Name	Date	Location	# Students	Trip Destination	Educational Objectives	Contact
355	Rock Cats Sports Seminar	05/15/14	WHS	50	Rock Cats Stadium, New Britain, CT	Students will learn about careers in sports, media and business from local coaches, sports media personalities, and various sports executives through a seminar held at the stadium.	Jayne, Holly Gr. 6
359	Community Service Club Alcott Field Day	05/23/14	WHS	20	Peterson Park	Community Service Activity: Run field day activities for elementary Field Days	Nevins, Nancy
362	Annual Peer Helper Convention	05/19/14	WHS	40	Holiday Hill	Workshops on being effective peer mentors	Sweeney-Bizier, Kristin Psychologist
368	NHS Spring Picnic	05/15/14	WHS	23	Peterson Park, Mad River Rd, Wolcott, CT 06716	Given a leisure activity, students will be able to bring up topics of conversation and to take turns in conversations with their general education peers.	Viaro, Brittany Spec. Ed. Life Skills
372	Kids Speak	05/22/14	TMS	41	UCONN , School of Law- Hartford, CT	For students from the tri-state area to come together and discuss topics related to civil and human rights. This forum will raise the consciousness of students regarding diversity, school climate and school culture, anti-bullying, online harassment, equal protection, neighborhood isolation and housing, busing, individuality and much more.	Buzzelli, Elizabeth Guidance
391	NYC Business Trip	05/19/14	WHS	51	Lower Manhattan NYC	Tour of financial district	Pace, Jason
395	Life Skills picnic - NHS of WHS	05/15/14	TMS	4	Peterson Park		B. Stango TMS Life Skills
396	WHS NHS Picnic	05/15/14	Alcott	3	Peterson Park		Murphy, Kate Secretary
399	WHS rehearsal	05/14/14	TMS	15	Wolcott High School music department	Collaboration with the Wolcott High School Concert Band/Music department. This is the rehearsal in preparation for the WHS spring concert. 8th grade is performing a piece with the WHS concert band at the spring concert on May 20.	Curtiss, Lynda Music
403	TMS Media Club to visit Wolcott HS	05/21/14	TMS	10	Town Hall	Approximately 10 Media Club members will go to the Town Hall by school bus after school to meet with Mr. Bruce until 4:30 and will be picked up by parents.	Jones, Todd Gr. 6
405	Student Leadership Conference	05/14/14	WHS	10	Camp Mataucha, Watertown	Students chosen by NVL for leadership Conference	Riggi, Lisa AD

Fundraiser Report
May 12, 2014

DATE	SCHOOL	GROUP/PERSON	DESCRIPTION OF FUNDRAISER
NONE			

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – May 12, 2014

RESOLUTION: TRANSFER BETWEEN JOB(S)

Resolution from Joseph Macary, Superintendent of Schools, to the Honorable Board of Education of the Town of Wolcott, making recommendation

TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING TRANSFER TO THE POSITION INDICATED:

1. **Cristin Buckley** from the position of Grade 1 Teacher at Frisbie School to the position of Pre-Kindergarten Teacher at Alcott School effective August 25, 2014.

(See attached)

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – May 12, 2014

RESOLUTION: TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT

Resolution from Joseph Macary, Superintendent of Schools, to the Honorable Board of Education of the Town of Wolcott, making recommendation

TO TERMINATE THE EMPLOYMENT OF

1. **J. M.** from the position of Lunchroom Monitor at Wakelee Elementary School effective immediately.

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – May 12, 2014

RESOLUTION: NOMINATION(S)

Resolution from Joseph Macary, Superintendent of Schools, to the Honorable Board of Education of the Town of Wolcott, making recommendation

TO APPOINT THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) AS INDICATED:

1. **Troy Bond** in the position of Special Education Paraprofessional at Wolcott High School – STEP Program effective May 14, 2014;
2. **Beverly Polgroszek** in the position of Lead Speech Clinician for the District effective for the 2014-2015 school year;
3. **Wendy Salustro** in the position of Guidance Counselor at Tyrrell Middle School effective August 25, 2014.

(See attached)

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – May 12, 2014

RESOLUTION: OUT-OF-STATE FIELD TRIPS

Resolution from Joseph Macary, Superintendent of Schools, to the Honorable Board of Education of the Town of Wolcott, making recommendation

TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING OUT-OF-STATE FIELD TRIPS:

1. Wolcott High School's Business Students (51) request permission to go to New York City on May 19, 2014 for a tour of Wall Street.

(See attached)

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – May 12, 2014

RESOLUTION: OUT-OF-STATE CONFERENCE(S)

Resolution from Joseph Macary, Superintendent of Schools, to the Honorable Board of Education of the Town of Wolcott, making recommendation

TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING OUT-OF-STATE CONFERENCES:

1. **Sharon Lake-Post**, Grade 6 Spanish Teacher at Tyrrell Middle School, requests permission to attend a workshop entitled “Group Leader Training” being held by World Learning-Experiment in International Living on June 24, 2014 in Brattleboro, VT.

(See attached)

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – May 12, 2014

RESOLUTION: PERMISSION TO DISPOSE OF OLD BOOKS

Resolution from Joseph Macary, Superintendent of Schools, to the Honorable Board of Education of the Town of Wolcott, making recommendation

Alcott Elementary School requests permission to dispose of old music books entitled, "World of Music Series-Silver Burdett"

(See attached)

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – May 12, 2014

RESOLUTION: APPROVE A REVISION TO A CONTRACT

Resolution from Joseph Macary, Superintendent of Schools, to the Honorable Board of Education of the Town of Wolcott, making recommendation

To approve a revised Appendix VI, *Advisor Stipends for Extracurricular Activities*, to the contract between the Wolcott Board of Education and the Wolcott Education Association.

(See attached)