



OUR FUTURE IS IN CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

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

**TYRRELL MIDDLE SCHOOL
LARGE GROUP INSTRUCTION ROOM**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT
OCTOBER 07, 2019**

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 September 23, 2019
- B. Special Meeting of September 24, 2019
- C. Expulsion Hearing of September 30, 2019

III. Committee Reports

IV. Communications

- A. Thank you cards
- B. Invite to Wolcott Teacher of the Year Celebration
- C. Rotella Monthly Montage

V. Business Manager's Report

- A. Expenditures

VI. Superintendent's Report

VII. Public Comment

VIII. Old Business

- IX. New Business
 - A. Nomination(s)
 - B. Discussion on Kindergarten Testing
 - C. Consent Agenda
 - 1. Out of State Field Trip
 - 2. Make a Donation
 - 3. Permission to Dispose of Equipment
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X. Time for the Public

XI. Items for the Next Agenda

XII. Executive Session

Executive Session for the purposes of reviewing strategy with respect to pending litigation (Consideration of Action to Enforce Legal Relief Concerning a Vendor Services Contract)

XIII. Adjournment

Note:

Committee of the Whole 6:30 p.m. in the Tyrrell Library:

1. RAMP Presentation – WHS School Counselling
2. Business Manager's Report
3. Expenditures
4. Time for the Public

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT**

A special meeting of the Board of Education was held on September 24, 2019, at The Offices of the Board of Education. In attendance were: Lori DelBuono Bartlett, Chairman of the Board; Cynthia Mancini, Vice Chairman of the Board; Roberta Leonard, Secretary of the Board; Thomas Buzzelli, Christopher Charette, Kathleen Cordone, Paul D'Angelo, Anthony Gugliotti, and Kelly Mazza, all Board members. Also in attendance: Dr. Anthony Gasper, Superintendent of Schools.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mrs. DelBuono Bartlett.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion: by Ms. Leonard, seconded by Mr. Charette, to go into Executive Session for the purposes of interviewing candidates for the Alcott School principalship.

Motion: by Mr. Gugliotti, seconded by Mr. Charette, to come out of Executive Session and reconvene the special meeting.
So voted.

NOMINATION:

Motion: by Mr. Gugliotti, seconded by Mr. Buzzelli, to appoint Matthew Calabrese, pending reference check, to the position of Principal of Alcott School.
So voted.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: by Mr. D'Angelo, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to adjourn the special meeting at 8:53 p.m.
So voted.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT**

A regular meeting of the Board of Education was held on Monday, September 23, 2019, at Tyrrell Middle School. In attendance were: Lori DelBuono Bartlett, Chairman of the Board; Cynthia Mancini, Vice Chairman of the Board; Roberta Leonard, Secretary of the Board; Thomas Buzzelli, Christopher Charette, Kathleen Cordone, Paul D'Angelo, Anthony Gugliotti, and Kelly Mazza, all board members. Also in attendance: Dr. Anthony Gasper, Superintendent of Schools; Shawn Simpson, Assistant Superintendent of Schools; Todd Bendtsen, Business Manager; Kevin Hollis, Director of Student Services; Rosa Ramahlete, Supervisor of Special Service; Walter Drewry, Principal of Wolcott High School; Bryan MacKay, Assistant Principal of Wolcott High School; Joseph Norcross, Principal of Tyrrell Middle School; Dan Ceatano, Assistant Principal of Tyrrell Middle School; Kimberly Murtaugh, Principal of Frisbie Elementary School; Wayne Natzel, Facilities Director; and Jessica Kenny, Board Clerk.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mrs. DelBuono Bartlett, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Mrs. DelBuono Bartlett then read the Wolcott Public Schools' Mission Statement.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 09, 2019.
So voted.

Committee Reports:

A Committee of the Whole meeting was held at 7:00 p.m., during the meeting Finance topics were reviewed. They discussed the business manager's report, expenditures, and an update on the pension plan management.

Communications:

A letter from a parent.

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

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mr. D'Angelo, to approve the following Expenditures:
To approve expenditures in the amount of **\$316,328.23** paid on September 24, 2019, for the fiscal year 2019-2020.
So voted.

Superintendent's Report:

Dr. Gasper reported the opening of the school year being dominated by issues with the computer network. He addressed this issue with gratitude and with some of the plans for mitigating the risk in the future.

The superintendent thanked the IT department for truly rising to the challenge of the adverse situation and how tremendous assets they are to our school system. He also thanked all of the school staff members. Dr. Gasper spoke of the comfort he felt visiting the schools in the last two weeks and seeing that there has been very little disruption in learning. Lastly, he thanked the school administrative assistants who have had a myriad of new and creative work-arounds to ensure that the schools have continued to run smoothly.

Finally, Dr. Gasper spoke of the computer issues and that we are not the only ones that have experienced something like this.

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli seconded by Ms. Leonard to approve the superintendent's report as presented.
So voted.

Public Comment:

No one came forward.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:**Nominations:**

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mr. Charette, to approve the following nomination(s) to the position indicated as presented:

1. **Michelle Carichner** to the position of Paraprofessional at Wolcott High School effective September 25, 2019;
 2. **Jennifer Finke** to the position of Special Education Paraprofessional at Alcott School effective September 25, 2019;
 3. **Deanna Tessier** to the position of Paraprofessional at Wakelee School effective September 25, 2019;
 4. **2019-2020 Stipend Position:**
Tyrrell Middle School
Jill Wright Coding Club Advisor
 5. **2019-2020 Winter Season Coaches:**
Tyrrell Middle School
Brett Distasio Boys Basketball
Lee Kelsey Girls Basketball
Anna Bartoli Cheerleading
 6. **2019-2020 Spring Season Coaches:**
Tyrrell Middle School
Alison Artigliere Track Head Coach
Joseph Murphy Baseball Co-Coach
Robert Moffo Softball
- So Voted.

Approve Salary Increase - CASA:

Motion: by Mrs. Mazza, seconded by Ms. Leonard to approve a 2.5% wage increase effective October 1, 2019, for the CASA Program Director, Haley Shoop.
So voted.

Consent Agenda:

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Mr. D'Angelo, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented:

1. **Resignation(s):**
 - a. **Melissa Anastasio** from the position of Lunch Aid at Frisbie School effective September 27, 2019,
 - b. **Barbara Semeraro** from the position of Security/Monitor Aid at Wolcott High School effective November 30, 2019.

2. Out of State Conference(s):

- a. **Mark Wursthorn**, Director of School Counseling at Wolcott High School, request permission to attend the Western New England School Counselor Advisory Board, being held at Western New England University, Springfield MA, on December 6, 2019.

3. Out of State/Overnight Field Trip(s):

- a. Wolcott High School's Varsity Cheerleading Team (22) request permission to attend the Cheersport National Cheerleading Championship, Atlanta, GA from February 13, 2020 – February 17, 2020, to be exposed and compete against other competitive cheerleading programs from around the country;
- b. Wolcott High School's Model United Nations (60) requests permission to attend the New York City's United Nations on October 24, 2019, to meet with Diplomats from the countries that they are represented;
- c. Tyrrell Middle School's 7th grade (187) request permission to visit the Boston Museum of Science on November 06, 2019, for the purposes of reinforcing topics covered in the 7th grade Science Curriculum as well as provide hands-on experiments.

4. Make a Donation:

- a. To give Frisbie School permission to donate 100 library books and 30 magazines to the Wolcott Public Library. These books have been weeded according to the American Library Association Guidelines.

So Voted.

Time for the Public:

No one came forward.

Items for the Next Agenda:

The next meeting is October 07, 2019 and will be at Tyrrell Middle School.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion: by Mr. Gugliotti, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to go into Executive Session for the purposes of discussing:

- A school security matter
- Discussion of Candidates for a School Administrative Position

- To Review Strategy with Respect to Pending Litigation (Consideration of Action to Enforce Legal Relief Concerning a Vendor Services Contract)

Mr. Bendsen was invited to attend Executive Session .
So voted.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Mr. Charette, to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m.
So voted.

Note: The Board of Education meetings are videotaped, and as a result are available to be viewed on the WLCT96 site on the Town of Wolcott's website, www.wolcottct.org.

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – October 07, 2019

RESOLUTION: EXPENDITURES

Resolution from Dr. Anthony Gasper, Superintendent of Schools, to the Honorable Board of Education of the Town of Wolcott, making recommendation

To approve expenditures in the amount of **\$712,127.51** paid on October 08, 2019 for fiscal year 2019-2020

To approve the November 2019 payroll expenditures in the amount of **\$1,493,000.00** for fiscal year 2019-2020.

**The Superintendent's
report will be
presented on Monday
night**

Fundraiser Report October 7, 2019

DATE	SCHOOL	GROUP/PERSON	DESCRIPTION OF FUNDRAISER
Oct 15	WHS	Excel Club	Moe's Southwest Grill, donation of 15% of all profits will be donated to the excel club to help support the Excel Club Activities
Nov 8	WHS	WHPMA	Concession sold at One Act Festival to help raise funds for WHPMA scholarships, music banquet and booster needs.
Oct 19	WHS	NTHS/Volleyball	Paper Ribbons for Liver Cancer, \$1 each, ribbons to be sold in and out of school, to help raise money for Liver Cancer.
Mar 20 - Mar 21	TMS	Drama Club	Concessions at ticket table for Musical to help offset the cost of rights, materials, and costumes
Jan - Mar 2020	TMS	Drama Club	Program Ads for Musical, to help offset the cost of rights, materials, and costumes

WOLCOTT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Fundraiser Request Form

{Requires Board of Education approval}

Name of School:

Wolcott High School

Name of Organization:

Excel Club

Sponsor:

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Person Submitting Form:

Julia Hynek
(Excel Club President)

Email Address:

julianynex@gmail.com

Date(s) of Fundraiser:

October 15 5-9 pm

Copy of invoice/contract attached?

Yes

No

← copy of ad

Type of Fundraiser:

In-School

Out-of-School

Both

Nature of Fundraiser:

1. Item(s) to be sold:

Moe's Southwest Grill Menu items

2. Vendor/Company:

Moe's Southwest Grill of Bristol

3. Cost of merchandise:

approximately \$5-20, prices vary by item

4. Where & how item(s) will be sold:

at Bristol Moe's Southwest Grill; 15% of profits will be donated to Excel Club

5. Anticipated organizational profit:

\$150 - 200

Purpose of Fundraiser: (be specific)

in order to raise money to support Excel Club activities, such as donating items to Please Type Homeless Hospitality centers, donating to causes that fight child abuse, and others.

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****Please return this completed form to the Principal, ten (10) school days prior to the next scheduled Board of Education meeting. This fundraiser is NOT confirmed until it has been approved on this form by the Board of Education.**

Fundraiser Approved:

Yes

No

Please Type

If No, reason:

Please Type

Activities Director or N/A:

Date:

Principal:

Date:

Please Type 9/25/19

Superintendent:

Date:

9/27/19

Approved by the Wolcott Board of Education:

Date:



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OUR **FRESHEST INGREDIENTS.**

EXCEL CLUB

TUES., OCT. 15, 2019, 5-9PM

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BRISTOL, CT 06010
(860) 506-4861

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WOLCOTT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Fundraiser Request Form

{Requires Board of Education approval}

Name of School: Wolcott High School

Name of Organization: WHPMA - Wolcott High Parent Music Association Sponsor: WHPMA

Person Submitting Form: Lori Guinipero Email Address: LGuinipero@wolcottps.org

Date(s) of Fundraiser: Nov 8, 2019

Copy of invoice/contract attached? Yes No

Type of Fundraiser: In-School Out-of-School Both

Nature of Fundraiser:

1. Item(s) to be sold: Concessions for One Act Festival
2. Vendor/Company: WHPMA
3. Cost of merchandise: \$1.00
4. Where & how item(s) will be sold: At One Act Festival through members of WHPMA
5. Anticipated organizational profit: \$200.00

Purpose of Fundraiser: (be specific)

To raise funds for WHMPA scholarships, music banquet senior students, and booster needs for music students.

****Please return this completed form to the Principal, ten (10) school days prior to the next scheduled Board of Education meeting. This fundraiser is NOT confirmed until it as been approved on this form by the Board of Education.**

Fundraiser Approved: Yes No

If No, reason:

Principal: 

Date: 9/26/19

Superintendent: 

Date: 9/27/19

Approved by the Wolcott Board of Education:

Date:

WOLCOTT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Fundraiser Request Form

{Requires Board of Education approval}

Name of School:
Name of Organization: Sponsor:

Person Submitting Form: Email Address:

Date(s) of Fundraiser:

Copy of invoice/contract attached? Yes No

Type of Fundraiser: In-School Out-of-School Both

Nature of Fundraiser:

1. Item(s) to be sold:
2. Vendor/Company:
3. Cost of merchandise:
4. Where & how item(s) will be sold:
5. Anticipated organizational profit:

Purpose of Fundraiser: (be specific)

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Fundraiser Approved: Yes No

If No, reason:

Activities Director or N/A: Date:

Principal: Date:

Superintendent: Date:

Approved by the Wolcott Board of Education: _____ Date: _____

Purpose of Fundraiser

The purpose of this fundraiser is to raise money/awareness for another type of cancer rather than breast cancer. For National Technical Honor Society (NTHS) each student has to do a service project and this would be meaningful to me. When I was four years old, my mother passed away from stage 4 liver cancer. This fundraiser would help raise awareness and money to help find a better treatment and give hope to people like my mother. In place of a "Think Pink" volleyball game, it would be a "green machine" game in support of the cause.

WOLCOTT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Fundraiser Request Form

{Requires Board of Education approval}

Name of School: Tyrrell Middle School

Name of Organization: Drama Club

Sponsor: N/A Person Submitting Form: Heather Pytel

Date(s) of Fundraiser: 3/20/20 - 3/21/20

Copy of invoice/contract attached? N/A Yes No

Type of Fundraiser: In-School Out-of-School Both

Nature of Fundraiser:

1. Item(s) to be sold: Concessions at ticket table for musical

2. Vendor/Company: N/A

3. Cost of merchandise: \$1

4. Where & how item(s) will be sold: Ticket table outside Auditorium

5. Anticipated organizational profit: \$300

Purpose of Fundraiser: (be specific)

Concessions help offset the costs of rights, materials, sets, and costumes.

****Please return this completed form to the Principal, ten (10) school days prior to the next scheduled Board of Education meeting. This fundraiser is NOT confirmed until it has been approved on this form by the Board of Education.**

Fundraiser Approved: Yes No

If No, reason:

Principal: [Signature] Date: 9/30/19

Superintendent: [Signature] Date: 10/2/19

Approved by the Wolcott Board of Education: _____ Date: _____

WOLCOTT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Fundraiser Request Form

{Requires Board of Education approval}

Name of School:

Tyrrell Middle School

Name of Organization:

Drama Club

Sponsor:

N/A

Person Submitting Form:

Heather Pytel

Date(s) of Fundraiser:

Jan-Mar 2020

Copy of invoice/contract attached? N/A

Yes

No

Type of Fundraiser:

In-School

Out-of-School

Both



Nature of Fundraiser:

1. Item(s) to be sold:

Program Ads for Musical

2. Vendor/Company:

N/A

3. Cost of merchandise:

\$3 - \$150 Depending on size

4. Where & how item(s) will be sold:

Local community

5. Anticipated organizational profit:

\$1,500

Purpose of Fundraiser: (be specific)

Ads help offset the costs of rights, materials, sets, and costumes.

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Fundraiser Approved:

Yes

No

If No, reason:

Principal:

Date:

Superintendent:

Date:

Approved by the Wolcott Board of Education:

Date:

Event Calendar Report

Wolcott Public Schools

Calendar events from Date : 10/8/2019 - 10/22/2019

Depart Date Time	Return Date Time	Departing Location	Status	Organization	Contact Name
Trip ID	Trip Name	Trip Destination	Trip State	Package Name	Contact Phone
Driver Name(s)					

10/9/2019 7:00:00 AM	10/9/2019 5:30:00 PM	Tyrrell Middle School	Approved	Tyrrell Middle School	Garbus Sarah
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1737	Grade 6 NYC Trip	NYC, Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island	Active		879-8151
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10/10/2019 10:45:00	10/10/2019 11:45:00 AM	Wolcott High School	Approved	Activity Account	Sheehan Nancy
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1749	WHS Visit to Alcott Pre-School - Period 3	Alcott Elementary School	Active		
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10/10/2019 12:30:00	10/10/2019 1:45:00 PM	Wolcott High School	Approved	Alcott PTO	Sheehan Nancy
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1750	WHS Visit to Alcott Pre-School - Period 4	Alcott Elementary School	Active		
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10/11/2019 7:30:00 AM	10/11/2019 4:30:00 PM	Frisbie Elementary School	Approved	Frisbie School	Bartz Marie
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1741	Mystic Seaport - 4th grade	Mystic Seaport	Active		203-879-8146
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Conference Attendance Report October 9, 2018

DATE	COST	PERSON(S)	SCHOOL/POSITION	SUB	PRESENTER	TITLE	LOCATION
10.7.2019 - 10.8.2019	(M) Only	Sheila DiStasio	TMS/Library Media Specialist	No	ACES	ISTE Certification Training	Hamden, CT
10.18.2019	\$100 + (M)	Janet Discepolo	District/Project Explore	No	CT Assoc. for the Gifted	Creativity Con	Bridgeport, CT
11.19.2019	\$125 + (M)	Nancy Sheehan	WHS/Teacher	Yes	CREC	CTE State Conference	Cromwell, CT
10.21.2019	\$170 + (M)	Sheila DiStasio	TMS/Library Media Specialist	No	CASL/CECA 2019 Conference	CT Educators Computer Assoc.	Hartford, CT
11.20.2019	\$219.99 + (M)	Amanda Gorton	AES/School Psychologist	No	PESI	Treating Traumatic Strss in Kids	Shelton, CT
3.27.2020/4. 3.2020	\$140 + (M)	Amanda Gorton	AES/School Psychologist	No	CES	ADOS-2 Refresher Training	Shelton, CT

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – October 07, 2019

RESOLUTION: NOMINATION(S)

Resolution from Dr. Anthony Gasper, 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. **Michele Feeney-Wallace** to the position of Special Education Paraprofessional at Tyrrell Middle School effective October 09, 2019;
2. **2019 Fall and Winter Volunteer(s):**
Taylor Danielle Cheerleading Volunteer-pending certification

(See attached)

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – October 07, 2019

RESOLUTION: CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution from Dr. Anthony Gasper, Superintendent of Schools, to the Honorable Board of Education of the Town of Wolcott, making recommendation

TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED:

1. Out of State Field Trip(s):

- a. To give Wolcott High School's Varsity Cheerleading (22) permission to attend the New England Regional Cheerleading Championship at Worcester State University in Worcester, MA from March 20 – March 21, 2019 to compete for the regional title amongst other teams from the New England region.

2. Make a Donation:

- a. To give Wakelee School permission to donate multiple copies of upper elementary books from classroom libraries to the Wolcott Public Library.

3. Permission to Dispose of Equipment:

- a. To give Wakelee School permission to dispose of outdated and/or non-functioning video equipment, overhead projector, various VCR/DVD players and remotes.

(See attached)