

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT**

A meeting of the Board of Education was held on Monday, February 11, 2019, at Frisbie School. In attendance were: Lori DelBuono Bartlett, Chairman of the Board; Roberta Leonard, Secretary of the Board; Thomas Buzzelli, Christopher Charette, Kathleen Cordone, Paul D' Angelo, Anthony Gugliotti. Also in attendance: Dr. Anthony Gasper, Superintendent of Schools; Frank Purcaro, Assistant Superintendent of Schools; Todd Bendtsen, Business Manager; Kevin Hollis, Director of Student Services; Rosa Ramalhete, Supervisor of Special Education; Walter Drewry, Principal of Wolcott High School; Bryan MacKay, Assistant Principal of Wolcott High School; Joseph Morgan, Assistant Principal of Wolcott High School; Joseph Norcross, Principal of Tyrrell Middle School; Daniel Caetano, Assistant Principal of Tyrrell Middle School; Kimberly Murtaugh, Principal of Frisbie Elementary School; Deborah Osvald, Principal of Wakelee Elementary School; Wayne Natzel, Facilities Director; Kimberly Stein, Math Interventionist, Andrea Curcio, pre-Kindergarten teacher; Rebekah Shoemaker, pre-Kindergarten Teacher; and Jessica Kenny, Board Clerk.

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 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 Ms. Leonard, seconded by Mr. D' Angelo, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 14, 2019. So voted.

Committee Reports:

The Operations and Programs committee met at 6:30 p.m. and was presented feedback from Mr. Purcaro on the Kindergarten phase in period and was also presented highlights of each of the proposed school calendars.

Mr. Gugliotti said that the Finance Committee met at 7:09 p.m. and reviewed the Business Manager's report, budget transfers, expenditures and the Tyrrell Middle School Math Interventionist position.

APPROVED 

Lori DelBuono Bartlett, Chairman
Wolcott Board of Education

Communications:

Thank You Cards,

Invitation to the WHS Winter Sports Banquet,

Rotella Monthly Montage,

Letter to the Honorable Thomas G. Dunn in regards to Tentative Vendor-in-Place Paving Program

Letter from a parent in regards to the School Calendars

Letter from a parent in regards to Curriculum

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

Motion: by Mr. Gugliotti, seconded by Mr. Buzzelli, to approve the following Budget Transfers:

To authorize the transfer **of \$64,839.48** from fiscal year 2018-2019 as presented in the Business Manager's report.

So voted.

Motion: by Mr. D' Angelo, seconded by Mr. Charette, to approve the following expenditures:

To approve expenditures in the amount of **\$839,723.73** paid on February 15, 2019 for fiscal year 2018-2019.

To approve the February 2019 payroll expenditures in the amount of **\$1,485,000** for fiscal year 2018-2019.

So voted.

Superintendent's Report:

Mrs. Murtaugh and Ms. Stein from Frisbie gave a presentation on the 3 Act Math Tasks. They had four students with them from grades 3 and 4. 3 Act Math Tasks is:

Act 1- Showing an engaging pie or video- then students respond with what they *noticed* in the video and "math" *wonders*. Teacher then chooses a wonder (based on lesson objective) for students to work through to solve

Act 2- Students discuss what information they would need to know to be able to solve (sugar packets- they brainstormed ideas and were given nutritional labels of sugar packet and soda/Celtics floor- they were given the crews start and end time) Students also give estimates to figure out reasonable answers

Students work in groups to solve using any manipulatives that would be helpful to them. Students show work on "poster" to be presented in act 3

Act 3- Groups share their work in purposeful order (based off teacher observation) and discussion revolves around different ways and attempts to solve both effective and ineffective.

Video reveal of answer.

The students from both grades came up and told the Board how they solved the Math problem and how much they enjoy 3 Act Math Tasks.

Mr. Hollis, Mrs. Ramalhete, Ms. Curcio, and Ms. Shoemaker, gave the board an update on the Pre-Kindergarten program and how it is working this year with the changes that were made. They spoke of the transition period being easier, about the peer interaction between the 3 year olds and the 4 year olds and how they are able to accommodate parents better.

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

Public Comment:

No one came forward.

OLD BUSINESS:

Approve Wolcott High School Course of Studies - Final Vote

Motion: by Mrs. Leonard, seconded by Mr. D'Angelo to approve the Wolcott High School 2019-2020 Course of Studies - Final Vote.
So Voted.

NEW BUSINESS:

Transfers:

Motion: by Mr. D'Angelo, seconded by Mr. Charette to approve the following transfer(s) to the position indicated:

1. **Alicia Maffiolini** from .45 Math Intervention Teacher for Tyrrell Middle School to 1.0 Math Intervention Teacher at Tyrrell Middle School effective February 12, 2019.

Nominations:

Motion: by Mr. Charette, seconded by Mr. D'Angelo, to approve the following nomination(s) to the position indicated:

1. **Amanda Berman** to the position of LTS Science Teacher at Wolcott High School effective February 13, 2019;
2. **Debra Frageau** to the position of Paraprofessional at Frisbie School effective February 13, 2019;
3. **Chris Riviezzo** to the position of Wolcott High School's Head Boys Outdoor Track Coach effective March 16, 2019;
4. **Chris Theriault** to the position of Head Football Coach at Wolcott High School effective February 25, 2019.
So Voted.

Award a Contract- Videographer

Motion: by Mr. Leonard, seconded by Mr. D'Angelo, to enter into a contract with:

To award a contract to **Michael Bruce Video** to furnish equipment and services necessary to video/audio record the meetings of the Wolcott Board of Education for the amount of **\$265.00 per meeting.**

So Voted.

Approval 2019-2020 School Calendar:

by Mr. D'Angelo, seconded by Ms. Leonard to table the 2019-2020 school calendar to a later date.

So voted.

Consent Agenda:

Motion: by Mr. Gugliotti, seconded by Mr. Buzzelli, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented with the exception of Grant Awards:

1. **Resignations:**
 - a. Lisa DeBarba in the position of Special Education Paraprofessional at Alcott Elementary School, for the purpose of retirement effective the end of the 2018-2019 school year;
 - b. Sarah Gerard in the position of School Psychologist at Frisbie School effective the end of the 2018-2019 school year;
 - c. Matthew Hove in the position of Science Teacher at Wolcott High School effective February 12, 2019;
 - d. Lisa Novakowski in the position of Varsity Softball Coach at Wolcott High School effective immediately;
 - e. Chris Riviezzo in the position of Assistant Girls Track Coach at Wolcott High School effective immediately.
2. **Out of State/Overnight Field Trips:**
 - a. Wolcott High School's Robotics Team (20) requests permission to go to Western NE University from March 22nd - March 24th, 2019 to compete at the Robotics Championship;
 - b. Wolcott High School's Robotics Team (20) requests permission to go to Worcester Polytechnic Institute from April 10th - April 13th, 2019 to compete at the Robotics Championship;
 - c. Wolcott High School's Music Department (2) request permission to go to CMEA All State Festival - CT Convention Center in Hartford, CT from April 11th - April 13th, 2019 for the purpose of Arts standards #4, #5 and #6;
 - d. Wakelee School's Grade 4 (67) requests permission to go to Old Sturbridge Village in Sturbridge, MA on April 26th, 2019 for the purpose of Research/Experience Colonial Life ELA - W4.7, ELA - W4.2;
 - e. Wolcott High School/Tyrrell Middle School/Wakelee Elementary Robotics Team (30) request permission to go to the COBO Center,

Detroit Michigan from April 22nd - April 28th, 2019 to compete at the Robotics World Championship.

3. Grant Award(s):

- a. To approve and accept the Wolcott Education Foundation's

Grant as Follows:

Sara Vumbaca \$1,104.05

Location: Frisbie Elementary School

Project Title: Ceramics Programs

So voted.

Time for the Public:

No one came forward.

Items for the Next Agenda:

The next meeting is March 11 and will be at Tyrrell Middle School.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Mr. Charette, to adjourn the meeting at 8:14p.m.

So voted.

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