

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT**

A Board of Education meeting was held on Monday, February 24, 2014, 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, and Kimberly Lumia, 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 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; Melissa Iles, Director of Student Services; Fran Hubeny, Facilities Director; a WEA Representative; Jill Wright, a Tyrrell Teacher; and Joan Gray, Board Clerk.

The Finance Committee met at 6:30 p.m.

Approval – Contract:

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Mrs. Clair, to approve a contract with **Triflection Inc.** for technology services to the Wolcott Public Schools for the 2014-2015 school year for the amount of **\$295,000** with payment made by August 1, 2014.

Board Members voting “aye”: Mr. Buzzelli, Mrs. Clair, Ms. DelBuono, Mrs. Gubitosi, Ms. Leonard, Mr. Lerz, Mrs. Mancini, and Mrs. Najarian;

Board Members abstaining: Mrs. Lumia.

Motion carries.

The regular Board meeting was called to order at 7:33 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 Mrs. Lumia, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 10, 2014. So voted.

Communications:

Thank you note – The Tansley Family

Thank you note – The Hubeny Family

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

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Lumia, to approve expenditures in the amount of **\$320,380** paid on February 25, 2014 for fiscal year 2013-2014. So voted.

Superintendent's Report:

Mrs. Wright, and Tyrrell Students, Kailyn Lawlor and Brianna Shea demonstrated how iPads were used in the classroom to produce a presentation on the origins of chocolate.

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

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. Their next meeting will be at Wakelee Elementary School.

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.

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

A moment of silence was held in memory of staff member, Mary Lou Marino, who passed away last week.

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mr. Buzzelli, 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 the 2014-2015 Board of Education budget revisions, the budget reports for fiscal year 2013-2014, and pending vendor invoices.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Approve – Nominations:

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

1. **Kimberly O'Connor** in the position of Long-Term Substitute English Teacher at Wolcott High School effective February 25, 2014;
2. **Emily Roethlein** in the position of Long Term Substitute Teacher with a Reading Concentration at Wakelee Elementary School effective February 25, 2014;
3. **Shave Sheehan** in the position of Interim Supervisor of Special Education for the Wolcott Public Schools effective February 25, 2014 at the WPSAC per diem rate;
4. **2014 WHS Fall Coaches:**

Bryan Plona	Boys Head Soccer Coach
Dan Caetano	Assistant Boys Soccer Coach
Chris Riviezzo	Girls Soccer Coach
Samantha Gigliotti	Assistant Girls Soccer Coach
Kaity Craig	Varsity Volleyball Coach
Briana Daniele	Assistant Girls Volleyball Coach
Alison Regan	Assistant Girls Volleyball Coach (Freshman)
Jason Pace	Head Football Coach
Joe Golden	Assistant Football Coach (JV)
Steve Jasulavic	Assistant Football Coach
Joe Cornelio	Assistant Football Coach
Jim Pawlak	Freshman Football Coach
Michele Cordeau	Head Cheerleading Coach
Ron Cordeau	Assistant Cheerleading Coach

So voted.

Approval – Out of State Field Trip(s):

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

1. Wolcott High School's Golf Team (6) requests permission to go to the Ben Russell Golf Tournament in Queenstown Harbor, MD on April 14-16, 2014 to prepare for golf season.

2. Wolcott High School's Incoming Junior and Senior Class Students (18) request permission to travel to Dublin, London and Paris from July 20-29, 2015 to experience culture first hand, including the history about each site.

So voted.

Time for the Public:

No one came forward.

Items for the Next Agenda:

The next Board meeting will be at Wakelee Elementary School.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:55 p.m. So voted.