

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT**

A meeting of the Board of Education was held on Monday, April 09, 2018, at Tyrrell Middle School. In attendance were: Cynthia Mancini, Vice Chairman of the Board of Education; Roberta Leonard, Secretary of the Board of Education; Thomas Buzzelli, Christopher Charette, Paul D'Angelo, Anthony Gugliotti, and Kelly Mazza. Also in attendance: Dr. Anthony Gasper, 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; Shawn Simpson, Principal of Alcott Elementary School; Deborah Osvald, Principal of Wakelee Elementary School; Joanne Mumley, Tyrrell Middle School Teacher; and Jessica Kenny, Board Clerk.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mrs. Mancini, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. A moment of silence was held for Joseph Lynch. Mrs. Mancini then read the Wolcott Public Schools' Mission Statement.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: by Ms. Leonard, seconded by Mr. Charette, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 26, 2018. So voted.

Communications:

Invitations to the following events: Art, French, Science and Spanish Honor Society induction ceremony and the SHAPE banquet.

Rotella Monthly Montage – April 2018

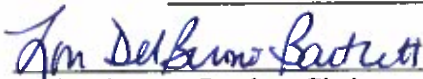
Letters regarding kindergarten transition schedule

Business Manager's Report:

Budget Transfers:

Motion: by Mrs. Mazza, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to authorize the transfer of **\$75,000** from fiscal year 2017-2018 as presented in the Business Manager's report. So voted.

APPROVED _____



Lori DelBuono Bartlett, Chairman
Wolcott Board of Education

Expenditures:

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

To approve the May 2018 payroll expenditures in the amount of **\$2,275,000.00.**

To approve expenditures in the amount of **\$690,533.72** paid on April 10, 2018 for fiscal year 2017-2018.

So voted.

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Chris Wilson, who is on the CAFE's Board of Directors, presented the Board of Education with two CAFE, Bonnie B. Carney, Awards of Excellence.

Ms. Mumley told the Board about the "Be a Change Maker" project, which the 7th grade English Language Arts classes are working on. She explained how students starting using positive words and the impact that it has made. Ms. Mumley then introduced four Tyrrell Middle School students that explained what projects they have done while working on "Be a Change Maker".

Mrs. Mancini then called the meeting back to order.

Two minute school highlights were presented by each principal.

The Superintendent recognized that it was Librarian week and thanked all Librarians for the hard work they do.

Dr. Gasper recognized the efforts of Mr. Simpson, Alcott's Principal, who made a commitment to his students that if they had 100% participation in the Governor's Summer Reading Challenge, he would run the Hartford Marathon, even though he stated he was done with Marathons, the students read and Mr. Simpson ran. He will now run the Boston Marathon as a charitable runner for The Wildflower Foundation.

The Superintendent also took a moment to keep the community up to date on the budget and its process and informed everyone that the budget will be presented to the Town Council on April 17th. He reminded parents that he will be at the CPEC meeting this Wednesday night at Wolcott High School to talk about the budget.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Motion: by Ms. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Mazza to adopt on final vote the Educational Specifications and Project Plans and Drawings for the removal of the Oil Tanks at Alcott, Frisbie and Wakelee Schools.
So voted.

NEW BUSINESS:**Resignations:**

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Mr. Gugliotti, to accept the resignation(s) of:

1. **Francine Romeo** in the position of Science Teacher at Wolcott High School for the purpose of retirement effective July 1, 2018;
2. **Carrie Fiske** in the position of Special Education Teacher and Technology Coordinator at Wolcott High School and Technology Coordinator Central Office effective at the end of the school year.

So voted.

Transfers:

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

1. **Angela Cormier** from the position of Paraprofessional at Wakelee Elementary School to the position of 10 month Administrative Assistant at Wolcott High School effective April 10, 2018.

So voted.

Nominations:

Motion: by Mrs. Mazza, seconded by Mrs. Leonard, to appoint the individual(s) as indicated:

1. **Amy Kowynia** to the position of Special Education paraprofessional at Alcott Elementary School effective April 11, 2018;
2. **Julie Oakes** to the position of Grade 3 Long Term Substitute at Wakelee Elementary School effective April 23, 2018;
3. **Sandra Ramos** to the position of Special Education Paraprofessional at Alcott Elementary School effective April 10, 2018;
4. **Francine Romeo** to the position of .4 Science Teacher at Wolcott High School effective August 23, 2018.

So voted.

Out of State Field Trips:

Motion: by Mr. D'Angelo, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to approve the following out of state field trips:

1. Alcott Elementary School's fourth grade classes request permission to go to Old Sturbridge Village in Sturbridge, MA on June 6, 2018.

So voted

Approval on the 2018-2019 School Handbooks – Initial Vote:

Motion: by Mr. Gugliotti, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to approve on initial vote the 2018-2019 Handbooks as follows:

The Elementary Schools Parents/Guardians Handbook
Tyrrell Middle School Student Handbook
Wolcott High School Student Handbook

So voted.

Approve a Graduation Date:

Motion: by Mr. Gugliotti, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to approve June 22, 2018 as the date for the following graduation ceremonies:

Tyrrell Middle School at 4:00 p.m., and
Wolcott High School at 7:00 p.m.

So voted.

Committee Reports:

Mrs. Leonard said that the Operations and Programs Committee met at 6:15 p.m. and Mr. Simpson from the Elementary Schools, Mr. Norcross from Tyrrell Middle School and Mr. Morgan and Mr. MacKay from Wolcott High School presented their 2018-2019 handbooks and gave overviews of changes that will be made.

Mrs. Mancini reported that the Finance Committee met at 7:00 p.m. and discussed Energy, Generation Rate Bids, Vendor Invoices and Health Claims.

Mr. Gugliotti reported that the Building Committee discussed the electric negotiations, oil tanks, boilers and paperwork that is being filled out for these upcoming projects.

Items for the Next Agenda:

The next meeting is May 7 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. Buzzelli, seconded by Mrs. Mazza, to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the Superintendents performance evaluation. So voted.

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Mr. Gugliotti, to come out of Executive Session and reconvene the regular meeting at 8:42 p.m. So voted.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: by Mr. D'Angelo, seconded by Mr. Buzzelli, to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 p.m. So voted.

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