



# OUR FUTURE IS IN CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

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

**ALCOTT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
CAFETERIA**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT  
AGENDA  
January 13, 2014**

I. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, and Reading of the Mission Statement

*The mission of the Wolcott Public Schools is to develop in each student the knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary to become a productive member of the community and a contributing member of society.*

II. Approval of Minutes

A. Regular Meeting of December 9, 2013

III. Communications

IV. Business Manager's Report

A. Expenditures

V. Superintendent's Report

A. Mr. Macary's Report

B. Alcott AV Club – Mrs. Goldberg

C. Wolcott Public Schools Five Year Goals – Mrs. Osvald

VI. Public Comment

VII. Committee Reports

VIII. Old Business

IX. New Business

A. Resignation(s)

B. Nomination(s)

C. Approve Out of State Field Trip(s)

D. Approve an Out of State Conference

E. Adopt the Wolcott Public Schools 2014-2019 Goals – Initial Vote

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 the mid-year evaluation of the Superintendent.

ADJOURNMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

XIII. Adjournment

Note:

Facilities Committee at 6:30-7:00 p.m. in the Najarian Board Room:

1) Discussion of Security Grant; and 2) Facilities Director’s Report.

Finance Committee at 7:00-6:30 p.m. in the Najarian Board Room

1) Discussion of Technology Grant; 2) Expectations for the 2014-2015 Budget;  
3) Expenditures; and 4) Business Manager’s Report.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT**

A Board of Education meeting was held on Monday, December 9, 2013, 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, 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 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; Melissa Iles, Director of Student Services; Wendie Rodriguez, Supervisor of Special Education; Fran Hubeny, Facilities Director; a WEA Representative; Jason Pace, Wolcott High School Business Teacher; Joan Gray, Board Clerk.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Motion: by Ms. DelBuono, seconded by Ms. Leonard, for the Board Members to go into Executive Session at 7:07 p.m. for the purpose of discussing a confidential student matter which would result in a disclosure of information protected by FERPA.  
So voted.

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to come out of Executive Session at 7:16 p.m.

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m., and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

**Approval of Minutes:**

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to approve the minutes of the special meeting of November 12, 2013. So voted.

- Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Ms. DelBuono, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 12, 2013. So voted.
- Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Mrs. Clair, to approve the minutes of the expulsion hearing meeting of November 13, 2013 – Student 1. So voted.
- Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Mrs. Clair, to approve the minutes of the expulsion hearing meeting of November 13, 2013 – Student 2. So voted.
- Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Mrs. Clair, to approve the minutes of the expulsion hearing meeting of November 13, 2013 – Student 3. So voted.

**Communications:**

Thank you note – Alcott Staff

The Rotella Magnet School's Monthly Montage – December 2013

Letter from Mr. Bruce

**Business Manager's Report:**

**Expenditures:**

- Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Lumia, to approve the January 2014 payroll expenditure in the amount of **\$2,120,000.**  
To approve expenditures in the amount of **\$833,316.06** paid on December 10, 2013 for fiscal year 2013-2014.  
So voted.

**Superintendent's Report:**

Mr. Pace introduced the Wolcott High School DECA students who are responsible for the school store. They did a presentation on the organization of the store.

The Principals and Ms. Iles gave two minute updates on their schools and Student Services.

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.

The Connecticut State Department of Education has named Alcott and Wakelee Elementary Schools as Schools of Distinction for highest progress among schools with a school performance index greater than 88 and for highest overall performance.

Mr. Macary wished everyone a happy holiday season.

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Ms. Leonard, 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 pending invoices, budget reports for fiscal 2013-2014, November health claims and the boiler project at Wolcott High School.

Ms. Leonard reported on the ACES Governing Board meeting that she attended.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Approve – Resignation:**

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Ms. DelBuono, to accept the resignation of:

1. **Linda Catalina** in the position of General Food Service Worker Floater for the Wolcott Public Schools effective November 22, 2013;
2. **Christina Van Ormer** in the position of Junior Varsity Softball Coach at Wolcott High School effective for the 2013-2014 season;
3. **Jessica Zercie** in the position of Special Education Paraprofessional at Maloney Interdistrict Magnet School effective on December 20, 2013.

So voted.

**Approve – Nominations:**

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

1. **Theresa Gaffny** in the position of Long Term Substitute French Teacher at Wolcott High School effective December 10, 2013;
2. **Brandon Randall** in the position of Long Term Substitute School Psychologist at Tyrrell Middle School effective December 10, 2013;
3. **Kristina Zipadelli** in the position of Long Term Substitute English Teacher at Wolcott High School effective January 2, 2014;
4. **2013-2014 Tyrrell Middle School Coaches:**

Anna Bartoli	Cheerleading
Scott Blacker & Mike Terry	Boys Basketball Co-Coaches
Lee Kelsey	Girls Basketball

Justin Savarese & Jay Rocca      Baseball Co-Coaches (pending coach certification)

So voted.

**Approval – Out of State Field Trip(s):**

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

1. Tyrrell Middle School Project Explore Grade 7 Students (29) request permission to go to New York City to see the Broadway show *Aladdin* on April 23, 2014 to explore careers in the field of engineering, music and technology;
2. Tyrrell Middle School Project Explore Grade 8 Students (34) request permission to go to New York City to see the Broadway show *Phantom of the Opera* on May 22, 2014 to explore careers in the field of engineering, music and technology;
3. Wolcott High School Cheerleaders (16) request permission to go to Myrtle Beach, SC to participate in Cheer Nationals being held March 14–17, 2014.

So voted.

**Approve Three One Man Swim Teams:**

Motion:            by Ms. Leonard, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to authorize three one man teams to practice and compete for Wolcott High School in cooperation with the Crosby High School's Boys Swim Team for the 2013-2014 school year. So voted.

**Approve One Man Wrestling Team:**

Motion:            by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Lumia, to authorize a one man team to practice and compete for Wolcott High School in cooperation with the Bristol Eastern High School's Wrestling Team for the 2013-2014 school year. So voted.

**Approve an Out of State Conference:**

Motion:            by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to approve the following out-of-state conference:

1. **Jill Fontanella**, Social Worker, requests permission to attend the conference entitled "School Mental Health" being held January 31 to February 1, 2014 in Boston, MA by Harvard Medical School's Department of Psychiatry.

So voted.

**Time for the Public:**

Kathleen Cordone, 80 Old Boundline Road, spoke on the United States' ranking on tests.

**Items for the Next Agenda:**

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

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion:           by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:25 p.m. So voted.

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – January 13, 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 February 2014 payroll expenditure in the amount of **\$1,500,000.**

To approve expenditures in the amount of **\$780,375.95** paid on January 14, 2014 for fiscal year 2013-2014.



WOLCOTT PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT  
SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

January 13, 2014

Two Minute School Highlights:

Alcott:

Frisbie:

Wakelee:

Tyrrell:

Wolcott High:

Curriculum & PD:

Just a reminder, starting in January, the Wolcott Board of Education will be rotating their meeting schedule to visit all five (5) schools over the next few months. Next meeting is at Frisbie on February 10<sup>th</sup>.

If you have a child who will be Five (5) years old on or before January 1, 2015, you are requested to contact the Office of the Superintendent of Schools at 203-879-8183 in January. The child's: name, address, age, date of birth, and e-mail addresses will be taken over the phone. Information will be mailed to your home in March. Early pre-registration is greatly appreciated in order for us to plan classes and the budget appropriately.

The Department of Student Services will be accepting applications for the Alcott Preschool Program for 2014-2015. Applications are available for all Wolcott residents who have a child between the ages of 3 and 4, born in 2010 and 2011. The deadline for applications is March 1<sup>st</sup>. A lottery will be held in March to determine the preschool enrollment for the 3-year-old and 4-year-old programs for the next school year. Parents will be notified of the results by March 15th. If you would like an application, please contact the secretary in the Student Services office at 203-879-8178. Thank You

I am honored to inform you that the Connecticut State Department of Education has listed Alcott Elementary and Wakelee Elementary a **School of Distinction** for HIGHEST PROGRESS AMONG SCHOOLS WITH a SCHOOL PERFORMANCE INDEX GREATER THAN 88 and for HIGHEST OVERALL PERFORMANCE. This is quite an honor for both schools and the district. This high level of student performance is due to your hard work, efforts, and commitment to student learning. I commend all the students, parents, staff, teachers and administration for their dedication to teaching and learning. Personally, I am very proud of the students and schools on this great achievement. This is quite an honor.

- Presentation from the Audio-Visual Club at Alcott by Lisa Goldberg
- Presentation on the District's Five Year Goals process by Deborah Osvald

# Conference Attendance Report

January 13, 2014

DATE	COST	PERSON(S)	SCHOOL/POSITION	SUB	PRESENTER	TITLE	LOCATION
1/15; 1/16	None	Patti Welton	District/CO Admin Specialist	No	National Seminars Training	Human Resources and the Law	Cromwell, Ct
1/31; 2/1	\$280.00	Kristin Sweeney-Bizier	WHS/School Psychologist	No	Harvard Medical School	School Mental Health: Treating Students K-12	Boston, Ma.

(M) = Mileage

(P) = Parking Fees

Fieldtrips BOE Meeting  
January 13, 2014

Trip ID	Date	School	# Students	Trip Destination	Educational Objectives	Contact Name
163	1/29/14	WHS	18	Education Connections, Litchfield	Speakers and workshop activities> this is part of the Preserving our Histories Program. Students are making a historical documentary.	Nevins, Nancy
165	1/23/14	Wakelee	135	New Haven	Celebration of black history month	Calabro, Donna
224	2/8/14	WHS	45	Okemo Mountain Ludlow, VT	Ski Club	Caetano, Daniel
244	2/4/14	Alcott	40	Indian Rock Preserve		Murphy, Kate
247	1/16/14	Wakelee	67	Lincoln Theatre, Hartford CT	to see a Junie B. Jones live show to compare with our whole group reading	Klemenz, Lisa
253	2/1/14	WHS	9	North Haven High School, North Haven CT	CMEA All State Auditions	solocius, Laura
263	1/15/14	WHS	12	Bill and Sams/Wolcott Lanes	One of the key components to the STEP program is to increase positive behaviors; As a reward and reinforcement of these positive behaviors displayed, students will earn this trip.	Margiotta, Lysa
264	2/3/14	WHS	90	State Capital Building and CT State Supreme Court		Balanda, William
266	2/6/14	WHS	5	AI Prince Tech Hartford, CT	SkillsUSA regional competition	lofgren, chris

## Fundraiser Report January 13, 2014

DATE	SCHOOL	GROUP/PERSON	DESCRIPTION OF FUNDRAISER
Jan to March	WHS	Student Theater	Sell ads for the Spring Musical Program
Jan to April	WHS	Diamond Club	Sell car magnets
Feb 7 & Mar 7	WHS	Diamond Club	10% of sales at McDonalds, Thomaston Ave.
Feb 7-Mar 7	Tyrrell	Drama Club	Sell ads for Tyrrell's play
Feb 11, Mar 11 & Apr 15	WHS	Diamond Club	20% of sales at Wendy's
Feb 12-27	WHS	Diamond Club	Sell Pasta Heaven products
Feb 20-Apr 6	Tyrrell	Drama Club	Sell tickets for Tyrrell's play
Mar 3-21	Wakelee	Project Explore	Sell rainbow loom bracelets

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – January 13, 2014

RESOLUTION:                      RESIGNATION

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

TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF:

1. Tammy Phillips in the position of General Food Service Worker at Wolcott High School effective January 1, 2014.

(See attached)

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – January 13, 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. **Ann Bourassa** in the position of Food Service Worker Floater for the Wolcott Public Schools effective January 15, 2014;
2. **Brian Pateraude** in the position of Long Term Substitute PE/Health Teacher at Tyrrell Middle School and Alcott Elementary School pending certification effective January/February 2014.

(See attached)

**Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – January 13, 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 Ski Club (45) requests permission to go to Okemo Mountain, Ludlow, VT to ski on February 8, 2014;
2. Wolcott High School Boys Baseball Team (30) requests permission to go to Johnson City, TN from March 26-30, 2014 to play baseball against Tennessee High School teams and a JV level college team.

(See attached)

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – January 13, 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. **Kristin Sweeney-Bizier**, School Psychologist, requests permission to attend the conference entitled “School Mental Health” being held January 31 to February 1, 2014 in Boston, MA by Harvard Medical School’s Department of Psychiatry.

(See attached)



**Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – January 13, 2014**

**RESOLUTION:     ADOPT THE 2014-2019 GOALS**

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

**To adopt on initial vote the draft of the 2014-2019 Wolcott Public Schools Mission Statement and Goals.**

**(see attached)**