

***BOARD OF EDUCATION  
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT***

A regular meeting of the Board of Education was held on Monday, August 12, 2019, at The Offices of the Board of Education. In attendance were: Lori DelBuono Bartlett, Chairman of the Board; Thomas Buzzelli, Christopher Charette, Kathleen Cordone, Anthony Gugliotti and Kelly Mazza. Also in attendance: Dr. Anthony Gasper, Superintendent of Schools; Todd Bendtsen, Business Manager; Wayne 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 Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Mr. Gugliotti, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 08, 2019;  
                      By Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Mr. Gugliotti, to approve the minutes of the special meeting of July 11, 2019,  
                      By Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Mr. Gugliotti, to approve the minutes of the special meeting of August 08, 2019.  
                      So voted.

**Committee Reports:**

A Committee of the Whole meeting was held at 7:02 p.m. Topics discussed included: Expenditures, Budget Transfers, Health Claims and pending vendor invoices. Also discussed were the Late Buses, the committee decided to run a 1-month trial in the spring.

**Communications:**

In appreciation card;  
Thank you cards;  
Letters from Parents;  
Letter from the Board's Attorney;  
Invite to Freshman Orientation;  
Invite to Convocation.

APPROVED   
Lori DelBuono Bartlett, Chairman  
Wolcott Board of Education

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

Motion: by Mr. Gugliotti, seconded by Mr. Buzzelli, to approve the following Expenditures:  
To approve expenditures in the amount of **\$227,283.61** paid on August 21, 2019 for fiscal year 2018-2019;  
To approve expenditures in the amount of **\$126,997.99** paid on August 12, 2019 for fiscal year 2019-2020;  
To approve the September 2019 payroll expenditures in the amount of **\$1,600,000** for fiscal year 2019-2020.  
So voted.

**Budget Transfer(s):**

Motion: by Mr. Gugliotti, seconded by Mr. Charette, to approve the following Budget Transfers:  
To authorize the transfer of **\$232,779.44** from fiscal year 2018-2019 as presented in the Business Manager's report.  
So voted.

**Superintendent's Report:**

Dr. Gasper reported that the summer has continued to go very smoothly. All departments feel that they will be in good shape for the opening of school:

- Custodial and maintenance has made very good progress over the summer. Teachers will be allowed back into their classrooms earlier than initially announced (Aug. 14) if they would like to begin setting up.
- Business and Finance are making good progress on closing out the 2019 fiscal year and all materials requested by schools have been ordered.
- Professional development plans for teachers' return are nearly complete
- Special education outplacements are trending on budget and are down by nearly 50% compared to recent history (from 17 to 9).

Dr. Gasper, Mr. Purcaro, and Mr. Simpson have already begun meeting and planning for transition. With the time needed for posting, interviewing, appointing by the Board, and then a potential notification period if the selected candidate comes from another school system, it is reasonable to expect that it could be between Halloween and Thanksgiving before a new principal has his/her first day.

Motion: by Mr. Gugliotti seconded by Mr. Charette, to approve the Superintendent's Report.  
So voted.

**Public Comment:**

No one came forward.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Kindergarten Class Size:**

The Board had a discussion about the class sizes in Kindergarten. The made a decision to add a fourth Kindergarten teacher to Wakelee as an over flow.

Motions: by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Mr. Gugliotti to add an additional Kindergarten Teacher to Wakelee Elementary School.  
So Voted.

**Discussion on Pre Referendum Services:**

The Board had a discussion in regards to moving forward in designing a contract for pre-referendum services with Colliers International.

**Nominations:**

Motions: by Mr. Gugliotti, seconded by Mr. Buzzelli to appoint the following person(s) as indicated:

1. **Melissa Anastasio** to the position of Lunch Aid at Frisbie School effective August 28, 2019;
2. **Jacqueline McCoy** to the position of Special Education Paraprofessional at Wolcott High School effective August 28, 2019;
3. **Nadine McDonald** to the position of Special Education Paraprofessional at Wolcott High School effective August 28, 2019;
4. **Nicole Nielson** to the position of Math Teacher at Wolcott High School effective August 26, 2019;
5. **Carolyn Osvald** to the position of Special Education Paraprofessional at Tyrrell Middle School effective August 28, 2019, pending Para Pro Assessment;
6. **Bernadette Persico** to the position of Food Service Floater for the District effective August 26, 2019;
7. **2019 – 2020 Fall Coaches:**
  - Tyrrell Middle School**
  - Lee Kelsey                      Girls Soccer
  - Brett DiStasio Boys Soccer
  - David Fortier                      Cross Country Head Coach
  - Scott Blacker                      Cross Country Assistant Coach
  - Alison Artigliere                      Girls Volleyball Head Coach
  - Marian Boisvert                      Girls Volleyball Assistant Coach
  - Wolcott High School**
  - Julie Fell                      Cross Country Track Coach
8. **2019-2020 Stipend Positions:**  
As per attached list.  
So voted.

**Approve a Salary Increase:**

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Mrs. Mazza to approve a 7.7% wage increase effective August 17, 2019 for the CASA Project Grant employee, Carin Grunwald.  
So voted

**Approve Teaching a Sixth Class:**

Motion: by Mr. Gugliotti, seconded by Mr. Charette to approve teaching a 6<sup>th</sup> class by the following person(s) as indicated:

**Wolcott High School:**

<b>Samantha Chuck</b>	<b>French</b>
<b>James Crandall</b>	<b>Instructional Center</b>
<b>Kristin Garcia</b>	<b>Instructional Center</b>
<b>Kelly Gunneson</b>	<b>Instructional Center</b>
<b>Chuck Tutalo</b>	<b>Exploring Culinary Arts</b>
<b>John Waitkus</b>	<b>Phoenix Math</b>
<b>Tyler Mecceriello</b>	<b>Psychology half year</b>
<b>Will Balanda</b>	<b>Capstone half year</b>

**Consent Agenda:**

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Mr. Charette, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented:

**1. Transfer(s):**

- Sarah Daley** from the position of Food Service Worker at Wakelee School to the position of Food Service Cook at Wakelee School effective August 26, 2019;
- Dorene Page** from the position of Food Service Worker at Wakelee School to the position of Food Service Cook at Frisbie School effective August 26, 2019.

**2. WHS Boys Swim Program:**

- To authorize Nicholas DePaola (WAMS) to practice and compete for Wolcott High School in cooperation with the Wilby High School's Boys Swim Team as a one-athlete swim team.

**3. WHS Girls Swim Program:**

- To authorize Angela Podzunas (WHS) to practice and compete for Wolcott High School in cooperation with the Naugatuck High School's Girls Swim Team as a one-athlete swim team.

**4. Permission to Dispose of Equipment:**

- To give Tyrrell Middle School's Media Center permission to donate/recycle/dispose of 3 free standing shelving units.

So voted

**Time for the Public:**

No one came forward.

**Items for the Next Agenda:**

The next meeting is August 26, 2019 and will be at the Board Offices.

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

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion:           by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Mr. Gugliotti, to adjourn the meeting at  
                      8:08 p.m.  
                      So voted.

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