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

A regular meeting of the Board of Education was held on Monday, June 6, 2016, at Wolcott High School. In attendance were: Patricia Najarian, Chairman of the Board; Gloria Gubitosi, Vice Chairman of the Board; Kimberly Lumia, Secretary of the Board; Thomas Buzzelli, Gloria Clair, Anthony Gugliotti, Roberta Leonard, Arthur Lerz, and Cynthia Mancini, all Board members. Also in attendance: Dr. Anthony Gasper, Superintendent of Schools, Todd Bendtsen, Business Manager; Frank Purcaro, Director of Student Learning & Teaching; Kevin Hollis, Director of Student Services; 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; Daniel Caetano, Assistant Principal of Tyrrell Middle School; Shawn Simpson, Principal of Alcott School; Joseph Norcross, Principal of Frisbie School; Robert Nagashima, Principal of Wakelee School; and Joan Gray, Board Clerk.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mrs. Najarian, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. A moment of silence was observed in memory of Wolcott High School Teacher, Mark Berube.

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

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 23, 2016.

Board members discussed the amended minutes of May 9, 2016.

Mrs. Lumia withdrew her motion to approve the minutes of May 23, 2016.

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to table the approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of May 23, 2016. So voted.

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to approve the minutes of the expulsion hearing of May 23, 2016. So voted.

Motion: by Mrs. Clair, seconded by Mr. Lerz, to approve the minutes of the expulsion hearing of May 31, 2016.

*Board members voting “aye”: Mrs. Clair and Mr. Lerz.
 Board members “abstaining”: Mr. Buzzelli, Mrs. Gubitosi, Mr. Gugliotti,
 Ms. Leonard, Mrs. Lumia, Cynthia Mancini, and Mrs. Najarian.
 The motion carried.*

Communications:

Thank You Notes from two recipients of the Olga Krasnovsky Scholarship.

Business Manager’s Report:

Budget Transfers:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Lumia, to authorize the transfer of **\$210,674.70** presented in the Business Manager’s report.
 So voted.

Expenditures:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Lumia, to approve expenditures as follows:
 To approve the July 2016 payroll expenditure in the amount of **\$460,000.00**.
 To approve expenditures in the amount of **\$637,295.05** paid on June 7, 2016 for fiscal year 2015-2016.
 So voted.

Superintendent’s Report:

Mr. Monroe introduced the Top 25 WHS Seniors to the Board. They are as follows:

Rank	First Name	Last Name
25	Julia	Audibert
24	Matej	Stojanov
23	Jenessa	Teta
22	Nicholas	Roth
21	Victoria	Damore
20	Allyson	Hickey
19	Jenna	Roberts
18	Gianna	Polzella
17	Nathan	Murphy
16	Lilian	Briggs
15	Jenna	Swatt

14	Allessandra	Mix
13	Ethan	Pernal
12	Alexander	Tapley
11	Isaiah	Carrington
10	Briana	Japs
9	Michael	Rapisarda
8	Kyle	Fishbein
7	Victoria	Sanzone
6	Susan	Naseri
5	Kaylee	Hale
4	Jessica	McKeon
3	Monika	Neal
2	Alison	Notation
1	Jessica	Adams

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to take a recess for a reception for the Top 25 Seniors. So voted.

Mrs. Najarian called the meeting back to order.

Mark Berube was remembered by Mr. Hollis as a dedicated Special Education teacher at Wolcott High School.

The Principals gave the Board two minute updates on the events at their schools. Mr. Purcaro reported on his area of Student Learning and Teaching.

The Wolcott Summer Studies Program begins on June 27th. It will be at Tyrrell and run for five weeks from 8:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Over 500 students will take part this summer.

Dr. Gasper reported that the new mathematics series, EnVision Mathematics 2 has begun to arrive in the district. He thanked the Board, teachers, and the community for their support on this important project that will move our schools forward in the coming year.

The Tyrrell students' 8th Grade trip to Washington, DC was a great successful, and the students were lauded for their responsible and respectful behavior while on the trip.

Graduation ceremonies are on June 13th. Tyrrell's is at 4:00 p.m. and Wolcott High School is at 7:00 p.m.

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

Public Comment:

No one came forward.

NEW BUSINESS:

Approve – Resignation(s):

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to accept the resignation(s) of:

1. **Martin Dituccio** in the position of Boys Junior Varsity Basketball Coach at Wolcott High School effective immediately;
2. **Maria Johnson** in the position of Food Service Worker at Wolcott High School effective at the end of the 2015-2016 school year;
3. **Theresa Santarsiero** in the position of 5 Hour General Food Service Worker at Tyrrell Middle School for the purpose of retirement effective June 10, 2016;
4. **Patti Welton** in the position of Central Office Administrative Specialist and the position of District Technology Coordinator for the Wolcott Public Schools effective June 30, 2016.

So voted.

Approve – Transfer Between Jobs:

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to approve the following transfers to the positions indicated:

1. **Robert Moffo** from the position of Paraprofessional in the ABC Room at Tyrrell Middle School to the position of Paraprofessional in Academic Classroom Support at Tyrrell Middle School effective August 29, 2016.

So voted.

Approve a Leave Request:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mr. Lerz, to approve the request from Laura DiDominzio, Spanish Teacher at Tyrrell Middle School, for an unpaid leave of absence to begin on August 25, 2016 and continue until the end of the 2016-2017 school year. So voted.

Approve – Nominations:

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to appoint the following person(s) as indicated:

1. **Chuck ONeil** to the position of Special Education Paraprofessional at Wolcott High School effective August 29, 2016;

2. **Roberto Salgado** to the position of Long Term Substitute Spanish Teacher at Wolcott High School effective Semester 1 for the 2016-2017 school year;
3. **2016 Summer Studies Staff:**
Carrie Fiske – Special Education Teacher
Andrea Tordanado – Speech & Language Pathologist
4. **2016-2017 Sports Coaches** for Tyrrell Middle School:
Fall Coaches:
Dan Goldstone, Cross Country
Brett DiStasio, Boys' Soccer
Becky Riviezzo, Girls' Soccer
Susan Boutote, Dance
Winter Coaches:
Anna Bartoli, Cheerleading
Scott Blacker, Boys' Basketball
Lee Kelsey, Girls' Basketball
Spring Coaches:
Michelle LaRochelle, Head Track and Field
Jason Pearson, Softball
Jay Rocca, Baseball co-coach
Justin Savarese, Baseball Co-Coach

So voted.

Permission to Discard Old Library Media Material:

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to grant permission for the Wolcott High School's Resource Center to discard outdated/damaged media materials based on the American Library Association Guidelines.
So voted.

Bid Award – Student Insurance:

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to approve the bid and award a contract to **Colonna Insurance Services, LLC** to provide the 2016-2017 Voluntary Student Accident Insurance and Interscholastic Sports Insurance Coverage including Physical Education Classes in the amount of **\$28,500.00**. So voted.

Permission to Dispose of Outdated Math Resource Kits:

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to grant permission to Frisbie Elementary School to discard three outdated Math Teacher Resource Kits.
So voted.

Committee Reports:

Ms. Leonard stated that the Operations & Programs Committee met at 6:15 p.m. and received presentations from Mr. Purcaro on the i-Ready Assessment System, Dr. Gasper on the District Data Team's District Growth Plan, and Mr. Hollis on WHS' Phoenix Program.

Mrs. Mancini reported that the Finance Committee met earlier and discussed pending invoices, budget reports, transfer requests, an update on the Affordable Care Act, May's Health claims, and the bid result for student insurance.

Time for the Public:

No one came forward.

Items for the Next Agenda:

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to go into Executive Session for discussion of 1) the employment of a certified employee; 2) the employment of a non-certified employee; 3) a confidential student matter, and 4) pending litigation. So voted.

Motion: by Mrs. Clair, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to come out of Executive Session and reconvene the regular meeting at 9:50 p.m. So voted.

ADD TO THE AGENDA:

Motion: by Ms. Leonard, seconded by Mr. Lerz, to add a resolution to rescind a resignation. So voted.

Rescind a Resignation:

Motion: by Mrs. Clair, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to approve rescinding the resignation of Jeremiah Regimbald and reinstating him to the position of Music Teacher at Tyrrell Middle School. So voted.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to adjourn the regular meeting at 10:00 p.m. So voted.

Note: A videotape of this meeting in its entirety can be viewed on the WLCT96 site on the Town of Wolcott's website, www.wolcottct.org.