


**BOARD OF EDUCATION
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT**

A regular meeting of the Board of Education was held on Monday, September 23, 2019, at Tyrrell Middle School. In attendance were: Lori DelBuono Bartlett, Chairman of the Board; Cynthia Mancini, Vice Chairman of the Board; Roberta Leonard, Secretary of the Board; Thomas Buzzelli, Christopher Charette, Kathleen Cordone, Paul D'Angelo, Anthony Gugliotti, and Kelly Mazza, all board members. Also in attendance: Dr. Anthony Gasper, Superintendent of Schools; Shawn Simpson, Assistant Superintendent of Schools; Todd Bendtsen, Business Manager; Kevin Hollis, Director of Student Services; Rosa Ramahlete, Supervisor of Special Service; Walter Drewry, Principal of Wolcott High School; Bryan MacKay, Assistant Principal of Wolcott High School; Joseph Norcross, Principal of Tyrrell Middle School; Dan Ceatano, Assistant Principal of Tyrrell Middle School; Kimberly Murtaugh, Principal of Frisbie Elementary School; Wayne Natzel, Facilities Director; 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 Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 09, 2019.
So voted.

APPROVED 

Lori DelBuono Bartlett, Chairman
Wolcott Board of Education

Committee Reports:

A Committee of the Whole meeting was held at 7:00 p.m., during the meeting Finance topics were reviewed. They discussed the business manager's report, expenditures, and an update on the pension plan management.

Communications:

A letter from a parent.

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

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mr. D'Angelo, to approve the following Expenditures:
To approve expenditures in the amount of **\$316,328.23** paid on September 24, 2019, for the fiscal year 2019-2020.
So voted.

Superintendent's Report:

Dr. Gasper reported the opening of the school year being dominated by issues with the computer network. He addressed this issue with gratitude and with some of the plans for mitigating the risk in the future.

The superintendent thanked the IT department for truly rising to the challenge of the adverse situation and how tremendous assets they are to our school system. He also thanked all of the school staff members. Dr. Gasper spoke of the comfort he felt visiting the schools in the last two weeks and seeing that there has been very little disruption in learning. Lastly, he thanked the school administrative assistants who have had a myriad of new and creative work-arounds to ensure that the schools have continued to run smoothly.

Finally, Dr. Gasper spoke of the computer issues and that we are not the only ones that have experienced something like this.

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli seconded by Ms. Leonard to approve the superintendent's report as presented.
So voted.

Public Comment:

No one came forward.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

- To Review Strategy with Respect to Pending Litigation (Consideration of Action to Enforce Legal Relief Concerning a Vendor Services Contract)

Mr. Bendsen was invited to attend Executive Session .

So voted.

Motion: by Mr. Gugliotti, seconded by Mr. Charette, to come out of Executive Session and reconvene the regular meeting at 8:25 p.m. So voted.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Mr. Charette, to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

So voted.

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