

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT**

A meeting of the Board of Education was held on Monday, August 27, 2018, at Tyrrell Middle School. In attendance were: Lori DelBuono Bartlett, Chairman of the Board of Education; Cynthia Mancini, Vice Chairman of the Board of Education; Roberta Leonard, Secretary of the Board of Education; 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; Todd Bendtsen, Business Manager; Frank Purcaro, Director of Student Learning & Teaching; 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 Wolcott High School; Daniel Caetano, Assistant Principal of Tyrrell Middle School; Shawn Simpson, Principal of Alcott Elementary School; Kimberly Murtaugh, Principal of Frisbie Elementary School; Deborah Osvald, Principal of Wakelee 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 Mr. D'Angelo, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 13, 2018. So voted.

APPROVED 

Lori DelBuono Bartlett, Chairman
Wolcott Board of Education

Committee Reports:

Mrs. Mancini said that the Finance Committee met at 6:15 and discussed pending vendor invoices and transfer requests. They also discussed the State of Connecticut year-end reporting.

Ms. Leonard reported that the Operations and Programs Committee met at 7:10 and had one thing on their agenda which was changes to the 2018-2019 Wolcott High School Student Handbook. They discussed the changes to the smoking policy to include vaping on school grounds. Lastly, they discussed adding community service and absenteeism above 10% of the school year to the Super Senior requirements.

Communications:

Thank you Card from an employee
Invite to the Little Free Library Dedication

Business Manager's Report:**Budget Transfers:**

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Mazza, to authorize the transfer of **\$372,765.80** from fiscal year 2017-2018 as presented in the Business Manager's report.
So voted.

Expenditures:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mr. Charette, to approve the following expenditures:
To approve expenditures in the amount of **\$318,064.10** paid on August 28, 2018 for fiscal year 2017-2018.
To approve expenditures in the amount of **\$32,017.61** paid on August 28, 2018 for fiscal year 2018-2019.
So voted.

Superintendent's Report:**Workshop:**

Mr. Purcaro, Mr. Norcross, and Mrs. Osvald discussed iReady testing. Mr. Purcaro gave an overview of the testing and how it has been working for the last three years. iReady is a test given three times a year to students in Kindergarten through 9th grade. Mrs. Osvald explained how iReady works in the elementary schools and how teachers use the data collected from the results that are immediately given after a student finishes their 30 minute to 1 hour testing. She did explain that this testing is broken up over several days so the students are not over whelmed with testing. Mr. Norcross explained how iReady has helped in the middle school and how the teachers use the results as a tool to help

students. Mr. Purcaro, Mr. Norcross, and Mrs. Osvald all agree that iReady has been useful in helping students in all areas of their learning process.

Dr. Gasper and Mr. Purcaro talked with the board about the possibility of electronic snow days or e-learning days. This would be a way to have students do their school day at home in case inclement weather prevents them from going to school. There were many questions asked and this was just an opening discussion on a topic that the board may want to look further into for the future.

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

Public Comment:

No one came forward.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resignations:

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

1. **Iirjan Bumci** in the position of Math Interventionist at Tyrrell Middle School effective August 21, 2018;
2. **Brittany DiTota** in the position of Math Interventionist at Wakelee School effective August 21, 2018;
3. **Melody Morrone** in the position of Lunch Aide at Wakelee Elementary School effective August 22, 2018.

So voted.

Nominations:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mr. D'Angelo, to appoint the individual(s) as indicated:

1. **Scott Blacker** to the position of Cross Country Assistant Coach at Tyrrell Middle School effective August 27, 2018;
2. **Gabrielle Gallucci** to the position of Science Teacher at Wolcott High School effective September 21, 2018 or as soon as available;
3. **Tyler Japs** to the position of Paraprofessional at Wolcott High School effective August 27, 2018;
4. **Alicia Maffiolini** to the position of Long Term Substitute at Wolcott High School effective August 24, 2018;
5. **Kassidy Morin** to the position of Paraprofessional at Tyrrell Middle School effective August 28, 2018;

6. **Heather Pytel** to the position of Drama Advisor at Tyrrell Middle School effective August 28, 2018;
 7. **Daniel Wright** to the position of Paraprofessional at Tyrrell Middle School effective August 28, 2018.
- So voted.

Permission to Dispose of Equipment

Motion: by Ms. Leonard, seconded by Mr. Gugliotti, to give Alcott School permission to dispose of the following items:

1. (8) Old Cafeteria Tables;
2. (12) Old Wooden Tables.

So voted.

Add item to Agenda:

Motion: by Mr. Gugliotti, seconded by Mr. D'Angelo to add item 9D Revisions to the Wolcott High School Handbook to tonight's agenda.

So voted.

Revisions to the Wolcott High School Handbook:

Motion: by Mrs. Mazza, seconded by Ms. Leonard to accept the revisions to the Wolcott High School Handbook as discussed in the Operations and Programs meeting.

So voted.

Items for the Next Agenda:

Mr. Gugliotti requested reviewing policy 1330 at the next meeting.

The next meeting is September 10 and will be at Tyrrell Middle School.

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 meeting at 8:24 p.m.

So voted.

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