



# OUR FUTURE IS IN CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

**TUESDAY  
7:30 P.M.**

**WOLCOTT HIGH SCHOOL  
RESOURCE CENTER**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT  
AGENDA  
May 27, 2014**

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

*The mission of the Wolcott Public Schools is to promote the academic, social, and emotional development of all students to become contributing members of the global community.*

- II. Approval of Minutes
- A. Regular Meeting of May 12, 2014
  - B. Public Session of the Expulsion Hearing of May 19, 2014 – Student 1
  - C. Public Session of the Expulsion Hearing of May 19, 2014 – Student 2
- III. Communications
- IV. Business Manager's Report
- A. Expenditures
- V. Superintendent's Report
- A. Mr. Macary's Report
  - B. Unity Day at Tyrrell School – Mrs. Azzara
  - C. Grade 4 State Fair at Wakelee School – Mr. Nagashima
- VI. Public Comment
- VII. Committee Reports
- VIII. Old Business
- IX. New Business
- A. Resignation
  - B. Transfer Between Jobs

- C. Nomination(s)
- D. Approve the 2014-2015 School Handbooks – Initial Vote
- E. Approve Contract(s)
  
- X. Time for the Public
  
- XI. Items for the Next Agenda
  
- XII. Adjournment

Note:

Committee of the Whole at 6:30-7:10 p.m. in Wolcott High School's Virtual Learning Computer Lab: 1) Social Media Presentation.

Finance Committee at 7:10-7:30 p.m. in Wolcott High School's Virtual Learning Computer Lab: 1) Expenditures; and 2) Business Manager's Report.

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

A Board of Education meeting was held on Monday, May 12, 2014, at Wolcott High School. In attendance were: Patricia Najarian, Chairman of the Board; Gloria Gubitosi, Vice Chairman 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; Todd Bendtsen, Business Manager; Joseph Monroe, Principal of Wolcott High School; Walter Drewry, 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; a WEA Representative; Deborah Nicol, Tyrrell Teacher; and Joan Gray, Board Clerk.

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

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

**Approval of Minutes:**

Motion:           by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 28, 2014. So voted.

Motion:           by Mrs. Clair, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to approve the minutes of the public session of the residency hearing of April 29, 2014. So voted.

**Communications:**

Thank you note from the Pursel Family  
CABE Journal – May 2014  
The Rotella Monthly Montage – May 2014  
A letter from CT Invention Convention

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

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Ms. DelBuono, to approve the June 2014 payroll expenditure in the amount of \$4,222,500, and To approve expenditures in the amount of \$434,575.59 paid on May 13, 2014 for fiscal year 2013-2014.  
So voted.

**Superintendent's Report:**

Mrs. Nicol and Tyrrell Students, Amanda Morelli, Regan Richard, Alyssa Egan and Lauren VanStone reported on how they created a multimedia presentation using iPads as a culminating activity for their study of William Shakespeare's *The Merchant of Venice*.

The Principals gave two minute updates on their schools and Mrs. Iles reported on the Student Services Department.

The Superintendent congratulated Alcott and Frisbie Elementary Schools and Tyrrell Middle School for winning the 2013 Governor's Summer Reading Challenge. The Governor presented their awards on May 9<sup>th</sup> at the State Library.

Wolcott Summer Studies is starting on June 30<sup>th</sup>. The Program is held at Tyrrell Middle School for five weeks from 8:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Monday to Friday.

Graduation for Tyrrell Middle School will be June 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. in Tyrrell's Gymnasium and graduation for Wolcott High School will be June 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the high school on Monroe Field (weather permitting). The last day of school for all students is Tuesday, June 24, 2014. June 23 and 24 will be early dismissal days for students.

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

**Public Comment:**

No one came forward.

**Committee Reports:**

Mrs. Gubitosi reported that the Facilities Committee met at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Bendtsen updated them on school repairs and the Building Committee.

Mrs. Lumia said the Negotiations Committee met at 6:45 p.m. Mediation with the Cafeteria Workers Union will be scheduled.

Mrs. Najarian reported that the Finance Committee met at 7:00 p.m. and discussed pending invoices, the internal service report and grants.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Approve – Transfer Between Jobs:**

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Ms. DelBuono, to approve the following transfer to the position indicated:

1. **Cristin Buckley** from the position of Grade 1 Teacher at Frisbie School to the position of Pre-Kindergarten Teacher at Alcott School effective August 25, 2014.

So voted.

**Approve – Termination:**

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to approve to terminate the employment of **J. M.** from the position of Lunchroom Monitor at Wakelee Elementary School effective immediately.

So voted.

**Approve – Nominations:**

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

1. **Troy Bond** in the position of Special Education Paraprofessional at Wolcott High School – STEP Program effective May 14, 2014;
2. **Beverly Polgroszek** in the position of Lead Speech Clinician for the District effective for the 2014-2015 school year;
3. **Wendy Salustro** in the position of Guidance Counselor at Tyrrell Middle School effective August 25, 2014.

So voted.

**Approve – Out of State Field Trip:**

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Ms. DelBuono, to approve the following out-of-state field trip:

1. Wolcott High School's Business Students (51) request permission to go to New York City on May 19, 2014 for a tour of Wall Street.

So voted.

**Approve – Out of State Conference:**

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Ms. DelBuono, to approve the following out-of-state conference:

1. **Sharon Lake-Post**, Grade 6 Spanish Teacher at Tyrrell Middle School, requests permission to attend a workshop entitled "Group

Leader Training” being held by World Learning-Experiment in International Living on June 24, 2014 in Brattleboro, VT.  
So voted.

**Approve – Disposal of Old Books:**

Motion: by Ms. DelBuono, seconded by Mrs. Lumia, to approve Alcott Elementary School request for permission to dispose of the old music books entitled, “World of Music Series-Silver Burdett”.  
So voted.

**Approve – Addendum to the WEA Contract:**

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mr. Buzzelli, to approve a revised Appendix VI, *Advisor Stipends for Extracurricular Activities*, to the contract between the Wolcott Board of Education and the Wolcott Education Association.  
So voted.

**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 Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Mrs. Lumia, to take a 5 minute recess at 8:15 p.m., then go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of a confidential student matter which would result in disclosure of information protected by FERPA, and discussion regarding the employment and performance of a certified employee.

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to come out of Executive Session and reconvene the regular meeting at 8:46 p.m. So voted.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Mrs. Lumia, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:47 p.m. So voted.

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – May 27, 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 expenditures in the amount of \$271,043.74 paid on May 28, 2014 for fiscal year 2013-2014.

WOLCOTT PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT  
SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

May 27, 2014

Two Minute School Highlights:

Alcott:

Frisbie:

Wakelee:

Tyrrell:

Wolcott High:

Teachers and staff have been working to prepare our students for the upcoming Smarter Balanced Assessments. Wolcott students in grades 4, 5, 7, 8, & 11 have completed the Smarter Balanced Assessment and student in Grade 3 & 6 will take the assessment from May 19th to June 6th. We want everyone to put forward their best effort.

Starting on June 30<sup>th</sup>, the Wolcott Summer Studies, one of the longest running programs in the State of Connecticut, will be conducting enrichment classes for students over the next five weeks. The program will be held at Tyrrell Middle School with four classes per student running every day from 8:00AM to 12:15PM. Classes vary from literacy and numeracy to arts and crafts to getting ready for kindergarten. This is a great program for our district and over 400 students are taking advantage of this exciting educational experience this summer. Applications can be downloaded from the district web site: [www.wolcottps.org](http://www.wolcottps.org)

Just a reminder, graduation in Wolcott is set. Tyrrell Middle School students will graduate on Tuesday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:00PM in the TMS Gymnasium (indoors) and Wolcott High School students will graduate on June 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM at the high school (outdoors- weather permitting) on Monroe Field. Please note that the last day of school for all students will be June 24<sup>th</sup>, with June 23<sup>rd</sup> and June 24<sup>th</sup> being early dismissal days.

Presentations:

- Tyrrell Middle School – Unity Day Presentation with Mrs. Azzara
- Wakelee Elementary School – Grade 4 State Fair with Mr. Nagashima



# Conference Attendance Report

May 27, 2014

DATE	COST	PERSON(S)	SCHOOL/POSITION	SUB	PRESENTER	TITLE	LOCATION
05/28/14	None	Lucille Palmer	Frisbie/Reading Cons	No	PCF Education	Module 3 -- Reading Research & Writing	ACES; Hamden, Ct
05/29/14	None	Giovanna Ramos	WHS/Director of Guidance	No	Ct School Counselor Assoc.	Ct School Counselor Assoc Annual Conference	Univ of St. Joseph; W. Hartford, Ct.
06/09/14	None	Jennifer Sullivan	Alcott/Reading Cons	No	Ct Systems of Prof. Learning for CCSS District Coaches	System of Prof Learning ELA Module 3	ACES; Hamden, Ct
08/22/14	None	Jennifer Roberts	Alcott/K Teacher	No	ACES	TEAM Mentor Update Training	ACES; Hamden, Ct

(M) = Mileage  
 (P) = Parking Fees

Field Trip Report 5-27-14

ID	Trip	Date	Location	# Students	Trip Destination	Educational Objectives	Contact Name
268	High Note Music Festival	06/06/14	TMS	50	Lake Compounce	Band and chorus students will participate in the High Note Adjudication. These students will perform for collegiate educators, and receive feedback for their work. This allows students to receive an assessment from educators on their performance and allows them goals to work towards in their playing and singing.	Jones, Katherine Choral Teacher
287	Senior Class Trip to Six Flags	06/09/14	WHS	150	Six Flags New England	Senior Class Trip	Thies, Michelle Social Studies
292	Alcott Gr. 3	06/05/14	Alcott	36	Mystic Aquarium	Enhancement of Curriculum	Murphy, Kate
320	Schooner Discovery Cruise	06/02/14	WHS	36	Long Warf Pier, New Haven	--Students will describe how solar energy drives water to cycle through the solid earth, oceans, atmosphere and organisms of part of the biogeochemical cycles. --Students will research the affects of the accumulations of metal and non metal ions used to increase agricultural productivity on water quality, and the organisms that live in rivers, lakes, and oceans.	Romeo, Francine Science
322	Sophomore Class Trip	06/02/14	WHS	200	Highland Meadows at 311 North Granby in North Granby	To reward students with a class trip and to boost morale.	Gentile, Anthony Applied Ed
328	Culinary Arts	05/30/14	WHS	70	Pepe's Pizzeria. 157 Wooster Street, New Haven	To further explore the Italian cuisine studied previously in class. TO expose students to a real world scenario.	Gentile, Anthony Applied Ed
336	Wakelee Field day-Comm. Service Club	06/10/14	WHS	18	Wakelee School	Community Service Club to run games/ activities for elementary school students.	Nevins, Nancy Social Studies
344	Cosmic Cultures II Grant for 6th graders	06/06/14	TMS	28	Guilford Fairgrounds, Robin Hood Faire	Students will actively be involved in Mid-evil cultural activities, including watch jousting, sword fighting, professional archers, storytelling, and much more.	Jones, Todd Science
351	5th Gr Field Trip to Ct. Science Museum	06/04/14	Alcott	44	CT. Science Museum 250 Columbus BLVD-Hartford	Enhancement of Curriculum	Bredice, Cristy Grade 5
357	TMS Holiday Hill	06/10/14	TMS	650	Holiday Hill in Cheshire, CT	End of Year Field Trip	Tansley, Arline
358	CSC Frisbie Field Day	05/30/14	WHS	15	Frisbie School	Community Service- to assist elementary school w/ field day activities	Nevins, Nancy Social Studies
361	4th Gr. Sturbridge Village	06/03/14	Alcott	42	Sturbridge Mass.	Enhancement of Curriculum	Murphy, Kate

Field Trip Report 5-27-14

ID	Trip	Date	Location	# Students	Trip Destination	Educational Objectives	Contact Name
387	Halo Awards Ceremony	05/28/14	WHS	50	Palace Theater, Waterbury	Halo Awards Ceremony	Solocius, Laura Music
393	Awards Luncheon	06/05/14	TMS	13	East Street Eatery	Reward for 1st Place winners of NewsBowl USA, American Scholastic Achievement League, SIGMA Math Challenge, and Stock Market Game	Penta, Jan
401	TMS Media Club to visit Wolcott HS	06/04/14	TMS	10	Wolcott HS	10 students from the TMS Media Production Club will visit the studio at Wolcott HS and meet with HS students and Marylou Miele. Students may have an opportunity to record short video segments with the HS classes.	Jones, Todd Science
404	Class of 2016	06/02/14	WHS	110	High Meadows North Granby CT	Sophomore	Gentile, Anthony Applied Ed
406	RAIN DATE for Black Rock State Park	06/03/14	WHS	20	Black Rock State Park, Thomaston, CT	Enchncement of Curiculim	Creem, Jason Science
409	Bowling	06/04/14	WHS	60	Wolcott Lanes	Student will use physical activity as a positive opportunity for social and group interactions and development of life long skills.	Brown, Linda PE/Health
410	Bowling	06/05/14	WHS	60	Wolcott Lanes	Student will use physical activity as a positive opportunity for social and group interactions and development of life long skills.	Brown, Linda PE/Health
414	WES Reading Buddies Library Trip	06/09/14	WHS	31	Peterson Park-Wolcott Library	Become familiar with local library resources. Share books with grade K and 5 reading buddies.	Wohhieter, Diana Grade 5

## Fundraiser Report May 27, 2014

DATE	SCHOOL	GROUP/PERSON	DESCRIPTION OF FUNDRAISER
Jun 2-24	Frisbie	PTO	Sell tshirts, sweatshirts and pants, plus blankets
Jun 23-24	Tyrrell	6th Grade Team	Sell snacks & bottled water during lunch waves
Aug 16	WHS	Girls Basketball	Golf Tournament
Aug 28 - Sept 19	Frisbie	PTO	Sell catalogs, pies, cookie doughs
Fall 2014	WHS	Cheerleaders	Sell baked goods at home games
Oct 31-Nov 12	Frisbie	PTO	Sell student artwork placed on items
Nov 28	WHS	Cheerleaders	Sell tickets to Victory Dance
Jan 24	WHS	Cheerleaders	Sell tshirts, concession items, tickets, sponsorships, raffle for cheerleading competition

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**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. **Alison Regan** in the position of Special Education Teacher at Tyrrell Middle School at the end of the 2013-2014 school year.

(See attached)

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RESOLUTION:                   TRANSFER BETWEEN JOB(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 TRANSFER TO THE POSITION INDICATED:

1. Anthony Gentile from the position of Applied Education Teacher at Wolcott High School to the position of Family and Consumer Science Teacher at Wolcott High School effective August 25, 2014.

(See attached)

**Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – May 27, 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. 2014 Summer Studies Staff:**

**Certified Staff:**

Andrea Curcio – Preschool Special Education Teacher  
Michelle Kulmann – Special Education Teacher  
Raquel Madar – Speech-Language Pathologist  
Bobbi Thompson – Life Skills Special Education Teacher

**Instructional Assistants:**

Rosanna Ali  
Matthew Angelone  
Aubrie Baris  
Troy Bond  
Gilda Burns  
Adriana D'Amico  
Naomi Desroches  
Lynn DiManno  
Lori Eagan  
Anna Famiglietti  
Janice Gallagher  
Cheryl Lago  
Fallon Mesaros  
Kari Prescott  
Brenda Ruegg  
Carmen Slebonick  
Kari Yashenko  
Susan Zabbara

**Substitute IAs:**

Emily Cantor  
Robin Japs

**Teaching Staff:**

Dawn Bertrand  
Mark Berube  
Scott Blacker  
Marian Boisvert  
Cristy Bredice  
Tony Cianchetti  
Karen Craig  
Jason Creem  
Bianca Daniels  
Kerianne Falencki

**Teaching Staff – Continued**

John Fish  
Sarah Garbus  
Andy Gargano  
Jane Gargano  
Lisa Goldberg  
Katrina Kane  
Lee Kelsey  
Lisa Klemenzenz  
Michelle LaRochelle  
Helene Leder  
Dyann Mango  
Michelle McNerney  
Jane Natoli  
David Pape  
Jeanne Pittman  
John Richardson  
Sarah Stabile  
Kristin Stec  
Michael Terry  
Linda Vaivoda  
Nancy Warzecha

**Secretary:**

Phyllis Jones

**Other Staff:**

Tanya Tafuto

**Substitutes:**

Sheila Cossette  
Jennifer Edwards  
Stacey Finke  
Shannon Gomez  
Julia Matthews  
Debbie Nicol  
John Perrier  
Kayla Sharkey  
Mary Szabo  
Diana Wohlhieter

(See attached)



**Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – May 27, 2014**

**RESOLUTION: APPROVE THE 2014-2015 HANDBOOKS**

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

**To approve on initial vote the 2014-2015 Handbooks as follows:**

**The Elementary Schools Parents/Guardians Handbook**

**Tyrrell Middle School Student Handbook**

**Wolcott High School Student Handbook**

(See attached)

**Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – May 27, 2014**

**RESOLUTION: APPROVE CONTRACTS**

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

**TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING CONTRACTS:**

<b>Todd Bendtsen</b>	<b>Business Manager</b>	<b>2014-2017</b>
<b>Patti Ann Welton</b>	<b>Central Office Administrative Specialist</b>	<b>2014-2017</b>

(See attached)