



OUR FUTURE IS IN CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

**MONDAY
7:30 P.M.**

**WOLCOTT HIGH SCHOOL
RESOURCE CENTER**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT
AGENDA
December 8, 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 November 17, 2014

III. Communications

IV. Business Manager's Report

A. Expenditures

V. Superintendent's Report

A. Mr. Macary's Report

B. Model UN – Mr. Coppola

VI. Public Comment

VII. Committee Reports

VIII. Old Business

A. Approve the 2015-2016 School Calendar – Final Vote

IX. New Business

A. Transfer Between Jobs

B. Nomination(s)

C. Approve a Contract Provision

D. Accept Grant Award(s)

- X. Time for the Public
- XI. Items for the Next Agenda
- XIII. Adjournment

Note:

Facilities Committee at 6:30-7:00 p.m. in the Wolcott High School's Virtual Learning Computer Lab: 1) Facilities Director's Report; 2) School Building Committee Update; and 3) Custodial Organizational Chart.

Finance Committee at 7:00-7:30 p.m. in the Wolcott High School's Virtual Learning Computer Lab: 1) Expenditures; 2) Business Manager's Report; and 3) 2015-2016 Budget Development Calendar.

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

A Board of Education meeting was held on Monday, November 17, 2014, at Wolcott High School. In attendance were: Patricia Najarian, Chairman of the Board; Gloria Gubitosi, Vice Chairman of the Board; Cynthia Mancini, Secretary of the Board; Thomas Buzzelli, Gloria Clair, Roberta Leonard, and Arthur Lerz Sr., all Board members. Also in attendance: Joseph Macary, Superintendent of Schools; Todd Bendtsen, Business Manager; Joseph Monroe, Principal of Wolcott High School; Deborah Osvald, Assistant 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; Robert Nagashima, Principal of Wakelee School; Joseph Norcross, Principal of Frisbie School; Melissa Iles, Director of Student Services; Wendie Rodriguez, Supervisor of Special Education; David Stankus, Facilities Director; Deborah Nicol, Lisa Riggi, Janet Discepolo, Katherine Jones, Sarah Stabile, Robert Cormier, and Erich Urban; 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 Ms. Leonard, seconded by Ms. DelBuono, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 27, 2014. So voted.

Communications:

CABE Journal Special Convention Issue – November 2014

Thank-you note the Taylor Family

Thank-you note the D'Agostino Family

Thank-you note the Rossi Family

Rotella Monthly Montage – November 2014

CABE Journal – November 2014

Letter from Eli Whitney Museum

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

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Ms. DelBuono, to approve expenditures as follows:

To approve the December 2014 payroll expenditure in the amount of **\$ 1,600,000.00.**

To approve expenditures in the amount of **\$ 564,814.47** paid on November 18, 2014 for fiscal year 2014-2015.

So voted.

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Cormier introduced two student LEGO Robotics teams, the Nitrobots STORM and the Nitrobots Baconators. The students did the presentations for the Board that qualified them for the State of CT robotics competition.

Mrs. Nicol and Mrs. Riggi introduced students who in turn introduced their school's Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Najarian and Mr. Macary congratulated each teacher and presented them with an award from the Board. The teachers honored were

Janet Discepolo – 2015 District Teacher of the Year, also

Alcott, Frisbie, and Wakelee Elementary Schools

Sarah Stabile – Wolcott High School

Katherine Jones – Tyrrell Middle School

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Mrs. Clair, to take a 15 minute recess to congratulate our Teachers of the Year.

Mrs. Najarian called the meeting back to order at 8:20 p.m.

The School Principals and Mrs. Iles reported on the activities at their schools and the Student Services Department. Mr. Urban demonstrated Tyrrell's new website that will have a live-feed of Tyrrell's morning announcements.

Congratulations to Wolcott High School for being named one of the Top 500 High Schools in America by Newsweek Magazine. Wolcott High School was one of only two schools in Connecticut who Newsweek honored on two lists: 1) high schools who did the best job of preparing students for college, and 2) schools where low income students are scoring at or above average on state assessments. Mrs. Najarian and Mr. Macary presented Mr. Monroe a banner to be hung on the outside of the school celebrating the Newsweek designation, and a plaque to be hung in the school.

The Wolcott Board of Education has received the CAFE Board of Distinction Award – Level II. The Boards were judged on 34 criteria, and to qualify for Level II distinction

additional indicators. The Board has received the Level I award for the past two years. Wolcott is one of only 13 School Boards in CT to attain this higher standard. Mr. Macary presented Mrs. Najarian with the CABA award.

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

Public Comment:

No one came forward

Committee Reports:

Mrs. Gubitosi stated that the Facilities Committee met at 6:30 p.m. and received a report from Mr. Stankus, the District's Facilities Director. He updated them on security cameras, well drilling bids, Election Day, and the new truck.

Mrs. Mancini reported the Finance Committee met earlier. Pending invoices, budget reports, internal service report, bids for drilling a new well at Alcott, bids for security cameras, electricity bids were discussed by Mr. Bendtsen, the Business Manager.

Mrs. Leonard reported on the ACES Governing Board meeting she attended.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Accept – Resignations:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to accept the resignations of:

1. **Danielle Medeiros** in the position of Grade 1 Teacher at Frisbie Elementary School effective immediately;
2. **Debi Nadeau** in the position of Food Service Worker at Tyrrell Middle School effective November 25, 2014.

So voted.

Approve – Transfer Between Jobs:

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to approve the following transfer to the position indicated:

1. **David Castro** from the position of Head Custodian at Wolcott High School to the position of 2nd Shift Custodian at Tyrrell Middle School effective December 10, 2014;
2. **Hiam Noujaim** from the position of Special Education Paraprofessional for the Phoenix Program at Wolcott High School to

the position of Special Education Paraprofessional for the STEP Program at Wolcott High School effective November 10, 2014.
So voted.

Approve – Nominations:

Motion: by Mrs. Clair, seconded by Ms. DelBuono, to appoint the following person(s) as indicated:

1. **Mark Magas** in the position of Special Education Teacher at Wolcott High School effective January 5, 2015;
2. **WHS Winter Sports Volunteers** as follows:
Boys JV & Varsity Basketball Joseph Murphy
Boys Freshman Basketball Ron Cyr
Cheerleading Jaime Gaudiosi & Jillian Guerrera

So voted.

Approve – Leave Request:

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Mr. Lerz, to approve the following request: Dana Colgate, Kindergarten Teacher at Wakelee Elementary School, requests an unpaid leave of absence from her position to begin approximately June 2015 until the commencement of the 2015-2016 school year. So voted.

Out of State Field Trips:

Motion: by Ms. DelBuono, seconded by Mr. Lerz, to approve the following out-of-state field trips:

1. Tyrrell Middle School's Grade 7 Project Explore Students (32) request permission to go to New York City to see the play "Matilda" on April 22, 2015 to continue exploration of careers in technology;
2. Wolcott High School Softball Team (25) requests permission to go to Disney's Wide World of Sports in Kissimmee, FL from April 7 – 12, 2015 for spring training.

So voted.

Approve – Hourly Substitute Wage Increase – January 2015:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to approve an increase on January 1, 2015 to \$9.50 per hour for hourly substitute employee wages.
So voted.

Approve – Hourly Substitute Wage Increase – July 2015:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Ms. DelBuono, to approve an increase on July 1, 2015 to \$10.25 per hour for hourly substitute employee wages. So voted.

Approve – Substitute Teacher Wage Increase – July 2015:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Ms. DelBuono, to approve an increase on July 1, 2015 to the Substitute Teacher's wage to \$90 per day, and to BA-Step 1 (as per the Teacher's Contract) on the 41st day. So voted.

Approve - the 2015-2016 School Calendar – Initial Vote:

Motion: by Ms. DelBuono, seconded by Mrs. Clair, to approve on initial vote the 2015-2016 school calendars as presented. So voted.

Bid Award – Security Cameras:

Motion: by Ms. Leonard, seconded by Mrs. Clair, to approve the bid and award the contract for security cameras, monitoring equipment, and installation to **The Mercury Group** in the amount of **\$68,413.70**. So voted.

Bid Award – Alcott Well:

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Ms. DelBuono, to approve the bid and award the contract for the new well at Alcott Elementary School to **J.H. Barlow Pump & Supply** in the amount of **\$19,517.78**. So voted.

ADD TO THE AGENDA:**Approve a Nomination/Resignation:**

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Mr. Buzzelli, to add to the agenda a resolution to approve a nomination and another resolution to accept a resignation. So voted.

Accept – Resignation:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Ms. DelBuono, to accept the resignation of **Phyllis Reis** in the position of 10-month Secretary at Wolcott High School effective December 19, 2014. So voted.

Approve – Nomination:

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

1. **Thomas Blake** in the position of Grade 1 Teacher at Frisbie Elementary School effective November 19, 2014.
So voted.

Time for the Public:

No one came forward.

Items for the Next Agenda:

Final vote on the 2015-2016 School Calendar.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion: by Ms. DelBuono, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to take a 5 minute recess at 8:58 p.m., and then go into Executive Session for the purpose of 1) discussion of the district employment of certified teachers; 2) a discussion of a confidential student matter which would result in disclosure of information protected by FERPA; and 3) the contract of the Superintendent of Schools.

Motion: by Ms. Leonard, seconded by Mrs. Clair, to come out of Executive Session and reconvene the regular meeting at 10:10 p.m. So voted.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: by Ms. DelBuono, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to adjourn the regular meeting at 10:11 p.m. So voted.

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – December 8, 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 the January 2015 payroll expenditure in the amount of \$2,155,000.00.

To approve expenditures in the amount of \$382,108.63 paid on December 9, 2014 for fiscal year 2014-2015.

WOLCOTT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT
SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

December 8, 2014

Two Minute School Highlights:

Alcott:

Frisbie:

Wakelee:

Tyrrell:

Wolcott High:

Student Services:

Just a reminder, starting in January, the Wolcott Board of Education will be rotating their meeting schedule to visit all five (5) schools over the next few months. Our next meeting is Monday, January 12, 2015 at Alcott Elementary School.

Also, there will be early dismissal for students on Tuesday, December 23, 2014. There will be no school from Wednesday, December 24, 2014 through Friday, January 2, 2015. Classes will resume on Monday, January 5, 2015 for all students. Thank you.

Just a reminder that our School Early Dismissal Schedule is as follows:

- o Wolcott High School – 12 Noon
- o Tyrrell Middle School – 12:30PM
- o Elementary Schools – 1:20PM

As we approach this time of year, it is my sincere hope that everyone has a happy and healthy holiday season. This is a wonderful time of the year in which we get to spend time with our friends and family. Enjoying the spirit of giving with your family is the most important part of this holiday season. Thank you very much for all your support to the Wolcott Public Schools. Our town is truly blessed with the spirit of volunteerism and a caring community. Have a Happy Holiday Season!

Now, a presentation from the WHS Model United Nations Program by Mr. Coppola

Conference Attendance Report

December 8, 2014

DATE	COST	PERSON(S)	SCHOOL/POSITION	SUB	PRESENTER	TITLE	LOCATION
12/17/14	None	Holly Schinkel	TMS/Reading Cons.	No	ACES	Regional English Learner Council Mtg	Hamden, Ct
12/18/14	None	Lori Guinipero	WHS/Nurse	Yes	PESI Healthcare	The Ultimate One Day Diabetes Course	Farmington, Ct

**FieldTrip Request
BOE Meeting 12-08-14**

Trip #	Trip	Date	School	Students	Destination	Objectives	Contact Name
481	Math Team Meet #3	12/10/14	WHS	25	Avon High School	Students will be participating in a CT run Math Team Meet against other students in various high schools.	Stabile, Sarah
482	Math Team Meet #4	01/07/15	WHS	25	Rockville High School	Students will be participating in a CT run Math Team Meet against other students in various high schools.	Stabile, Sarah
517	NHS Holiday Party	12/09/14	TMS	6	Wolcott High School	Social event held by National Honor Society	Stango, Bethany
527	Brass Mills Center Mall	12/16/2014 *SNOW DATE 12/17/14	WHS	20	495 Union St Suite 139, Waterbury, CT 06706	Given a list of family members, students will make a list of what they would like to purchase and search for items in catalogs, magazines, and on the internet. Given a shopping list, students will create a budget. Students will purchase items from the shopping list. Given a food court menu, students will identify what they would like to order and purchase the menu item. Students will create a budget for the food court as well.	Garguilo, Brittany
530	Trash Museum	12/19/14	Frisbie Elementary School	47	MIRA Trash Museum	To coordinate with our current science unit on conservation	Taylor, Tara

**FieldTrip Request
BOE Meeting 12-08-14**

Trip #	Trip	Date	School	Students	Destination	Objectives	Contact Name
531	Bowling	12/11/14	WHS	8	Wolcott Lanes	Students will partake in a physical activity that will promote lifelong fitness for outside of the school setting.	Boulanger, Michelle
532	Holiday Play For Seniors	12/22/14	Wakelee Elementary School	7	Wolcott Senior Center	To entertain senior citizens with an original play that has the moral of good conquers evil. We will also provide homemade cookies for our senior citizen friends.	Discepolo, Janet
534	WES-SNOW DATE- Nat. Honor Soc. Holiday Party	12/09/14	Wakelee Elementary School	3	WHS	special activities-holiday crafts socializing with other special education and regular education peers	Thompson, Barbara
537	Danbury Mall Marketing Trip	12/14/14	WHS	40	Danbury Fair Mall	Students will observe and analyze the application of marketing concepts learned in class.	Pace, Jason
538	Danbury Mall Trip	12/15/14	WHS	40	Danbury Fair Mall	Analyze the application of marketing strategies learned in classroom.	Pace, Jason
539	CMEA Southern Region Music Festival	01/09/15	WHS	11	Middletown HS, Middletown, CT	To perform in the Southern Region Music Festival	Solocius, Laura
540	CMEA Southern Region Music Festival	01/10/15	WHS	11	Middletown HS, Middletown, CT	To perform in the CMEA Southern Region Music Festival	Solocius, Laura

**FieldTrip Request
BOE Meeting 12-08-14**

Trip #	Trip	Date	School	Students	Destination	Objectives	Contact Name
541	Cookies & Cocoa	12/19/14	WHS	11	Tyrrell Middle School	Given a recipe, students will make cookies with minimal prompting. Given lessons on social interactions, students will bring up a topic of conversation with a peer and have a reciprocal conversation in 4/5 opportunities.	Garguilo, Brittany
542	Discovery Community Service	12/18/14	WHS	25	Wakelee School	Community Service opportunity	Osvald, Deborah
543	Discovery Community Service	12/18/14	WHS	26	Frisbie School	Community Service opportunity	Osvald, Deborah
544	French Trip to the Elementary Schools	12/19/14	TMS	6	Alcott, Frisbie and Wakelee Elementary Schools	To promote the middle school French program	Tassinari, Lisa
546	WES-Cookies and Cocoa	12/19/14	Wakelee Elementary School	4	Tyrrell Middle School	Visit with middle school peers for holiday socialization and to make a holiday project-following directions, use materials	Thompson, Barbara

Fundraiser Report December 8, 2014

DATE	SCHOOL	GROUP/PERSON	DESCRIPTION OF FUNDRAISER
Dec 9-16	WHS	Excel Club	Sell cookies, bakerly goods in trays/baskets
Dec - Mar	WHS	Varsity Softball	Recycling service
Dec - Mar	WHS	Varsity Softball	Sell pies & braid breads
Dec 19	WHS	FOR-Relay for Life	Dinner & a Movie
Jan - Mar	WHS	Varsity Softball	Pasta dinner @East St Eatery
Jan - Mar	WHS	Varsity Softball	Softball Clinic for K to Gr8 players
Jul 16-19, 2015	WHS	Varsity Softball	Sell clothing - Retail 101

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – December 8, 2014

RESOLUTION: APPROVAL 2015-2016 SCHOOL CALENDAR

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

To approve on final vote the 2015-2016 school calendars as presented.

(See Attached)

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – December 8, 2014

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. **John Busa** from the position of 2nd Shift Custodian at Wolcott High School to the position of 2nd Shift Custodian at Tyrrell Middle School effective December 15, 2014;
2. **Robert Current** from the position of 2nd Shift Custodian at Tyrrell Middle School to the position of 2nd Shift Custodian at Wolcott High School effective December 15, 2014;
3. **Michael Foti** from the position of 2nd Shift Custodian at Frisbie Elementary School to the position of 2nd Shift Custodian at Wakelee Elementary School effective December 15, 2014;
4. **Lois Green** from the position of 4 Hour Food Service Worker at Tyrrell Middle School to the position of 5 Hour Food Service Worker at Tyrrell Middle School effective December 9, 2014;
5. **Terry Lindsay** from the position of 2nd Shift Custodian at Tyrrell Middle School to the position of 2nd Shift Custodian at Wolcott High School effective December 15, 2014;
6. **Russell Tardif** from the position of 2nd Shift Custodian at Wakelee Elementary School to the position of Head Custodian at Wolcott High School effective December 10, 2014;
7. **Scott Welton** from the position of 2nd Shift Custodian at Wolcott High School to the position of 2nd Shift Custodian at Frisbie Elementary School effective December 15, 2014.

(See attached)

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – December 8, 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. **Samantha Barrett** to the position of Assistant Indoor Track Coach (winter season) for Wolcott High School;
2. **Allison Montowski** to the position of Long Term Substitute Grade 3 Teacher at Alcott Elementary School effective December 11, 2014;
3. **Kimberly Murtaugh** to the position of Adult Education Director for the 2014-2015 school year;
4. **Amie Regan** to the position of Secretary – 10 month at Wolcott High School effective December 18, 2014.

(See attached)

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – December 8, 2014

RESOLUTION: APPROVE A CONTRACT PROVISION

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

Motion to acknowledge All Star Transportation LLC's purchase of 100% of the stock of The Worhunsky Corporation, the Board of Education's student transportation Contractor; and, further, to affirm that All Star Transportation LLC shall continue to provide transportation services to Wolcott Public Schools students for the term of the existing 2013-2018 transportation contract with The Worhunsky Corporation, in accordance with the conditions and guarantees set forth in said contract document.

(See attached)

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – December 8, 2014

RESOLUTION: GRANT AWARD

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

To approve and accept the Connecticut Core Standards Professional Learning Mini-Grants as follows:

Alcott Elementary School

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| 1. Grade 2
(Cossette, Sickles)
Project Title: Moby Max | \$1,000.00 |
| 2. Grades K-5
(Sickles)
Project Title: Writing A-Z | \$2,000.00 |

Wakelee Elementary School

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| 1. Kindergarten Team
(Stec, Murphy, Colgate)
Project Title: Moby Max | \$1,500.00 |
| 2. Grade 1 Team
(Couture, Talbot, Klemenz)
Project Title: Moby Max | \$1,500.00 |
| 3. Grade 2 Team
(Matozzo, Ciarleglio, Falencki)
Project Title: Kindle Fire | \$1,500.00 |
| 4. Grade 2 Team
(Matozzo, Ciarleglio, Falencki, Whipple)
Project Title: Digital Scanner | \$1,500.00 |
| 5. Grade 3 Team
(Kane, Valovcin)
Project Title: Moby Max | \$1,000.00 |
| 6. Grade 4 Team
(McCasland, Nappi, Giglio, D'Alessandro)
Project Title: Moby Max | \$1,500.00 |
| 7. Grade 5 Team
(Calabro, Murtaugh)
Project Title: Moby Max | \$1,484.95 |

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Tyrrell Middle School

1. Spanish & French Classes – Grades 6, 7 & 8 \$1,465.00
(Romero, Tassinari & TMS World Language Team)
Project Title: PD from COLT Cadre

(See attached)