

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT**

A meeting of the Board of Education was held on Monday, March 26, 2018, at Wolcott High 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 Ramalmete, 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 Tyrrell Middle School; Daniel Caetano, Assistant Principal of Tyrrell Middle School; Kimberly Murtaugh, Principal of Frisbie Elementary School; Shawn Simpson, Principal of Alcott Elementary School; Deborah Osvald, Principal of Wakelee Elementary School; Robert Cormier, Wolcott High School Teacher; 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 special meeting of March 20, 2018. So voted.

**Business Manager's Report:**

**Budget Transfers:**

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mr. Charette, to authorize the transfer of **\$99,104.29** from fiscal year 2017-2018 as presented in the Business Manager's report. So voted.

**Expenditures:**

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Mazza, to approve expenditures in the amount of **\$334,324.97** paid on March 27, 2018 for fiscal year 2017-2018. So voted.

APPROVED 

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Lori DelBuono Bartlett, Chairman  
Wolcott Board of Education

**Superintendent's Report:**

Mr. Cormier and the Wolcott High School's Robotics Team gave a presentation on their robot that they made for competition. The students also shared from the Junior Lego Team about the game "Power Up" that they competed with at their first competition this past weekend. Other students from the Robotics Team informed us of other events and community service projects that they have and will be doing in the near future.

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Leonard to adopt on final vote the 2018 – 2019 Fiscal Year Wolcott Public Schools' Budget in the amount of **\$35,166,668**. So voted;

by Mr. Gugliotti, seconded by Mrs. Mazza to approve on final vote the following 2018 – 2019 schedule of the Board of Education meeting dates. So voted;

by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mr. Gugliotti to approve on final vote the contract to **All Star Transportation, LLC** to provide Regular Education transportation services to Wolcott Public Schools in the amount as present from 2022 - 2023. So voted.

**NEW BUSINESS:****Resignations:**

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

1. **Rita Kirsh** in the position of Administrative Assistant at Tyrrell Middle School for the purpose of retirement effective June 29, 2018;
2. **Robert Moffo** in the position of Assistant Track Coach at Tyrrell Middle School effective February 15, 2018;

So voted.

**Nominations:**

Motion: by Mr. Gugliotti, seconded by Mrs. Cordone, to appoint the individual(s) as indicated:

1. **Alison Artigliere** to the position of Assistant Track Coach at Tyrrell Middle School effective March 27, 2018;
2. **Barbara Detlefsen** to the position of Food Service Worker at Wolcott High School effective April 23, 2018;
3. **Robert Moffo** to the position of Head Track Coach at Tyrrell Middle School effective March 27, 2018;

4. **Patricia Sanzone** to the position of Grade 1 Long Term Substitute Teacher at Frisbie Elementary School effective April 16, 2018;
5. **2018 WHS Sports Volunteer:**  
Bryan Cammarata JV Softball  
So voted.

**Out of State Field Trips:**

Motion: by Mrs. Mazza, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to approve the following out of state field trips:

1. Wolcott High School's Nursing and Anatomy & Physiology students request permission to go to the Boston Science Museum on April 30, 2018;
2. Wolcott High School's School Counseling Department request permission to go to Western New England University in Springfield, MA on April 24, 2018;

So voted.

**Approval on Initial Vote the 2018-2019 School Calendar:**

Motion: by Mr. Gugliotti, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to approve on initial vote the 2018-2019 school calendar as presented. So voted

**Approval of Educational Specifications:**

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to approve the educational specifications and project plans and drawings for the removal and replacement of the oil tanks at Alcott, Frisbie and Wakelee Schools.  
So voted.

**Workshops:**

Mr. Hollis and Mrs. Ramalhete discussed a student's journey through the special education program. Together they explained a hypothetical situation in which a student is struggling academically and behaviorally despite intervention in regular education classrooms. They both went on to explain the continuum of special education services for this hypothetical student over the next one to three years.

Mr. Purcaro, Mr. Drewry, and Mr. Norcross discussed maximizing teaching and learning through the master schedule. They went on to talk about the master schedules at Tyrrell Middle School and Wolcott High School and possible changes that the scheduling committee has conversed about. They concluded by saying this is still a work in progress and they are going to continue working on the best schedules that will fit the middle and high schools.

**Committee Reports:**

Mrs. Leonard said that the Operations and Programs Committee met at 6:15 p.m. and reviewed the 2018-2019 School Calendar and discussed the start date, number of school

days for students and adding more snow days to make it 12 days allowed at the end of the year with an ending date of June 25<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Mancini reported that the Finance Committee met at 6:45 p.m. and reviewed pending vendor invoices, budget transfers and educational specifications for the removal of oil tanks at Alcott, Frisbie and Wakelee Schools.

**Items for the Next Agenda:**

The next meeting is April 9 and will be at Tyrrell Middle School.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Mr. Gugliotti, to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the contract of non-tenured teachers. So voted.

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Mr. Charette, to come out of Executive Session and reconvene the regular meeting at 9:27 p.m. So voted.

**Authorize the Non-Renewal of Certain Non-Tenured Staff Members:**

Motion: by Mr. D'Angelo, seconded by Mr. Buzzelli, to authorize to non-renew the contract of employment for the personnel as presented by the Superintendent upon the end of the 2017-2018 school year, and that the Superintendent is directed to advise such persons in writing of this action. So voted.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion: by Mr. D'Angelo, seconded by Mr. Charette, to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m. So voted.

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