

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT**

A meeting of the Board of Education was held on Tuesday, November 13, 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, Assistant Superintendent; 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 Tyrrell Middle 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 October 22, 2018. So voted.

by Mrs. Mazza, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to approve the minutes of the special meeting of November 01, 2018. So voted

APPROVED 

Lori DelBuono Bartlett, Chairman
Wolcott Board of Education

Committee Reports:

Ms. Leonard said that the Operations and Programs Committee met on November 5, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. and went over implementation, planning, and student discovery of each curriculum. They also discussed the out of town field trips, and Chris Lagasse, a senior at Wolcott High School, presented a plan for a possible World Language curriculum for elementary students in Wolcott.

Mrs. Mancini said the Finance Committee met at 7:00 p.m. and reviewed pending vendor invoices and high variable accounts. They also discussed October's health claims and reviewed the Internal Services Report. Lastly, they discussed the Diesel and Oil bid.

Mr. Buzzelli stated that the Facilities Committee met at 6:30 and had a discussion of the closing of state projects and the bids for the razing of the Smyth House.

Mr. Gugliotti spoke of the Building Committee meeting that was held on October 29, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. and the discussion of moving the business office upstairs at Central Office. He also said that they will be talking to the Town Council about the project on Tuesday, November 20th.

Communications:

Thank you card from a former staff member's family.
Rotella Monthly Montage
Invite to the WHS Fall Sports Banquet
Invite to Wakelee Schools Thanksgiving Feast

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

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mr. Charette, to approve the following expenditures:
To approve expenditures in the amount of **\$807,043.15** paid on November 14, 2018 for fiscal year 2018-2019;
To approve the December 2018 payroll expenditures in the amount of **\$1,550,000** for fiscal year 2018-2019.
So voted.

Superintendent's Report:

The School Principals gave two-minute school highlights, and Mr. Hollis gave an update on Student Services.

Dr. Gasper reported that it has been a tumultuous two weeks for many students, staff, administrators and the Board of Education. He stated that he is thankful for the support of the Board and especially for the many in-person comments, emails, phone calls, hand written letters, and social media posts of support. The superintendent also pointed out that

they know there are many who still disagree with the decision to forfeit a game, but he will continue to commit to support school athletics and all that they can do to teach dedication, interdependence, and character.

The superintendent went on to offer his sincere appreciation for the staff and students across our school district for the way in which they honored and thanked Wolcott’s veterans on Friday, November 9th.

Lastly, Dr. Gasper stated that the days are growing colder and the forecast looks ominous, he encouraged all families to verify with school secretaries that the correct contact information is in our School Messenger system. He also reminded families that this year the Board has provided up to twelve snow days to be added onto the end of the school year. If we have more than twelve cancellations, we will need to take days away from April vacation – starting with Thursday and working backwards from there.

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

Public Comment:

No one came forward.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bid Award(s)

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mr. Gugliotti, to approve the bid and award a contract at a time to be determined to Dime Oil Co LLC for #2 Fuel Oil and Diesel in the following amounts:

#2 Fuel Oil	\$0.1322	Mark-up (Prepayment Option)
Diesel	\$0.1397	Mark-up (Prepayment Option)

So voted.

Adopt Curriculum Revisions-Initial vote:

Motion: by Mrs. Mazza, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to adopt on initial vote the following curriculum revision for Wolcott Public Schools as presented during the Operations and Programs Committee Meeting:

- Elementary Art Part 1
- Middle School Science, Grades 6, 7, and 8
- High School English:
 - Film and Literature
 - Multicultural Literature
 - Short Fiction

- High School Science:
 - Civics Part 1 – Grade 10
 - Global Studies Part 1 – Grade 9
- High School Electives:
 - Capstone
 - Entrepreneurship
 - Nursing Assistant
 - PE – Unified

So voted.

Closing Out State Projects:

- Motion: by Mr. Charette, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to approve and accept the closing out of the Wolcott Public School State Projects as follows:
1. To approve and accept as completed the closeout of the Wolcott High School Window Project, State Project Number 166-0057 with a final project cost of \$817,302.59,
 2. To approve and accept as completed the closeout of the Alcott School Window Project, State Project Number 166-0061 with a final project cost of \$474,898.35,
 3. To approve and accept as completed the closeout of the Wakelee School Window Project, State Project Number 166-0067 with a final project cost of \$24,038.19,
 4. To approve and accept as completed the closeout of the Wolcott High School Chemistry Science Lab, State Project Number 166-0069 with a final Project cost of \$114,010.70,
 5. To approve and accept as completed the closeout of the Wolcott High School Physics Lab, state project Number 166-0070 with a final project cost of \$82,8639.01.

So voted.

Consent Agenda:

- Motion: by Mr. Gugliotti, seconded by Ms. Leonard to make Item #2 on the consent agenda a separate item to go into executive session.
- So voted.

- Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented:

1. **Resignations:**
 - a) **Patricia Cijunskas** in the position of Paraprofessional at Tyrrell Middle School effective January 1, 2018;
 - b) **Matthew Hove** in the position of Wolcott High School Head Football Coach effective the conclusion of the 2018 season.

2. WHS Boys Swim Program:

- a) To authorize Brandon Casanova (WHS) and Nicholas DePaola (WAMS) to practice and compete for Wolcott High School on cooperation with the Wilby High School's Boys Swim Team as two one-man teams for the 2018-2019 school year.

3. Accept a Donation:

- a) Wakelee School requests that the Board accepts a donation from the American Legion of Wireless Audio System to be used for speeches and presentations at the school.

4. Permission to Dispose of Equipment

- a) To give Wolcott High School permission to dispose of the following items:
 - o Hewlett Packard color copy machine, Model Number Q5988A, Serial Number CNWHH12672, WHS ID WP03;
 - o Fiction and Non-Fiction books from the Library that fall under the American Library Association Guidelines for book weeding.

5. Sales & Disposal of Books, Equipment & Supplies

- a) Student Theater program request permission to sell a golden carriage set piece for \$600 that was purchased last year for \$600 from another drama program.

So voted.

Time for the Public:

No one came forward.

Items for the Next Agenda:

The next meeting is November 26 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 Ms. Leonard, seconded by Mr. D'Angelo, to go into Executive Session for the purposes of discussing the performance of a high school certified staff member. So voted.

Motion: by Mr. Gugliotti, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to come out of Executive Session and reconvene the regular meeting at 8:30 p.m. So voted.

Leave Request:

Michelle Boulanger, Wellness Teacher at Wolcott High School, request an unpaid leave of absence to begin after the completion of her FMLA leave through the end of 2018-2019 school year.

No one made a motion, the resolution does not pass.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Mr. D'Angelo, to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 p.m.
So voted.

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