

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

A meeting of the Board of Education was held on Monday, August 28, 2017, at Tyrrell Middle School. In attendance were: Patricia Najarian, Chairman of the Board; Gloria Gubitosi, Vice Chairman of the Board; Kimberly Lumia, Secretary of the Board; Thomas Buzzelli, Gloria Clair, Anthony Gugliotti, Roberta Leonard, Arthur Lerz, and Cynthia Mancini, all Board members. Also in attendance: Dr. Anthony Gasper, Superintendent of Schools, Todd Bendtsen, Business Manager, Frank Purcaro, Director of Student Learning & Teaching; Walter Drewry, 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 Osvold, Principal of Wakelee Elementary School; Kevin Hollis, Director of Student Services; Rosa Ramalhete, Supervisor of Special Education; David Stankus, Facilities Director; and Joan Gray, Board Clerk.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mrs. Najarian, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. A moment of silence was held for Pat Tata and Mark Wagner.

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

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mrs. Clair, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 14, 2017. So voted.

Communications:

Thank you note – Mrs. Gasper

Business Manager's Report:

Budget Transfers:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Lumia, to authorize the transfer of **\$ 312,506.19** from fiscal year 2016-2017 as presented in the Business Manager's report. So voted.

Expenditures:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to approve the following expenditures:

To approve expenditures in the amount of **\$ 96,056.23** paid on August 29, 2017 for fiscal year 2016-2017.

To approve expenditures in the amount of **\$122,951.14** paid on August 29, 2017 for fiscal year 2017-2018.

So voted.

Superintendent's Report:

The principals reported on the first day of school at each of their buildings. Mr. Purcaro reported on Student Learning and Teaching.

The Superintendent welcomed back students, teachers, and support staff. He mentioned that new teacher orientation, convocation, and kindergarten orientations have gone very well and he thanked all of the staff involved. He thanked the Board of Education for their ongoing support of these important activities that welcome our staff and students back to Wolcott Public Schools.

He continued that this is an important time for parents/guardians to verify with their school that all of their contact and emergency information is up to date. The school secretaries work hard on this task each year and parents/guardians are critical to success. Ensuring the phone numbers, address, and email addresses are up to date, facilitates the schools' and district's ability to communicate with them directly and efficiently. When school closings or emergencies happen, the School Messenger system is the most reliable source of information for parents and the community. When appropriate, we also share updates on our social media pages and with the local news media but these are sometimes not the quickest or most efficient means for us to communicate.

Additionally, parents should log into the Info Snap system to give us the necessary permissions and are reminded to sign student handbooks as requested by school administrators.

Dr. Gasper thanked Jeff Lumia for his drone videography donation. The pictures of the school facilities will aid our Facilities Director in proposing necessary repairs. He also thanked the Lumia Family for their donation of a drum set to Tyrrell Middle School.

The Superintendent announced that all his future Superintendent's Reports will be posted to his page on the District's website, www.wolcottps.org.

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

1. **Larry Chiucarello** in the position of Math Interventionist Tutor at Tyrrell Middle School effective immediately;
2. **Jonathon DeLucrezia** in the position of Special Education Paraprofessional at Wakelee Elementary School effective immediately;
3. **Samantha Gigliotti** in the position of JV Girls Soccer at Wolcott High School effective immediately;
4. **Kathryn Glendon** in the position of Project Director of the CASA Grant effective as of September 22, 2017;
5. **Katherine Jones** in the position of Music Teacher at Tyrrell Middle School effective September 14, 2017; and in the position of Drama Club Advisor, and Media Production Advisor for Tyrrell effective immediately.

So voted.

Rescind a Nomination:

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mrs. Clair, to rescind a nomination for **M. C.** in the position of Special Education Teacher at Wolcott High School effective immediately. So voted.

Transfer Between Jobs:

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

1. **Jennifer Guiggio** from the position of Cook at Alcott Elementary School to the position of Special Education Paraprofessional at Wakelee Elementary School effective on August 29, 2017.

So voted.

Nominations:

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

1. **Iirjan Bumci** to the position of .45 Math Interventionist at Tyrrell Middle School effective with the 2017-2018 school year;

2. **Donna Calabro** to the position of Adult Education Director for the Wolcott Public Schools effective for the 17-2018 school year;
3. **Brett Distasio** to the position of Athletic Coordinator at Tyrrell Middle School for the 2017-2018 school year;
4. **Allysia Nanfito** to the position of Special Education Teacher for the Phoenix Program at Wolcott High School effective with the 2017-2018 school year;
5. **Lyly Tran** to the position of Speech Language Pathologist at Alcott Elementary School effective with the 2017-2018 school year pending receipt of certification;
6. **Lee Kelsey** to the position of Girls' Soccer Coach at Tyrrell Middle School for the 2017-2018 school year.

So voted.

Request a Leave:

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to approve a request for an unpaid leave of absence from Laura Valovcin, Grade 3 Teacher at Wakelee School, to begin after the completion of her FMLA leave and to run until the end of the 2017-2018 school year. So voted.

Revise Board Policy #6142.101:

Motion: by Ms. Leonard, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to adopt the revised Board Policy/Regulation #6142.101 – Student Nutrition & Physical Activity (Student Wellness Policy). So voted.

Adopt Board Policy #3542.43 – Initial Vote:

Motion: by Ms. Leonard, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to adopt on initial vote a Board Policy #3542.43 – Business & Non-Instructional Operations: Food Service – Charging Policy. So voted.

Approve a Shared Agreement with Thomaston Public Schools for Food Service

Director:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to approve the shared agreement with the Thomaston Public Schools for Food Service Director from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2020. So voted.

Committee Reports:

Ms. Leonard reported that the Operations & Programs Committee met at 6:15 p.m. and reviewed the Board Policies which the Board voted on earlier in this meeting.

Mrs. Mancini said the Finance Committee met earlier and discussed pending vendor invoices, transfer requests, August medical claims to date, the food service shared agreement and bus transportation.

Mrs. Lumia said that the Negotiations Committee is waiting to hear whether the Custodians' Union ratified their contract. The Nurses Union received more information on the proposed medical insurance coverage, and the Committee is waiting to hear whether arbitration maybe necessary. Negotiations with the Teachers' Union will begin in September.

Time for the Public:

Mrs. Clair mentioned how much she enjoyed the Convocation, which was held on August 24th. She was very impressed by all the speakers on the program.

Items for the Next Agenda:

The next meeting is September 11 and will be at Tyrrell Middle School.

The new Board Policy #3542.43 will come up for a final vote.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: by Ms. Leonard, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. So voted.

Note: During the summer, the Board of Education meetings are not videotaped, and as result are not available to be viewed on the WLCT96 site on the Town of Wolcott's website, www.wolcottct.org.