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

A regular meeting of the Board of Education was held on Monday, September 26, 2016, at Tyrrell Middle School. In attendance were: Patricia Najarian, Chairman of the Board; Gloria Gubitosi, Vice Chairman of the Board; Gloria Clair, Anthony Gugliotti, Arthur Lerz, and Cynthia Mancini, all Board members. Also in attendance: Dr. Anthony Gasper, Superintendent of Schools, Frank Purcaro, Director of Student Learning & Teaching; Kevin Hollis, Director of Student Services, Rosa Ramalhete, Supervisor of Special Education; Joseph Monroe, Principal of Wolcott High School; Walter Drewry, Assistant Principal of Wolcott High School; Bryan MacKay, Assistant Principal of Wolcott High School; Arline Tansley, Principal of Tyrrell Middle School; Daniel Caetano, Assistant Principal of Tyrrell Middle School; Joseph Norcross, Principal of Frisbie School; Deborah Osvald, Principal of Wakelee Elementary School; Shawn Simpson, Principal of Alcott Elementary School; Cristin Buckley, Ben Was Here Foundation; 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.

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

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: by Mrs. Clair, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 12, 2016. So voted.

Motion: by Mrs. Clair, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to approve the minutes of the special meeting of September 19, 2016. So voted.

Communications:

Thank you from the Galvin Family

Thank you from an employee

Invitation to the Breast Cancer Awareness Ceremony – October 3, 2016

Business Manager's Report:

Expenditures:

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

To approve expenditures in the amount of \$1,087,199.19 paid on September 27, 2016 for fiscal year 2016-2017.
So voted.

Superintendent's Report:

Two minute school highlights were presented by each principal. Mr. Purcaro reported on Student Learning and Teaching.

Mrs. Buckley presented the school principals with informational packets on asthma for every teacher, para, nurse, and administrator in District.

Mr. MacKay was welcomed as the newest administrator in the District. He is the new Assistant Principal at Wolcott High School.

Envision and i-Ready software training for the teachers has been done. Students are becoming familiar with them.

The improvements to the Wolcott High School softball and baseball fields are nearly complete. The Superintendent thanked the Town of Wolcott Public Works Department for their cooperation on this important project.

The Board of Education is seeking to identify children who may be in need of Americans with Disabilities Act section 504 services. Please contact your building principal or the District ADA 504 Coordinator, Walter Drewry, at 203 879-8164 if you have a child with a handicap that substantially limits one or more major life activity and who is not currently identified.

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

1. **Scott Blacker** in the position of Homework Club Advisor at Tyrrell Middle School effective immediately;

2. **Sabra Scaglione** in the position of Cook at Alcott Elementary School effective September 23, 2016.

So voted.

Transfer Between Jobs:

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

1. **Jennifer Giuggio** from the position of Food Service Worker at Alcott School to the position of Cook at Alcott School effective September 27, 2016.

So voted.

Approve – Nominations:

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

1. **Jason Downes** to the position of Homework Club Advisor at Tyrrell Middle School effective September 27, 2016;
2. **David Fortier** to the position of Assistant Track Coach – Cross Country at Tyrrell Middle School effective August 29, 2016;
3. **Angela Parrillo** to the position of English Language Arts Intervention Tutor at Wolcott High School effective September 28, 2016.

So voted.

Request a Leave:

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to approve the following: Jessica Stevenson, Grade 8 Language Arts Teacher at Tyrrell Middle School, requests an unpaid leave of absence to begin on November 28, 2016 and continue until December 14, 2016.

So voted.

Revise an Out of State Field Trips:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mr. Lerz, to approve the changes in an approved out-of-state field trip:

1. Wolcott High School's Students (18) request permission to change the date of their Board approved international tour to Germany, Austria and Switzerland scheduled for July 17-27, 2017 to the new dates of June 27-July 6, 2017. In addition, the "Teacher in Charge" will now be Samantha Barrett rather than Stacey Hart.

So voted.

Out of State Conference Request:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mr. Lerz, to approve the following out of state conference request:

1. **Lisa DeSerio**, Speech/Language Pathologist at Frisbie School, requests permission to attend the American Speech Language Hearing Association Conference at the Convention Center, Philadelphia, PA from November 16-19, 2016.

So voted.

Permission to Discard Equipment:

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Mr. Gugliotti, to approve Wolcott High School's request to discard 18 cafeteria tables that are no longer useable.
So voted.

Permission to Participate in Doctoral Research:

Motion: by Mr. Gugliotti, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to allow the District's elementary schools to participate in a Doctoral Research study as presented. So voted.

Out of State Field Trip:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to approve the following out of state field trip:

1. Wolcott High School's Music Department (45) requests permission to go to the Stephen Sondheim Theater in NYC on November 9, 2016. The trip will enhance the cultural study of American Theater.

So voted.

Committee Reports:

Mrs. Mancini reported that the Finance Committee met earlier and discussed pending invoices, reviewed the budget report, and discussed the oil bid.

Mrs. Najarian said the Operations and Programs Committee met at 6:30 p.m. and had a presentation by CASA on the results of the student survey.

Time for the Public:

No one came forward.

Items for the Next Agenda:

The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, October 12th.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to go into Executive Session to discuss 1) the employment of a certified employee, 2) documents pertinent to the Superintendent's evaluation, 3) sick pay for part-time certified employees, and 4) a salary increase request. So voted.

Motion: by Mr. Gugliotti, seconded by Mr. Lerz, to come out of Executive Session and reconvene the regular meeting at 8:35 p.m. So voted.

Board Discussion.

Approve Salary Increases:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Clair, to approve a 3% wage increase for the CASA Project Grant employees, Kate Glendon and Carin Grunwald on the anniversary date of their employment. So voted.

Rescind a Nomination:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to rescind an offer of employment to

1. **Jeff Farrell** for the positions of Athletic Director, PE Teacher, and Department Head of PE and Wellness at Wolcott High School effective immediately.

So voted.

Approve a Nomination:

Motion: by Mr. Lerz, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to appoint the following person as indicated:

1. **Tanya Adorno** to the position of Athletic Director, PE Teacher and Department Head of PE and Wellness at Wolcott High School effective October 10, 2016.

So voted.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

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