

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT**

A meeting of the Board of Education was held on Monday, February 10, 2020, at Tyrrell Middle School. In attendance were: Cynthia Mancini, Chairman of the Board; Paul D'Angelo, Vice Chairman of the Board; Christopher Charette, Kathleen Cordone, Tony Gugliotti, Sean Hughes, Timothy McMurray, and Kelly Mazza. Also in attendance: Dr. Anthony Gasper, Superintendent of Schools, Shawn Simpson, Assistant Superintendent; Todd Bendtsen, Business Manager; Kevin Hollis, Director of Student Services;; 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; Matthew Calabrese, Principal of Alcott Elementary School; Kimberly Murtaugh, Principal of Frisbie Elementary School; Deborah Osvald, Wakelee Elementary School; Michelle Thies, Teacher at Wolcott High School; and Jessica Kenny, Board Clerk.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mrs. Cynthia Mancini, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Mrs. Mancini then read the Wolcott Public Schools' Mission Statement.

**Approval of Minutes:**

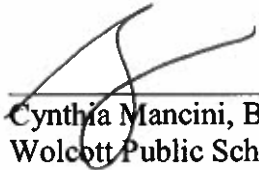
Motion: by Mr. D'Angelo, seconded by Mr. Charette, to approve the minutes of the special meeting of January 14, 2020.

So voted

Motion: by Mr. D'Angelo, seconded by Mr. Hughes, to approve the minutes of the special meeting of January 21, 2020.

So voted.

APPROVED

  
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Cynthia Mancini, BOE Chairman  
Wolcott Public Schools

**Committee Reports:**

A committee of the Whole meeting was held at 6:15, topics included the Wolcott High School, Course of Studies, review and discuss the 2020-2021 school calendar, discussion on the scoreboard donation and possible bid waiver, the Business Manager's Report, Budget Transfers, and Expenditures.

**Communications:**

Thank you card;  
Rotella Monthly Montage

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

Motion: by Mr. Gugliotti, seconded by Mr. Hughes, to approve the following expenditures:  
To approve expenditures in the amount of **\$881,263.64** paid on February 11, 2020;  
To approve the March 2020 payroll expenditures in the amount of **\$1,502,500.00** for fiscal year 2019-2020.  
So voted.

**Budget Transfer(s):**

Motion: by Mr. Gugliotti, seconded by Mr. Hughes, to authorize the transfer of **\$140,249.68** from fiscal year 2019-2020 as presented in the Business Manager's report.  
so voted

**Superintendent's Report:**

Dr. Gasper gave a special thank you to the students, teachers, and staff who made donations in his mother's name.

Each Principal from all the schools gave a two-minute highlight on each building. The Director of Student Services also gave highlights.

Mr. Drewry and Mrs. Thies gave a presentation to the board on the NEASC report that was recently given to Wolcott High School.

Motion: by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. D'Angelo, to approve the Superintendent's Report. So voted.

**Public Comment:**

No one came forward.

**OLD BUSINESS:****BOE 2020-2021 Meeting Schedule – Final Vote:**

Motion: by Mr. Charette, seconded by Mr. Gugliotti, to approve on final vote the following 2020-2021 schedule of Board of Education meeting dates:

	<b><u>FIRST</u></b>	<b><u>SECOND</u></b>
<b>JULY</b>	<b>13 (Monday – BOE Offices)</b>	
<b>AUGUST</b>	<b>10 (Monday - BOE Offices)</b>	<b>24 (Monday- BOE Offices)</b>
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	<b>08 (Monday)</b>	<b>21 (Monday)</b>
<b>OCTOBER</b>	<b>05 (Monday)</b>	<b>19 (Monday)</b>
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	<b>10 (Tuesday)</b>	<b>23 (Monday)</b>
<b>DECEMBER</b>	<b>14 (Monday)</b>	
<b>JANUARY</b>	<b>11 (Monday)</b>	
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	<b>08 (Monday)</b>	
<b>MARCH</b>	<b>08 (Monday)</b>	<b>22 (Monday)</b>
<b>APRIL</b>	<b>12 (Monday)</b>	<b>26 (Monday)</b>
<b>MAY</b>	<b>10 (Monday)</b>	<b>24 (Monday)</b>
<b>JUNE</b>	<b>07 (Monday)</b>	<b>21 (Monday)</b>

All Board of Education meetings will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Tyrrell Middle School's Large Group Instruction Room unless otherwise indicated.

All meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of the month unless otherwise indicated.

So voted

**Adopt Curricula – Final Vote:**

Motion: by Mrs. Mazza, seconded by Mr. Hughes to adopt on final vote the following curriculum:

- **Elementary Art Pt. II**
- **Grade 5 Science**
- **Middle School Science**
- **High School Science Ecology**
- **High School Math:**
  - **Pre-Calculus C&CR**
  - **Consumer Math 11-12**
- **High School Social Studies:**
  - **11<sup>th</sup> Modern History**
  - **US History 1**
  - **20<sup>th</sup> Century Global Studies**
- **Grade 9 Wellness**
- **Spanish IV**
- **Creative Writing**
- **Business Management**
- **Marketing**

- **Photography**
- **Exploring Medical Careers**
- **Construction**
- **Intro to Foods**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Nominations:**

Motion: by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Charette, to appoint the individual(s) as indicated:

1. **Tammy Cameron** to the position of Head Nurse for the District effective February 11, 2020;
2. **Bryan C. Cammarata** to the position of JV Softball Coach at Wolcott High School effective with the 2019-2020 Spring Season;
3. **Tamanna Hoque** to the position of Special Education Para professional at Alcott School effective February 12, 2020;
4. **Tyrrell Middle School**  
2019-2020 Spring Coaches:  
Justin Savarese                      Co-Baseball  
Audrey Jankiewicz                  Assistant Track Coach  
So voted

**Award A Contract – Videographer:**

Motion: by Mr. D'Angelo, seconded by Mr. Gugliotti to award a contract to **Michael Bruce Video** to furnish equipment and services necessary to video/audio record the meetings of the Wolcott Board of Education for the amount of **\$275.00 per meeting**.  
so voted.

**Approval of Course of Studies Guide 2020-2021:**

Motion: by Mr. D'Angelo, seconded by Mr. Hughes to approve on initial vote the Wolcott High School's Course of Studies Guide 2020-2021.  
so voted.

**Bid Waiver – Purchase of Scoreboards:**

Motion: by Mr. D'Angelo, seconded by Mrs. Cordone to approve the bid waiver request for the purchase of two scoreboards from NEVCO in the amount of **\$23,307.00**  
So voted.

**Revision to prior acceptance of a donation:**

Motion: by Mr. D'Angelo, seconded by Mr. Hughes to accept that Wolcott High School requests that the Board accepts a cash donation from The Strike Zone & Vaculease for the purchase of two Scoreboards, one for the Baseball Field and one for the Softball Field, the donation total is \$23,307.00.

**Consent Agenda:**

Motion: by Mr. D'Angelo, seconded by Mrs. Hughes, to approve the consent Agenda as presented:

**A. Resignation(s):**

1. **Elizabeth Buzzelli** from the position of School Counselor at Tyrrell Middle School, for the purposes of retirement, effective June 30, 2020;
2. **Ellen Cox** from the position of Math Teacher at Tyrrell Middle School, for the purposes of retirement, effective August 1, 2020;
3. **Bette DeFosses** from the position of School Physiologist at Tyrrell Middle School, for the purposes of retirement, effective June 30, 2020;
4. **Stephanie Garofalo** from the position of Lunch Room Monitor at Frisbie School, effective February 14, 2020;
5. **Bruce McIntire** from the position of English Teacher at Wolcott High School, for the purposes of retirement, effective July 1, 2020;
6. **Lynn Secula** from the position of General Food Service Worker at Wolcott High School effective immediately;
7. **Heidi Thomas** from the position of Special Education Paraprofessional at Wakelee School effective January 14, 2020.

**B. Out of State Field Trips:**

- a. **Wolcott High School's Music/Theater** (45) requests permission to go to "Mean Girls" Broadway show in New York, NY on May 13, 2020, for the purpose of perceiving and analyzing artistic work.
- b. **Wolcott High School's Senior Class** (100) requests permission to go to Six Flags New England, Grad night 2020, on May 15, 2020, for the purposes of social and emotional development and their Senior Class Trip.

**C. WEF Grant Award:**

1. **Taylor Palmieri and Karen LaBlanc \$612.22**  
**Location: All Wolcott Public Schools**  
**Project Title: Read Across Wolcott**

So voted.

**Time for the Public:**

No one came forward

**Items for the Next Agenda:**

The next meeting is March 9<sup>th</sup> and will be at Tyrrell Middle School.

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

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion: by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Charette, to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 p.m. So voted.

Note: The Board of Education meetings are videotaped, and as result are available to be viewed on the WLCT96 site on the Town of Wolcott's website, [www.wolcottct.org](http://www.wolcottct.org).