

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

A regular meeting of the Board of Education was held on Monday, May 9, 2016, 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; 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; Deborah Osvald, Assistant Principal of Wolcott High School; Arline Tansley, Principal of Tyrrell Middle School; Shawn Simpson, Principal of Alcott School; Joseph Norcross, Principal of Frisbie School; Robert Nagashima, Principal of Wakelee School; Janet Discepolo, Project Explore Teacher; and Joan Gray, Board Clerk.

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 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 Ms. Leonard, seconded by Mrs. Clair, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 11, 2016. So voted.

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to approve the minutes of the special meeting of April 27, 2016. So voted.

Communications:

Thank You Notes from the Pape Family, Mr. Simpson, and Mrs. Tansley
Invitation to the Wakelee Celebration, Alcott's Grade 5 Banquet, the CNA Banquet, and a Retirement Party
Letters from Mr. Loughman, CAS, and NEASC
Rotella Monthly Montage – May 2016

Business Manager's Report:

Expenditures:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Lumia, to approve expenditures as follows:

To approve the June 2016 payroll expenditure in the amount of **\$4,326,000.**

To approve expenditures in the amount of **\$1,106,188** paid on May 10, 2016 for fiscal year 2015-2016.

So voted.

Superintendent's Report:

Mrs. Discepolo spoke about the Grade 4 Invention Convention. She introduced students Miah Hughes, Ella Goldstone, Gloria Japs, and PJ Lawlor, who showed the Board their inventions.

The Principals gave the Board two minute updates on the events at their schools. Mr. Purcaro reported on his area of Student Learning and Teaching.

The Wolcott Summer Studies Program begins on June 27th. It will be at Tyrrell and run for five weeks from 8:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Over 500 students will take part this summer.

Graduation ceremonies are on June 13th. Tyrrell's is at 4:00 p.m. and Wolcott High School is at 7:00 p.m.

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to approve the Superintendent's Report. So voted.

Public Comment:

No one came forward.

OLD BUSINESS:

No items

NEW BUSINESS:**Approve – Resignation(s):**

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

1. **Rebecca Clarke** in the position of General Food Service Worker at Tyrrell Middle School effective on April 26, 2016;
2. **Meghan Morin** in the position of Latchkey Instructor at Wakelee Elementary School effective on April 15, 2016;
3. **Bruce Neville** in the position of Freshman Girls Basketball Coach at Wolcott High School effective for the 2016-2017 school year;
4. **Lisa Perrucci** in the position of Cook at Wakelee Elementary School effective on July 1, 2016;

5. **Carol Sampieri** in the position of Library Paraprofessional at Wolcott High School effective on April 5, 2016.

So voted.

Approve – Transfer Between Jobs:

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

1. **Lisa Nappi** from the position of Grade 5 Teacher at Frisbie Elementary School to the position of Grade 3 Teacher at Wakelee Elementary School effective August 25, 2016.

So voted.

Approve – Nominations:

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

1. **Matthew Angelone** to the position of Grade 4 Teacher (one year contract) at Wakelee Elementary School effective August 25, 2016;
2. **Avery Doyle** to the position of Speech-Language Pathologist at Tyrrell Middle School effective August 25, 2016;
3. **Dan Goldstone** to the position of Rubik's Cube Advisor at Tyrrell Middle School for the 2015-2016 school year;
4. **Kari Langdeau** to the position of Special Education Paraprofessional in the Life Skills Classroom at Wakelee Elementary School effective May 11, 2016;
5. **Karen LeBlanc** to the position of District English Language Arts Coordinator K-12 for the Wolcott Public Schools effective for the 2016-2017 school year;
6. **Angela McIntyre** to the position of Special Education Teacher (18-21 age population) at Wolcott High School effective August 25, 2016 pending certification;
7. **Aisha Mobley** to the position of School Counseling Department Head at Wolcott High School and Tyrrell Middle School effective for the 2016-2017 school year;
8. **Deborah Stange** in the position of District Fine Arts Coordinator K-12 for the Wolcott Public Schools effective for the 2016-2017 school year;
9. **2016 Summer Studies Staff:**

Teaching Staff:

Dawn Bertrand
Mark Berube
Scott Blacker
Marian Boisvert
Cristy Bredice
Tony Cianchetti
Robert Cormier
Karen Craig

Jason Creem
Bianca Daniels
Kerianne Falencki
John Fish
Sarah Garbus
Andy Gargano
Jane Gargano
Brittany Garguilo
Lisa Goldberg
Katrina Kane
Lisa Klemenz
Richard Ligi
Karen Le Blanc
Helene Leder
Dyann Mango
Tyler Meccariello
Danielle Morek
Jane Natoli
Jeanne Pittman
John Richardson
Beth Sickles
Kristin Stec
Christine Taylor
Michael Terry
Bobby Thompson
Linda Vaivoda
Judy Wilson Hintz

Secretary:

Katrina Murphy

Substitutes:

Jennifer Edwards
Mary Devaney
Joanne Riback
Brittany Jenkins
Anthony Mancini
Lindsay Bugryn
Nicole Maisto
Rebecca Riviezzo
Mike Gigliotti
Sarah Stabile
Lori DiDiminzio
Deborah Goodman
Sharon Lake-Post
Amanda McLaughlin
Paul Tripodi
Carrie Fiske (Special Ed)
Sarah Gutis (Special Ed)

So voted.

Approve a Leave Request:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to approve Natalie Morgan, Spanish Teacher and World Language Department Head at Wolcott High School, request for an unpaid leave of absence to commence after her FMLA ends through to the beginning of the second semester in January 2017. So voted.

Approve – Out of State Field Trips:

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

1. Frisbie Elementary School's Grade 4 Students (17) request permission to go to Sturbridge Village on May 24, 2016 to enhance their study of Colonial America;
2. Wolcott High School's Skills USA Student (1) requests permission to go to the Skills USA Skills and Leadership National Competition in Louisville, KY from June 18 to 25, 2016.

So voted.

Approve a District Healthy Food Certification Statement:

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mrs. Clair, to approve the following certification statement:
On behalf of the Wolcott Board of Education:

Pursuant to section 10-215f of the Connecticut General Statutes, we hereby certify that all food items offered for sale to students in the school(s) under our jurisdiction, and not exempted from the Connecticut Nutrition Standards published by the Connecticut State Department of Education, will meet said standards during the period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. Such certification shall include all food offered for sale to students separately from reimbursable meals at all times and from all sources, including but not limited to, school stores, vending machines, school cafeterias, and any fundraising activities on school premises, whether or not school sponsored.

We hereby acknowledge that the Wolcott Board of Education, will exclude from certification food and beverage items that do not meet the Connecticut Nutrition Standards, provided that (1) such food is sold in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend, (2) such sale is at the location of the event, and (3) such food is not sold from a vending machine or school store.

So voted.

Revise the Board of Education’s June Meeting Schedule:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Clair, to revise the Board of Education’s regular meeting schedule as indicated:

- Move June 13 meeting to June 6
- Move June 27 meeting to June 20

Both rescheduled meetings will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Tyrrell Middle School’s Large Group Instruction Room.
So voted.

Approve the 2016-2017 School Handbooks – Initial Vote:

Motion: by Ms. Leonard, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to approve on initial vote the 2016-2017 Handbooks as follows:

- The Elementary Schools Parents/Guardians Handbook
- Tyrrell Middle School Student Handbook
- Wolcott High School Student Handbook

So voted.

Permission to Discard Out of Date Library Materials:

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to grant permission for Tyrrell Middle School’s Media Center to discard outdated/damaged media materials based on the American Library Association Guidelines.
So voted.

Bid Award – Facilities Conditions Assessment:

Motion: by Mr. Gugliotti, seconded by Mr. Buzzelli, to table the resolution to approve the bid and award a contract to Friar Associates to conduct a facilities conditions assessment for the Wolcott Public Schools in the amount of \$29,500. So voted.

Accept a Donation:

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Mrs. Lumia, to accept the following:
A donation of 25 HP Compaq Desktop Computers, DC 7900 and DC 8000 series, with monitors and keyboards included from the Social Security Office in New Haven, CT. So voted.

Approve the 2016-2017 Board of Education Meeting Schedule-Initial Vote:

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to approve on initial vote the following 2016-2017 schedule of Board of Education meeting dates:

	<u>FIRST</u>	<u>SECOND</u>
JULY	18 (Monday)	
AUGUST	8 (Monday)	22 (Monday)
SEPTEMBER	12 (Monday)	26 (Monday)

OCTOBER	11 (Tuesday)	24 (Monday)
NOVEMBER	14 (Monday)	
DECEMBER	12 (Monday)	
JANUARY	9 (Monday-Alcott)	
FEBRUARY	13 (Monday-Frisbie)	27 (Monday-Wakelee)
MARCH	13 (Monday-WHS)	27 (Monday)
APRIL	24 (Monday)	
MAY	8 (Monday)	22 (Monday)
JUNE	12 (Monday)	26 (Monday)

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 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month unless otherwise indicated.

So voted.

Permission to Make a Donation:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Clair, to give permission for the Wolcott High Athletics Department to donate the following cheerleading uniforms to the Wolcott Pop Warner Team:

- 13 Girls Tops with Sequins
- 30 Girls Skirts with Sequins (various colors)
- 27 Red/White/Gray Skirts
- 29 White Tops

So voted.

Approve a Contract – Pearson Publishing:

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mrs. Clair, to approve a contract for Pearson Publishing’s EnVision Mathematics.

Motion: by Mr. Gugliotti to table the vote.

***Mrs. Najarian called for a roll call vote on the main motion.
Board Members discussed the merits of the main motion.***

***Board Members voting “aye” to the main motion: Mrs. Clair, Mrs. Gubitosi, Ms. Leonard, Mrs. Lumia, and Mrs. Mancini.
Board Members voting “no”: Mr. Buzzelli, Mr. Gugliotti, and Mr. Lerz.
Board Members abstaining from the vote: Mrs. Najarian
Motion carries.***

Committee Reports:

Mrs. Gubitosi stated that the Facilities Committee met at 6:31 p.m. and received an update on all projects at the schools from Mr. Bendtsen.

Mrs. Mancini reported that the Finance Committee met earlier and discussed pending invoices, the Internal Service report, an update on the Affordable Care Act, Friar Associates, and a contract with Pearson Publishing.

Ms. Leonard said the Operations & Programs Committee met on April 27th and reviewed the 2016-2017 School Handbooks with the Principals.

Time for the Public:

No one came forward.

Items for the Next Agenda:

Final votes on Handbooks and the Board of Education 2016-2017 meeting schedule. Board members can contact the Board of Education Office if you have additional agenda items.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion: by Ms. Leonard, seconded by Mrs. Clair, to go into Executive Session for discussion of pending negotiations (non-certified employees), an employee matter (non-certified employee), and a student matter. So voted.

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to come out of Executive Session and reconvene the regular meeting at 9:35 p.m. So voted.

Motion: by Mr. Gugliotti, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to offer to the full-time Paraprofessionals and Cafeteria Managers (30+ hours/week) who are not currently eligible to participate in a group plan in Wolcott, the Lumenos HDHP (2,500/5,000 deductibles) with a health savings account. The Wolcott Public Schools shall contribute (10%) towards the annual premium, thereby being in compliance with the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

A roll call vote was taken.

The following Board Members voted "aye": Mr. Buzzelli, Mrs. Clair, Mrs. Gubitosi, Mr. Gugliotti, Ms. Leonard, Mr. Lertz, Mrs. Lumia, and Mrs. Mancini.

The following Board Member abstained: Mrs. Najarian.

The motion carries.

The Board Members discussed ongoing matters of teaching and learning.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to adjourn the regular meeting at 10:00 p.m. So voted.

Note: A videotape of this meeting in its entirety can be viewed on the WLCT96 site on the Town of Wolcott's website, www.wolcottct.org.