

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT**

A regular meeting of the Board of Education was held on Monday, September 12, 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, 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; Arline Tansley, Principal of Tyrrell Middle School; Daniel Caetano, Assistant Principal of Tyrrell Middle School; Joseph Norcross, Principal of Frisbie School; Deborah Osvold, Principal of Wakelee Elementary School; Shawn Simpson, Principal of Alcott Elementary School; 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. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Lumia, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 22, 2016. So voted.

Communications:

Invitation to the Baseball Team Ring Ceremony

Invitation to the CAS Principal of the Year Dinner

Credit Union 2016-2017 Scholastic Planner

Commendation from the Department of Education to Student Services Department

CASA commendation to the Board

Rotella Monthly Montage – September 2016

Business Manager's Report:

Expenditures:

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

To approve the October 2016 payroll expenditure in the amount of **\$1,640,000.00.**

To approve expenditures in the amount of **\$627,565.45** paid on September 13, 2016 for fiscal year 2016-2017.

So voted.

Superintendent's Report:

The Superintendent thanked the twelve-month staff for their hard work to prepare the buildings, grounds, technology, offices and finances for the start of the new school year.

He thanked Mr. Frank Purcaro for the successful launch of the new i-Ready assessment platform.

EnVision 2.0 math series is in the process of a soft-launch. All students and teachers in grades K-12 have been provided the hardcopy resources. Next, we will begin rolling out the implementation of the digital, online resources as well.

The August 31st enrollment numbers show that our District's enrollment continues to decline slightly - in line with statewide trends. We currently serve 2,289 students.

The Superintendent and the Principals then introduced our new teachers and employees who were changing their job positions.

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

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mrs. Clair, to take a 10 minute recess to welcome our new employees. So voted.

Public Comment:

No one came forward.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Transfer Between Jobs:

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

1. **Brunilda Cironaku** from the position of Food Service Worker at Wolcott High School to the position of Food Service Worker at Tyrrell Middle School effective September 14, 2016;

2. **Daphne Giuggio** from the position of Special Education Paraprofessional at Alcott Elementary School to the position of Special Education Paraprofessional at Tyrrell Middle School effective August 29, 2016;
3. **Tami Grasso** from the position of Long-Term Substitute Paraprofessional at Alcott Elementary School to the position of Paraprofessional in the Preschool at Alcott Elementary School effective September 14, 2016.

So voted.

Approve – Nominations:

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

1. **Marian Boisvert** to the position of Volleyball Coach at Tyrrell Middle School effective August 29, 2016;
2. **Wellingtona Dias** to the position of Food Service General Worker at Wolcott High School effective September 14, 2016.

So voted.

Permission to Teach a 6th Class:

Motion: by Mrs. Clair, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to approve teaching a 6th class by the following person(s) as indicated:

Wolcott High School:

Sara Stabile Algebra II, College and Career

So voted.

Out of State Field Trips:

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

1. Tyrrell Middle School's Grade 7 Students (186) request permission to go to Boston Museum of Science on November 18, 2016 to enhance their science and math curriculum;
2. Tyrrell Middle School's Grade 8 Students (190) request permission to go to Salem, MA on October 28, 2016 to study the events of the Salem Witch Trials.

So voted.

Out of State Conference Request:

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Mrs. Clair, to approve the following out of state conference request:

Joseph Norcross, Principal of Frisbie School, requests permission to attend the National Distinguished Principal Leadership Conference & Recognition being held by the National Association of Elementary Principals on October 6-7, 2016 in Washington, D.C.
So voted.

Accept Donations:

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to accept the following donations from the Ben Was Here, Inc. Foundation:

1. Look for the Good Project Inc. to Alcott, Frisbie and Wakelee Elementary Schools. This project will promote school-wide positive relationships that will provide a supportive environment that enhances the development of social competence and emotional wellbeing.
2. Five iPad minis donated to Mrs. Bredice's 5th Grade Students at Alcott School to be used in their guided reading groups.
3. Wakelee School will receive \$1,000 to help the PTO offset the cost to have the artist, Rob Surette, come to the school.

So voted.

Revise the 2016-2017 Board of Education Meeting Schedule:

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mr. Lerz, to revise the 2016-2017 schedule of Board of Education meeting dates as indicated:
The October 11th meeting is rescheduled to Wednesday, October 12th.
So voted.

Committee Reports:

Mrs. Mancini reported that the Finance Committee met earlier and discussed pending invoices, October payroll estimate, the Internal Service Report, August Health Claims, and the Food Services' profit and loss statement. .

Mrs. Najarian said the Operations and Programs Committee met at 6:00 p.m. and reviewed the Connecticut Lighthouse Project training.

Mr. Stankus reported that he gave the Facilities Committee a review on the Energy Program, school projects, and the Friar Associates long range facilities report.

Mrs. Lumia said that the Negotiations Committee will meet at 4:00 p.m. on September 13th for Arbitration with the Paraprofessionals Union.

ADD TO THE AGENDA:

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to add to the agenda a resolution to adopt the CT Lighthouse Project training.
So voted.

Adopt the CABE Lighthouse Project:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Lumia, to adopt and participate in the CABE Lighthouse Project Training Program during the 2016-2017 school year. So voted.

Time for the Public:

No one came forward.

Items for the Next Agenda:

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to go into Executive Session to discuss a potential disciplinary action regarding a non-certified employee. So voted.

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Mrs. Lumia, to come out of Executive Session and reconvene the regular meeting at 8:40 p.m. So voted.

Board Discussion.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: by Mr. Gugliotti, seconded by Mr. Lerz, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:55 p.m. So voted.

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