

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

A regular meeting of the Board of Education was held on Monday, August 26, 2019, at The Offices of the Board of Education. In attendance were: Lori DelBuono Bartlett, Chairman of the Board; Cynthia Mancini, Vice-Chairman of the Board; Roberta Leonard, Secretary of the Board; Thomas Buzzelli, Kathleen Cordone, Paul D'Angelo; Anthony Gugliotti and Kelly Mazza. Also in attendance: Dr. Anthony Gasper, Superintendent of Schools; Todd Bendtsen, Business Manager; and Jessica Kenny, Board Clerk.

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

**Approval of Minutes:**

Motion:           by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mr. Gugliotti, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 12, 2019;  
So voted.

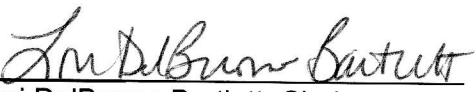
**Committee Reports:**

A Committee of the Whole meeting was held at 6:45 p.m. Topics discussed included: Expenditures, Budget Transfers, Health Claims, the Status of the 2018-2019 Budget, and pending vendor invoices. Also, Mr. Kevin Hollis and Mrs. Rosa Ramahlete gave the committee an update on district-wide mental health supports and learning for students in our schools.

**Communications:**

Thank you cards;  
Letters from Parent.

APPROVED

  
Lori DelBuono Bartlett, Chairman  
Wolcott Board of Education

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

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mr. Gugliotti, to approve the following Expenditures:  
To approve expenditures in the amount of **\$257,813.31** paid on August 27, 2019 for fiscal year 2018-2019;  
To approve expenditures in the amount of **\$530,788.68** paid on August 27, 2019 for fiscal year 2019-2020;  
So voted.

**Budget Transfer(s):**

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to approve the following Budget Transfers:  
To authorize the transfer of **\$255,806.88** from fiscal year 2018-2019 as presented in the Business Manager's report.  
So voted.

**Superintendent's Report:**

Dr. Gasper reported that the schools are ready to open on Wednesday. The superintendent also updated the Board about the two teaching positions that are still opened, Special Education Teacher at Frisbie Elementary and the new School Psychologist position.

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli seconded by Mrs. Mazza, to approve the Superintendent's Report.  
So voted.

**Public Comment:**

No one came forward.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:****Nomination(s):**

Motions: by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Mrs. Mazza to appoint the following person(s) as indicated:

1. **Lauren Allison** to the position of Special Education Teacher at Frisbie School effective August 28, 2019;
2. **Eileen Girgenti** to the position of Interim Director of School Nutrition for the District effective August 26, 2019;
3. **Nicole Maxellon** to the position of Director of School Nutrition for the District effective October 1, 2019;
4. **Allison Montowski** to the position of Kindergarten Teacher at Wakelee School effective August 28, 2019;
5. **2019-2020 Stipend Positions:**  
As per attached list.  
So voted.

**Approve Teaching a Sixth Class:**

Motion: by Mr. Gugliotti, seconded by Mr. Charette to approve teaching a 6<sup>th</sup> class by the following person(s) as indicated:

**Wolcott High School:**

Allysia Nanfito

**CWE/Counseling Course**

**Tyrrell Middle School:**

Alicia Maffiolini

**Math Interventionist**

**Discussion and Action on Ransomware:**

The Board had a discussion in regards ransomware and the virus that affected Wolcott Public Schools on June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

Motion: by Mr. Gugliotti, seconded by Mrs. Cordone to authorize the superintendent to spend up to \$9,999 to pay ransom through Bitcoin for the release of teacher files:

**A roll call was taken.**

| <b>Name</b>                   | <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> | <b>Abstained</b> |
|-------------------------------|------------|-----------|------------------|
| <b>Mr. Buzzelli</b>           | <b>1</b>   |           |                  |
| <b>Mrs. Cordone</b>           | <b>2</b>   |           |                  |
| <b>Mr. D'Angelo</b>           |            | <b>1</b>  |                  |
| <b>Mr. Gugliotti</b>          | <b>3</b>   |           |                  |
| <b>Ms. Leonard</b>            | <b>4</b>   |           |                  |
| <b>Mrs. Mancini</b>           | <b>5</b>   |           |                  |
| <b>Mrs. Mazza</b>             |            |           | <b>1</b>         |
| <b>Mrs. DelBuono Bartlett</b> | <b>6</b>   |           |                  |

**The motion carries.**

**Consent Agenda:**

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Mr. Gugliotti, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented:

**1. Resignation(s):**

- a. **Judith DeFillippi** from the position of Food Service Worker at Tyrrell Middle School effective immediately;
- b. **Meghan Sullivan** from the position of Food Service Director for the District effective August 30, 2019;
- c. **Barbara Shevis** from the position of .45 Math Interventionist at Alcott School and Wakelee School effective immediately;
- d. **Sarah Jaeger** from the position of Special Education Paraprofessional at Alcott School effective immediately.

**2. Transfer(s):**

- a. **Daniel Wright** from the position of Special Education Paraprofessional at Tyrrell Middle School to the position of Special Education Paraprofessional at Wolcott High School effective August 28, 2019.  
So voted

**Add to the Agenda:**

Mr. Gugliotti made a motion to add items E, to sign the contract amendment to terminate non-generated payment services provided by John Hancock and F, to contract with the Segal company to manage investment funds and issuing pension checks to the Agenda.

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Mrs. Mancini to add items E and F to the Agenda.  
So Voted

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli. Seconded by Mr. D'Angelo to authorize the business manager to sign the contract amendment to terminate non-generated payment service provided by John Hancock.  
So voted.

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mr. Buzzelli to authorize the business manager to contract with the Segal company to prepare RFP for a company to manage investment funds and issuing of pension checks.  
So voted

**Time for the Public:**

No one came forward.

**Items for the Next Agenda:**

The next meeting is September 09, 2019 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. Buzzelli, seconded by Mr. Gugliotti, to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m.  
So voted.

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