



OUR FUTURE IS IN CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

**MONDAY
7:30 P.M.**

**WOLCOTT HIGH SCHOOL
RESOURCE CENTER**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT
AGENDA
October 27, 2014**

I. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, and Reading of the Mission Statement

The mission of the Wolcott Public Schools is to promote the academic, social, and emotional development of all students to become contributing members of the global community.

II. Approval of Minutes

A. Regular Meeting of October 14, 2014

III. Communications

IV. Business Manager's Report

A. Expenditures

V. Superintendent's Report

A. Mr. Macary's Report

B. Cenergistic Report – Mr. Stankus

VI. Public Comment

VII. Committee Reports

VIII. Old Business

IX. New Business

A. Nomination(s)

B. Permission to Teach a Sixth Class

C. Out of State Field Trip(s)

D. Approve a Union Contract

- X. Time for the Public
- XI. Items for the Next Agenda
- XII. Executive Session

Recommended Motion: “that the Board go into executive session for the purpose of discussing 1) a non-certified union contract; 2) a vendor service contract; and 3) the contract of the Superintendent of Schools.

ADJOURNMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

- XIII. Adjournment

Note:

Finance Committee at 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Wolcott High School’s Virtual Learning Computer Lab: 1) Expenditures; 2) Business Manager’s Report; 3) Substitute Employee Wages; and 4) Electricity Bid Authorization.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT**

A Board of Education meeting was held on Tuesday, October 14, 2014, at Wolcott High School. In attendance were: Patricia Najarian, Chairman of the Board; Gloria Gubitosi, Vice Chairman of the Board; Cynthia Mancini, Secretary of the Board; Thomas Buzzelli, Gloria Clair, Roberta Leonard, and Arthur Lerz Sr., all Board members. Also in attendance: Joseph Macary, Superintendent of Schools; Joseph Monroe, Principal of Wolcott High School; Deborah Osvald, Assistant Principal of Wolcott High School; Walter Drewry, Assistant Principal of Wolcott High School; Arline Tansley, Principal of Tyrrell Middle School; Shawn Simpson, Assistant Principal of Tyrrell Middle School; Holly Wrenn, Principal of Alcott School; Robert Nagashima, Principal of Wakelee School; Wendie Rodriguez, Supervisor of Special Education; David Stankus, Facilities Director; and Joan Gray, Board Clerk.

The regular Board meeting was called to order at 7:37 p.m., the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 22, 2014. So voted.

Communications:

2014 CABE/CAPSS Convention Booklet
Rotella Monthly Montage – October 2014
Wolcott Volunteer Fire Department Fire Safety Coloring Book
The CABE Journal – October 2014

Business Manager's Report:

Expenditures:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to approve expenditures as follows:
To approve the November 2014 payroll expenditure in the amount of
\$ 1,455,000.00.

To approve expenditures in the amount of \$742,803.57 paid on October 15, 2014 for fiscal year 2014-2015.

So voted.

Superintendent's Report:

The School Principals reported on the activities at their schools. In Mr. Norcross' absence, Mrs. Wrenn reported for Frisbie School.

Mrs. Rodriguez gave a two minute update on the Student Services Department.

Mr. Macary asked parents/guardians to contact Mr. Walter Drewry, District ADA 504 Coordinator, if they have a child with a handicap that substantially limits one or more major life activity and who is not currently identified. His number is 203 879-8164.

Parents and guardians were reminded that flu and cold season is here, and precautions need to be taken to prevent the spread of any virus or germs.

Newsweek Magazine has named Wolcott High School one of the Top 500 high schools in America. The high school also received an additional honor to be recognized as a school where low-income students are scoring at or above average on state assessments. Congratulations to Wolcott High School.

Mr. Monroe reported on Wolcott High School's CAPT, AP, PSAT, and SAT student scores.

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

Public Comment:

No one came forward

Committee Reports:

Mrs. Mancini reported the Finance Committee met earlier. Pending invoices and the internal service report were discussed. The annual bus driver recognition ceremony is October 23, 2014.

Mrs. Gubitosi said the Facilities Committee met earlier at 7:00p.m. Mr. Stankus reported on repairs made at the schools, school walkthroughs and a report on the District's energy conservation savings.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:**Approve – Nominations:**

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

1. **Teresa Bendtsen** in the position of Special Education Paraprofessional at Alcott Elementary School effective October 15, 2014;
2. **Tyrrell School's Sports Volunteers:**
Fall 2014
Robert Bao – Boys Soccer
Winter 2014
Toni Callahan – Cheerleading
Amber Fitzpatrick - Cheerleading

So voted.

Out of State Field Trips:

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

1. Tyrrell Middle School's Grade 8 Project Explore Students (32) request permission to go to New York City to see the play "Wicked" on April 15, 2015 to continue exploration of careers in technology;
2. Wolcott High School Students (24) request permission to go to Italy and Greece from July 18 - 27, 2016 to experience the culture and history of the countries first hand.

So voted.

Accept a Donation:

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to accept the following:

1. A donation to Alcott School from Mr. Daniel Kashtelyan, 85 Kalko Drive, of an electronic 7" Internet Tablet by Proscan that will translate English to 130 different languages.

So voted.

Permission to Make a Donation:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to grant permission to donate two TV/VCR carts from the Wolcott Public Schools to the Klingberg Family Center for use at the Klingberg Vintage Motorcar Festival, which is their annual fundraiser. So voted.

Approval for Boys Swim Programs:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to authorize Anthony Cutler, Odysseas Mastrogiannis, and Michael Ciarlo to practice and compete for Wolcott High School in cooperation with the Crosby High School's Boys Swim Team as three one-man teams for the 2014-2015 school year.
So voted.

Approval for a Wrestling Team:

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to authorize Jordan Ouelette to practice and compete for Wolcott High School in cooperation with the Bristol Eastern High School's Wrestling Team as a one-man team for the 2014-2015 school year. So voted.

Approve a Sport:

Motion by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mr. Buzzelli, to approve a Unified Sports Basketball Team at Wolcott High School. So voted.

Terminate Employment:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mr. Lerz, to terminate employment of employee C.D., a food service worker assigned to Alcott School effective October 3, 2014. 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 Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to take a 5 minute recess at 8:20 p.m., and then go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the employment of a non-certified employee, the performance of a certified teacher, and the contract of the Superintendent of Schools.

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to come out of Executive Session and reconvene the regular meeting at 9:20 p.m. So voted.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:21 p.m. So voted.

Resolution No. 10-27-14: 7180

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – October 27, 2014

RESOLUTION: EXPENDITURES

Resolution from Joseph Macary, Superintendent of Schools, to the Honorable Board of Education of the Town of Wolcott, making recommendation

To approve expenditures in the amount of \$295,611.42 paid on October 28, 2014 for fiscal year 2014-2015.

WOLCOTT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT
SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

October 27, 2014

Two Minute School Highlights:

Alcott:

Frisbie:

Wakelee:

Tyrrell:

Wolcott High:

Curriculum & PD:

As the flu and cold season comes upon us, and with the threat of viral infections, the Wolcott Public Schools is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for all students and staff. Hand sanitizers are located in our cafeterias to help prevent the spread of any virus or germs. We strongly encourage all parents and children to practice good hygiene by regularly washing their hands and avoiding contact as much as possible. Flu shots for children are highly recommended. Thank you.

The Wolcott Board of Education has received the CAFE Board of Distinction Award – Level II. The award is given to districts that are truly exemplary and must demonstrate qualities in five categories: 1) Board Leadership/Student Achievement, 2) Board Member Professional Development, 3) Policy, 4) Communications, and 5) Related Organizational Leadership. The Boards are judged on 34 criteria, and to qualify a Board must fulfill at least 2 indicators in the Level II criteria. The Board has received the Level One award for the past two years in a row, this is the first time in the history of Wolcott, that the BOE has received the “Board of Distinction” Award. Only 13 School Boards in CT have attained this higher standard. Congratulations -- This award is well deserved.

As a safety reminder, Halloween is on Friday, October 31st. Please be cautious driving around town that day as students and their families may be “trick or treating” in your neighborhoods and walking along streets. Be careful of any suspicious individuals and be mindful of our children’s safety.

Next we will have a presentation from:

Mr. David Stankus, our Facilities Director, who will give us an overview of Cenergistics- our energy conservation program in our schools.

Conference Attendance Report October 27, 2014

| DATE | COST | PERSON(S) | SCHOOL/POSITION | SUB | PRESENTER | TITLE | LOCATION |
|----------|----------|----------------------|----------------------|-----|----------------|---|-----------------|
| 10/29/14 | None | Lodi Attalah | Alcott/Para | Yes | PMT Associates | Initial PMT Training | Middletown, Ct |
| 10/30/14 | None | Cristin Buckley | Alcott/Pre-K Teacher | Yes | PMT Associates | Initial PMT Training | Middletown, Ct |
| 11/05/14 | None | Lisa DeSerio | Alcott/SLP | No | PMT Associates | PMT Refresher | Middletown, Ct |
| 11/07/14 | (M) Only | Cristy Bredice | Alcott/Gr 5 Teacher | Yes | PMT Associates | PMT Refresher | Middletown, Ct |
| 11/07/14 | (M) Only | Lorraine Toth | Alcott/Gr 5 Teacher | Yes | PMT Associates | PMT Refresher | Middletown, Ct |
| 11/07/14 | (M) Only | Barb Jackson | Alcott/SPED Teacher | Yes | PMT Associates | PMT Refresher | Middletown, Ct |
| 11/10/14 | None | Mary Devaney | WHS/Spanish Teacher | Yes | ACES | TEAM Reflector Paper Reviewer Training | Hamden, Ct. |
| 11/12/14 | (M) Only | Deb Osvald | WHS/Asst Principal | No | NAEP | NAEP 2015 School Coordinator Training | New Britain, Ct |
| 11/12/14 | None | Andrea Curcio | Alcott/Pre-K Teacher | Yes | ACES | Ct Early Learning Standards | Hamden, Ct. |
| 11/13/14 | None | Cristin Buckley | Alcott/Pre-K Teacher | Yes | ACES | Ct Early Learning Standards | Hamden, Ct. |
| 11/12/14 | \$50.00 | Wendie Rodriguez | CO/Supv of SPED | No | ACES | Early Learning Standards Pre-k | Hamden, Ct. |
| 11/13/14 | (M) Only | John Matthews | WHS/Tech Ed Teacher | Yes | CT SDE | Perkins: New and Updated Policies | Farmington, Ct |
| 11/20/14 | None | Lisa Riggi | WHS/AD & PE Teacher | Yes | CIAC | 2014 CIAC Sportsmanship Conference | Plantsville, Ct |
| 12/03/14 | \$235.00 | Donna Matozzo | Wakelee/Gr 2 Teacher | Yes | BER | Using Guided Math to Help Students Meet & Exceed CCSS | Bristol, Ct |
| 12/03/14 | \$235.00 | Elizabeth Ciarleglio | Wakelee/Gr 2 Teacher | Yes | BER | Using Guided Math to Help Students Meet & Exceed CCSS | Bristol, Ct |
| 12/03/14 | (M) Only | Beverly Polgroszek | TMS/SLP | No | CSDE | 2014-15 CSDE CTAA | Hamden, Ct. |
| 12/03/14 | (M) Only | Bethany Stango | TMS/SPED | No | ACES | 14-15 CSDE CTAA | Hamden, Ct. |
| 12/09/14 | None | Michele Kulmann | Wakelee/SPED Teacher | No | PMT Associates | PMT Refresher | Middletown, Ct |

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| CIAC | Ct Interscholastic Athletic Conference |
| NAEP | Nationals Assessment of Educational Progress |
| BER | Bureau of Education & Research |
| PMT | Physical Management Training |
| CTAA | Connecticut Alternate Assessments |

**Field Trip Report
BOE Meeting 10-27-14**

| Trip ID | Trip Name | Date | School | Trip State | # Students | Trip Destination | Educational Objectives | Contact |
|----------------|---|--------------------------|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------|---|-------------------|
| 457 | Spanish Field Trip | 10/31/2014 8:45:00 AM | TMS | Active | 300 | Starplex Cinema- The Book of Life | The movie will enrich our lessons on the traditional Mexican holiday El dia de los muertos (Day of the dead). | DiDominzio, Laura |
| 458 | 7th Grade Boston Science Museum Field Trip | 11/7/2014 7:00:00 AM | TMS | Active | 200 | Boston Science Museum | Museum exhibits help expose students to topics covered in science class. | Mumley, Joanne |
| 462 | CMEA Southern Region Music Festival Auditions | 11/15/2014 8:00:00 AM | WHS | Active | 20 | Foran High School, Milford, CT | Audition for the CMEA Southern Region Music Festival | solocius, Laura |
| 463 | Christmas Spectacular | 11/14/2014 7:15:00 AM | TMS | Active | 36 | Radio City Music Hall - NYC | Career exploration in field of music and technology. | penta, jan |
| 474 | ECE US History Preserving Our Histories | 11/7/2014 9:00:00 AM | WHS | Active | 31 | Oakville VFW | To participate in ceremony honoring veterans and to interview vets about their experiences. | Nevins, Nancy |
| 480 | Math Team Meet #2 | 11/12/2014 1:30:00 PM | WHS | Active | 25 | Newington High School | Students will be participating in a CT run Math Team Meet against other students in various high schools. | Stabile, Sarah |

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|---------|---|--------------------------|---------|------------|------------|--------------------------------|---|------------------|
| 486 | 6+7 Gr. Band and Chorus to observe Wicked | 11/6/2014 11:00:00 AM | TMS | Active | 150 | Bushnell Theater, Hartford, CT | The students will be observe and experience a professional orchestra and chorus in the theater setting. The students will be studying musical theater and/or orchestration as accompaniment in their band and chorus classes, and they will also be studying a song (TBD) from the musical, tying this field trip into classroom learning. Career exploration in music will also be included. | Jones, Katherine |
| 498 | WES-GR4 Mile Run | 10/28/2014 9:00:00 AM | Wakelee | Active | 40 | WHS Track | Connecticut state fitness test for mile run | skerritt, cindy |
| 499 | Model UN NYC Trip | 10/30/2014 6:45:00 AM | WHS | Active | 80 | Bridgeport Train Station | Preparation for Model United Nations simulation. | Toller, Matthew |
| 502 | Trip to the Library | 11/5/2014 11:00:00 AM | Frisbie | Inactive | 41 | Wolcott Public Library | _to be introduced to the Wolcott Public Library and take out books, in order to develop a lifelong love of books and reading. | Gray, Gail |
| 503 | Broadway trip | 11/12/2014 7:30:00 AM | WHS | Active | 45 | Times square, NY, NY | To study the culture of musical theater by viewing the Broadway musical "Cinderella" | solocius, Laura |

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BOE Meeting 10-27-14**

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|----------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------|---|--------------------|
| 504 | Halloween Safety awareness program | 10/29/2014 9:15:00 AM | WHS | Active | 30 | Wakelee | To impart Halloween safety awareness to first grade students at Wakelee school | fontanella, jill |
| 507 | New Haven Pizza | 10/30/2014 11:45:00 AM | WHS | Inactive | 16 | 747 Wolcott Rd, Wolcott, CT 06716 | Given a menu, students will be able to independently order an item of their choice. Given a budget lesson, students will be able to state how much money it will cost to go to a restaurant for lunch. Given a bill, students will be able to pay for their meal including tax and tip. | Garguilo, Brittany |
| 510 | TMS mile run at WHS track 8th gr | 10/29/2014 9:15:00 AM | TMS | Active | 45 | WHS | The students will complete the mile run at the WHS track for the required CT state physical fitness test. | Krusewski, Theresa |

Fundraiser Report
October 27, 2014

| DATE | SCHOOL | GROUP/PERSON | DESCRIPTION OF FUNDRAISER |
|-----------------|---------|------------------------------|---|
| Oct 30 - Nov 30 | WHS | Student Theater | Sell ads for the fall play program book |
| Nov 19 - Dec 2 | Tyrrell | 8th Grade Washington Trip | Sell pasta, stuffed breads, sauces |

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – October 27, 2014

RESOLUTION: NOMINATION(S)

Resolution from Joseph Macary, Superintendent of Schools, to the Honorable Board of Education of the Town of Wolcott, making recommendation

TO APPOINT THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) AS INDICATED:

1. **Kristin Dolan** in the position of Activities Advisor at Wolcott High School effective immediately;
2. **Carin Grunwald** in the position of 4 hour General Food Service Worker at Wolcott High School effective October 29, 2014.

(See attached)

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – October 27, 2014

RESOLUTION: APPROVE TEACHING A SIXTH CLASS

Resolution from Joseph Macary, Superintendent of Schools, to the Honorable Board of Education of the Town of Wolcott, making recommendation

To approve teaching a 6TH class by the following person(s) as indicated:

Wolcott High School:

Business

Jason Pace & Charlie Guerrero

(See attached)

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – October 27, 2014

RESOLUTION: OUT-OF-STATE FIELD TRIPS

Resolution from Joseph Macary, Superintendent of Schools, to the Honorable Board of Education of the Town of Wolcott, making recommendation

TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING OUT-OF-STATE FIELD TRIPS:

1. Wolcott High School Music Students (45) request permission to go to New York City on November 12, 2014 to see the Broadway play *Cinderella*;
2. Wolcott High School French Students (44) request permission to go to the Winter Carnival, Quebec, Canada from February 13-16, 2015 to expose students to the history and culture of the French-speaking province of Quebec.

(See attached)

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – October 27, 2014

RESOLUTION: APPROVE A CONTRACT

Resolution from Joseph Macary, Superintendent of Schools, to the Honorable Board of Education of the Town of Wolcott, making recommendation

To approve the agreement between the Wolcott Board of Education and Local 1303-370 of CT Council 4 AFSCME, AFL-CIO (Cafeteria Employees), effective July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2017.

(See attached)