

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT**

A meeting of the Board of Education was held on Monday, September 10, 2018, at Tyrrell Middle School. In attendance were: Lori DelBuono Bartlett, Chairman of the Board of Education; Roberta Leonard, Secretary of the Board of Education; Thomas Buzzelli, Christopher Charette, Kathleen Cordone, Paul D'Angelo, Anthony Gugliotti and Kelly Mazza. 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; 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 Wolcott High School; Daniel Caetano, Assistant Principal of Tyrrell Middle School; Shawn Simpson, Principal of Alcott Elementary School; Kimberly Murtaugh, Principal of Frisbie Elementary School; Deborah Osvald, Principal of Wakelee Elementary School; Wayne Natzel, Facilities Director; and Jessica Kenny, Board Clerk.

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 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 Ms. Leonard, seconded by Mr. D'Angelo, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 27, 2018. So voted.

Committee Reports:

Mr. Gugliotti said that the Finance Committee met at 7:02 p.m. and reviewed pending vendor invoices and health claims for August. They conversed about the field use policy 1330, which will be a subject in a future Operation and Programs committee meeting. They also discussed the audit process, which is currently undergoing. Lastly, they were presented with the budget reports and the check registry for review.

APPROVED 

Lori DelBuono Bartlett, Chairman
Wolcott Board of Education

Communications:

Thank you Card from an employee
Letter from a concerned parent

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

Motion: by Mrs. Mazza, seconded by Mr. Charette, to approve the following expenditures:
To approve expenditures in the amount of **\$602,060.15** paid on September 11, 2018 for fiscal year 2018-2019.
To approve the October 2018 payroll expenditures in the amount of **1,600,000.00** for the fiscal year 2018.2019.
So voted.

Superintendent's Report:

Two-minute school highlights were presented by each principal.

Dr. Gasper thanked the staff who have made for another smooth opening to the school year. He spoke of several important facilities projects throughout the district and those completed in time for the opening of school. He went on to speak of the custodial staff and the IT technicians whom all did a wonderful job this summer to help make the opening of school even easier.

The Superintendent went on to explain how hard the teachers have been working the first weeks of school to conduct the usual introductory activities and lessons despite the disruptions in our calendar caused by weather.

Lastly, Dr. Gasper address the need for shortened days of school in the first couple of weeks due to the summer heat. He went on to explain the medical reasons and the air quality in non-air-conditioned spaces.

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

Public Comment:

No one came forward.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:**Resignations:**

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Mr. D'Angelo, to accept the resignation(s) of:

1. **Andrew Gargano** in the position of Physical Education Teacher at Tyrrell Middle School effective October 1, 2018;
2. **Beatrice Irra** in the position of Lunch Aide at Wakelee School effective 2018 – 2019 school year;
3. **Heidi Zavatone-Veth** in the position of Project Director of CASA for the Wolcott Public Schools effective October 5, 2018.

So voted.

Nominations:

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to appoint the individual(s) as indicated:

1. **Roxanne Dance** to the position of Lunch Aide at Wakelee School effective September 11, 2018;
2. **Barbara Shevis** to the position of .45 Math Intervention Teacher at Alcott and Wakelee School effective September 12, 2018;
3. **Kim Tatro-White** to the position of Lunch Aide at Wakelee School effective September 11, 2018;
4. **2018 – 2019 WHS Athletic Volunteer Coach:**
Kelly Gunneson Volleyball
5. **2018 – 2019 TMS Fall Coaches:**
Justin Savarese Baseball
Joseph Murphy Baseball
Robert Moffo Track Head Coach
Alison Artigliere Track Assistant Coach

Approve a Contract:

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to approve a contract for Frank Purcaro in the position of Assistant Superintendent for the Wolcott Public Schools from September 11, 2018 – June 30, 2021.

So voted.

Adopt a New Job Description:

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to adopt the new job description of Assistant Superintendent as presented.

So voted.

Transfer Between Jobs:

Motion: by Ms. Leonard, seconded by Mr. Buzzelli, to approve the following transfer(s) to the position indicated:
Frank Purcaro from the position of Director of Student Learning and Teaching to the position of Assistant Superintendent effective September 11, 2018.
So voted.

Mr. Purcaro came forward and addressed the Board with a sincere Thank you and how lucky he feels to be serving the Wolcott School District as the new Assistant Superintendent.

Out-of-State Conferences:

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to approve the following Out-of-State Conferences:
Aisha Mobley, and Taryn Villano-Corso, who are both School Counselors at Wolcott High School, request permission to attend the Western New England University, School Counselor Appreciation Event in Springfield, MA on November 2, 2018.
Dan Caetano, Joseph Morgan, Deborah Osvald, and Michelle Thies, NEASC Team, requests permission to attend the 2018 CPS Showcase, 12th Annual CPS Showcase of Model School Programs and Promising Practices, being held at the Westford Regency INN in Westford, MA on October 10, 2018.
So voted.

Amend Something Previous Adopted

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Mrs. Mazza, to amend the minutes of the regular Board of Education Meeting of August 13, 2018, page 6 of 6.
So voted.

Time for the Public:

Mr. Thomas Buzzelli of 38 Old New England Road addressed the Board to express how extremely proud he is of the Wolcott School District and how great they did on the Smarter Balance testing.

Items for the Next Agenda:

The next meeting is September 24 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 Ms. Leonard, seconded by Mr. Buzzelli., to adjourn the meeting at
8:06 p.m.
So voted.

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