

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT**

A meeting of the Board of Education was held on Monday, April 24, 2017, 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, Walter Drewry, Interim Principal of Wolcott High School; Bryan MacKay, Assistant Principal of Wolcott High School; Joseph Morgan, Interim 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 Elementary School; Deborah Osvald, Principal of Wakelee Elementary School; Shawn Simpson, Principal of Alcott Elementary School; David Stankus, Facilities Director; Tyrrell Teachers: Paige Cipriano, Stephen Mirto and Christine Romero; and Board Clerk, Joan Gray.

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Mrs. Najarian, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. A moment of silence was observed for John Morgan and Rosemary Flynn.

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

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: by Mrs. Clair, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 27, 2017.

*All Board Members voted "aye", except Mr. Gugliotti, who abstained.
The motion carries.*

Communications:

Invitations to the following events: Super Senior Banquet, WEA's R,R,&R, Spring Sports Banquet, SHAPE Banquets
Rotella Monthly Montage – April 2017
Letter regarding a Board policy

Business Manager's Report:

Budget Transfers:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Clair, to authorize the

transfer of **\$112,966.60** from fiscal year 2016-2017 as presented in the Business Manager's report. So voted

Expenditures:

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

To approve the May 2017 payroll expenditure in the amount of **\$1,360,000.00**.

To approve expenditures in the amount of **\$1,021,226.44** paid on April 24, 2017 for fiscal year 2016-2017.

So voted.

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Mirto introduced his Construction & Engineering Club students, who showed the doll house they designed and constructed. They demonstrated a 3D printer which was used to make furniture for the doll house.

Mrs. Romero introduced her Spanish students who organized a mailorder clothes catalog in Spanish. They designed video ads for their catalog.

Two minute school highlights were presented by each principal. Mr. Hollis updated the Board on activities in the Student Services Department.

Dr. Gasper said that he, the Board Chairman, and Mr. Bendtsen will be presenting the school budget to Town Council. He asked for parents and the community's support of the Board's request of a 1.78% increase for the next year. He also said that later in the meeting the Board would have to take action on a large number of non-renewals for some talented teachers. By state law, these professionals have to be notified by May 1 if there is a possibility their contracts might not be renewed for the next school year. He is hoping that these notices can be rescinded before July 1st with the needed support of the community and the Town Council.

This week is Administrative Professionals Week. Dr. Gasper thanked all the Administrative Assistants, School Secretaries, and Office Coordinators for all their hard work for the District.

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

Public Comment:

No one came forward.

OLD BUSINESS:**Nomination(s) – WHS Fall Coaches:**

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

1. **2017 WHS Fall Coaches** (all returning coaches):

James Crandall	Assistant Football Coach
Chris Hayes	JV Head Football Coach
Jim Pawlak	Freshman Head Football Coach
Robert Stoeckert	Assistant Football Coach
Jill Guerrero	Varsity Cheer
Scott Rossignol	Assistant Cheer
Briana Daniele	Varsity Volleyball
Tyler Meccariello	JV Volleyball
Dale Bartlett	Freshman Volleyball
Chris Riviezzo	Varsity Girls Soccer
Sam Gigliotti	JV Girls Soccer
Bryan Plona	Varsity Boys Soccer
Matt Craig	Varsity Girls & Boys Cross Country

So voted.

NEW BUSINESS:**Resignations:**

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

1. **Inacio Dias** in the position of Co-Assistant Coach of the JV Boys Soccer Team at Wolcott High School effective immediately;
2. **Suzanne Kelly** in the position of Dance Coach at Wolcott High School effective immediately;
3. **Megan Lefevre** in the position of Grade 1 Teacher at Frisbie Elementary School effective at the end of the 2016-2017 school year;
4. **Antony Vaughn** in the position of Co-Assistant Coach of the JV Boys Soccer Team at Wolcott High School effective immediately.

So voted.

Nominations:

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

1. **Walter Drewry** to the position of Principal at Wolcott High School effective on July 1, 2017;
2. **Matthew Hove** to the position of Head Football Coach at Wolcott High School. The start date is to be determined;
3. **Joseph Norcross** to the position of Principal at Tyrrell Middle School effective on July 1, 2017;

4. 2017 Summer Studies Staff:

Paraprofessionals:

Rosanna Ali
Angela Cormier (6 weeks)
Erik DiDomizio
Lynn DiManno
Linda Erami
Anna Famiglietti
Janice Gallegher (6 weeks)
Daphne Guiggio
Cheryl Lago
Kari Langdeau (6 weeks)
Paula Luis
Arlene Mainwaring
Kari Prescott
Carmen Slebonick
Susan Zabbara

Paraprofessionals Substitutes:

Emily Cantor
Tina Ericson
Donna Parazella
Alyssa Burksa

So voted.

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to take a five minute recess to congratulate Mr. Drewry and Mr. Norcross in their new positions.

Mrs. Najarian called the meeting back to order.

Approve a Leave Request:

Motion: by Mr. Gugliotti, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to approve the request from Kelley Brochu, School Counselor at Wolcott High School, for an unpaid leave of absence to begin after the completion of her FMLA leave and run until the end of the first semester of the 2017-2018 school year.
So voted.

Accept a Donation:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to accept the donations from the United Technologies Corporation and Sikorsky Aircraft to the Wolcott High School's Robotics Team for entry fees and related costs associated with their competitions. So voted.

Permission to Dispose of Outdated Media Center Materials:

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

Approve a Graduation Date:

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mrs. Clair, to approve June 20, 2017 as the date for the following graduation ceremonies:
 Tyrrell Middle School at 4:00 p.m., and
 Wolcott High School at 7:00 p.m.
 So voted.

Approve the 2017-2018 Board of Education Meeting Schedule – Initial Vote:

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to approve on initial vote the following 2017-2018 schedule of Board of Education meeting dates:

	<u>FIRST</u>	<u>SECOND</u>
JULY	17 (Monday)	
AUGUST	14 (Monday)	28 (Monday)
SEPTEMBER	11 (Monday)	25 (Monday)
OCTOBER	10 (Tuesday)	23 (Monday)
NOVEMBER	13 (Monday)	27 (Monday)
DECEMBER	11 (Monday)	
JANUARY	8 (Monday-Alcott)	
FEBRUARY	12 (Monday-Frisbie)	
MARCH	12 (Monday-Wakelee)	26 (Monday-WHS)
APRIL	9 (Monday)	
MAY	7 (Monday)	21 (Monday)
JUNE	11 (Monday)	25 (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.

Approve the 2017-2018 School Handbooks – Initial Vote:

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to approve on initial vote the 2017-2018 Handbooks as follows:

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

So voted.

Approve a Contract – NSI:

Motion: by Mr. Gugliotti, seconded by Mr. Buzzelli, to table the resolution to approve a contract with NSI.
*All Board Members voted “aye”, except Mrs. Lumia who voted “nay”.
The motion carries.*

Cancel an Out of State Trip:

Motion: by Mr. Gugliotti, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to cancel the following Board approved out-of-state field trip:
1. Wolcott High School’s Students’ international tour to Germany, Austria and Switzerland scheduled for June 27-July 6, 2017.
So voted.

Approve a Contract – Eversource:

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to award a contract to **Eversource Energy** to provide Gas Service to Tyrrell Middle School.
So voted.

Committee Reports:

Ms. Leonard said that the Operations and Programs Committee met earlier and had a presentation from Mr. Drewry, Mrs. Tansley, and Mr. Simpson on the 2017-2018 School Handbooks. They also discussed recognition of the Cheer Team.

Mrs. Mancini reported that the Finance Committee reviewed pending vendor invoices, budget reports, and a contract with NSI.

Mrs. Lumia, the Chair of the Negotiations Committee, said the Committee has upcoming negotiations scheduled this week with the Cafeteria Workers, Custodians, and Nurses’ unions.

Time for the Public:

Rachel Wisler, 14 Tunxis Road, asked if it would be possible to bring a water line to Tyrrell School when the gasline is installed.

Dr. Gasper mentioned that he had two more acknowledgements to make:

- Mr. Stankus received word that all five of our schools have just received the Energy Star rating, also
- Deborah Osvald has been named Connecticut Association of Schools’ First-Year Principal of the Year Award for 2017-2018.

Items for the Next Agenda:

The next meeting is May 8th and will be at Tyrrell Middle School. The Board’s meeting schedule and the school handbooks will be up for a final vote at that meeting.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to go into Executive Session to discuss confidential personnel matters of certified employees. So voted.

Motion: by Mr. Gugliotti, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to come out of Executive Session and reconvene the regular meeting at 9:25 p.m. So voted.

Authorize the Non-Renewal of Certain Non-Tenured Staff Members:

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to authorize to non-renew the contract of employment for the personnel as presented by the Superintendent upon the end of the 2016-2017 school year, and that the Superintendent is directed to advise such persons in writing of this action. So voted.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: by Mr. Gugliotti, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to adjourn the meeting at 9:32 p.m. So voted.

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