

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

A Board of Education meeting was held on Tuesday, January 13, 2015, at Alcott Elementary 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, Lori DelBuono, and Arthur Lerz Sr., all Board members. Also in attendance: Joseph Macary, Superintendent of Schools; Todd Bendtsen, Business Manager; Joseph Monroe, Principal of Wolcott High School; Walter Drewry, Assistant Principal of Wolcott High School; Deborah Osvald, 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; Joseph Norcross, Principal of Frisbie School; Robert Nagashima, Principal of Wakelee School; Wendie Rodriguez, Supervisor of Special Education; David Stankus, Facilities Director; Leah Ciccone, President of WHS Student Government; and Joan Gray, Board Clerk.

The regular Board meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m., the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: by Mrs. Clair, seconded by Ms. DelBuono, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 8, 2014. So voted.

Communications:

CABE Journal – December 2014
Thank you note – Ms. Schinkel
Christmas card – Print Shop
CABE letter dated December 12, 2014
CABE – 2015 State Agenda brochure
Textbook – Mr. DiLeo

Business Manager's Report:

Expenditures:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Ms. DelBuono, to approve expenditures as follows:
To approve the February 2015 payroll expenditure in the amount of **\$1,500,000.**
To approve expenditures in the amount of **\$847,516.61** paid on January 13, 2015 for fiscal year 2014-2015.
So voted.

Superintendent's Report:

Mrs. Wrenn introduced six students who are finalist in the Grade 4 Invention Convention held at Alcott School. Each student gave a demonstration of his/her winning project.

They were:

Christopher Wrinn – Ouch Band
Logan Crutchfield – Bus Safety Pole
Ethan Robinson – Rake Break
Jenna Marciano – Snack Trio
John Lago – Shoe Dazzlers
Olivia Kiazim – WH₂O

The School Principals gave two minute highlights of activities at their schools.

Starting in January, the Board will be rotating their meetings to visit all five schools. The next meeting will be at Frisbie School on February 9, 2015.

We are conducting pre-registration for 2015-2016 kindergarten students. If your child will be five years old on or before January 1, 2016, please call the Superintendent's Office at 203 879-8183. An information packet will be emailed to you in March.

Student Services is accepting applications for the 2015-2016 Alcott Preschool Program. A lottery will be held in March to determine the preschool enrollment for the 3 year and 4 year old programs. To obtain an application call 203 879-8178.

Late Opening Schedules for the District's Schools are

Wolcott High School	9:00 a.m.
Tyrrell Middle School	9:30 a.m.
Elementary Schools	10:25 a.m.

Wolcott Public School's Ten Year Enrollment Projections were presented by Mr. Macary.

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

Public Comment:

No one came forward

Committee Reports:

Mrs. Gubitosi stated that the Facilities Committee met at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Stankus gave them a report on facilities, Cenergistics, and the School Upgrade Building Committee.

Mrs. Mancini reported the Finance Committee met earlier. Mr. Bendtsen discussed pending invoices, the payroll estimate, budget reports, the internal service report, health claims and the bid for oil and diesel fuel.

Leah Ciccone, President of WHS' Student Government, gave her first report to the Board on the formation of the Student Government and the work being done by the group to formulate new policies. She will be giving the Board a monthly report on the group.

NEW BUSINESS:**Approve – Resignation(s):**

Motion: by Ms. DelBuono, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to accept the resignation of Phyllis Jones from the position of secretary for the Summer Studies Program effective January 1, 2015. So voted.

Approve – Nominations:

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

1. **Andrew Bundock** in the position of Senior Desktop Technician for the Wolcott Public Schools effective January 5, 2015;
2. **David Pelletier** in the position of Freshman Boys Baseball at Wolcott High School for the 2015 spring season;
3. **Erich Urban** in the position of Senior Desktop Technician for the Wolcott Public Schools effective January 5, 2015;
4. **2015 Fall Coaches** at Wolcott High School:

Matthew Craig	Cross Country (Boys and Girls)
Bryan Plona	Varsity Head Boys Soccer Coach
Dan Caetano	Assistant Boys Soccer Coach
Chris Riviezzo	Girls Varsity Soccer Coach
Samantha Gigliotti	Assistant Girls Soccer Coach (JV)
Briana Daniele	Assistant Girls Volleyball (JV)
Dale Bartlett	Assistant Girls Volleyball (Freshman)
Jason Pace	Varsity Head Football Coach
Chris Hayes	Assistant Football Coach (JV)
Steve Jasulavic	Assistant Football Coach

Joe Cornelio	Assistant Football Coach
Jim Pawlak	Freshman Football Coach
Michele Cordeau	Varsity Cheerleading Coach
Ron Cordeau	Assistant Cheerleading Coach
Danielle Maringola	Dance Team Coach
Justin Bolton	Weight Training (Fall)

So voted.

Approve – Leave Request:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Ms. DelBuono, to approve the request of Jenn Mazurek, Social Studies Teacher at Wolcott High School, for an unpaid leave of absence through the first semester of the 2015-2016 school year. The unpaid leave would begin after her 12-week period of FMLA ends. So voted.

Out of State Field Trip(s):

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

1. Wolcott High School's Cheerleaders (17) request permission to participate at the Nationals in Orlando, FL from February 26 to March 2, 2015;
2. Tyrrell Middle School's Grade 6 Project Explore Students (30) request permission to go to the New York Botanical Garden, Bronx, NY, on May 13, 2015 to attend an educational workshop on the role of plants in the water cycle.

So voted.

Out of State Conference(s):

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

Jill Fontanella, School Social Worker, and **Kristin Sweeney-Bizier**, School Psychologist, request permission to attend the workshop entitled "School Mental Health: Treating Students K-12" being held January 30-31, 2015 in Boston, MA by Harvard Medical School's Department of Psychiatry.

So voted.

Accept Grant Award(s):

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Ms. DelBuono, to approve and accept the State of Connecticut Grant for Alcott Elementary School Grade 4 Students to participate with Bucks Hill Elementary School Students in the Indian Rock Nature Center's Science Buddies Program. So voted.

Adopt CT Core State Standards Curriculum – Initial Vote:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mr. Lerz, to adopt on initial vote the following CT Core State Standards Curriculum:
 English Language Arts (Grades K-8)
 Mathematics (Grades K-8)
 So voted.

Approve – Revised Board Policies – Initial Vote:

Motion: by Mrs. Clair, seconded by Mr. Lerz, to adopt on initial vote the following revised Board policies:
 1. Policy 1331 – Community Relations – Smoke Free Environment
 2. Policy 5113 – Students – Attendance/Excuses/Dismissal
 3. Policy 5141.4 – Students – Reporting of Child Abuse & Neglect
 So voted.

Bid Award – Oil:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Ms. DelBuono, to approve the bid and award a contract to Dime Oil Company LLC for #2 Fuel Oil and Diesel in the following amounts:
 #2 Fuel Oil \$.1622 Mark-up (Prepayment Option)
 Diesel \$.1672 Mark-up (Prepayment Option)
 So voted.

Time for the Public:

Theresa Marin, 1147 Wolcott Road, informed the Board that the 4th Annual Project Safe Graduation was in the planning stages. The committee will be meeting Thursday, January 29th at 7:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed.

Kathy Cordone, 80 Old Boundline Road, questioned the Finance Committee’s approval of the contract with Triflection, the District’s technology service provider.

Joseph Macary, Superintendent of Schools for the Town of Wolcott, responded to Mrs. Cordone’s comments about the contract with Triflection.

Items for the Next Agenda:

Final votes on the CT Core State Standards Curriculum and the revised Board policies. Board members can contact the Board of Education Office if you have additional agenda items.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mr. Lerz, to go into Executive Session for the purpose of 1) discussion of two vendor contract issues; 2) a discussion of a confidential student matter which would result in disclosure of information protected by FERPA; and 3) the contract of the Superintendent of Schools.

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to amend the original motion as follows: to go into Executive Session for the purpose of 1) discussion of strategy with respect to pending legal claims to which the Wolcott Board of Education is a party; 2) a discussion of a confidential student matter which would result in disclosure of information protected by FERPA; and 3) the contract of the Superintendent of Schools.
*All Board members present voted "aye" to amend the original motion.
All Board members present voted "aye" on the amended motion.
The amended motion carries.*

Motion: by Ms. DelBuono, seconded by Mr. Lerz, to come out of Executive Session and reconvene the regular meeting at 10:16 p.m. So voted.

ADD TO THE AGENDA:

Authorize the Superintendent:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mr. Lerz, to add to the agenda a resolution authorizing the Superintendent to act on a technology issue.
So voted.

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Ms. DelBuono, to authorize the Superintendent to work with legal counsel to file a claim to assert the Board's legal right regarding a technology contract. So voted.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Mr. Lerz, to adjourn the regular meeting at 10:18 p.m. So voted.