



# OUR FUTURE IS IN CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

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

**WOLCOTT HIGH SCHOOL  
C-140 LECTURE HALL**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT  
March 14, 2016**

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 February 22, 2016
- B. Budget Hearing of February 25, 2016
- C. Expulsion Hearing of March 2, 2016

III. Communications

IV. Business Manager's Report

- A. Expenditures

V. Superintendent's Report

- A. Dr. Gasper's Report
- B. WHS' Discovery Program – Mrs. Osvald

VI. Public Comment

VII. Old Business

VIII. New Business

- A. Resignation(s)
- B. Nomination(s)
- C. Out of State Field Trip(s)
- D. Adopt the 2016-2017 WPS Budget – Initial Vote

- IX. Committee Reports
- X. Time for the Public
- XI. Items for the Next Agenda
- XII. Executive Session  
Recommended Motion: “that the Board go into executive session for discussion of two personnel matters (certified employees).”

ADJOURNMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

- XIII. Action on item XII, if necessary
- XIV. Adjournment

Note:

Finance Committee at 6:30-7:00 p.m. in the Wolcott High School’s Administrative Conference Room: 1) Final review of the 2016-2017 WPS budget & possible recommendation to the full Board for adoption; 2) Expenditures; and 3) Business Manager’s Report.

Tour and reception of the renovated WHS’ Music Suite at 7:00-7:30 p.m.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT**

A regular meeting of the Board of Education was held on Monday, February 22, 2016, at Wakelee Elementary 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 Sr., and Cynthia Mancini, all Board members. Also in attendance: Dr. Anthony Gasper, Superintendent of Schools; Todd Bendtsen, Business Manager; Kevin Hollis, Director of Student Services; Rosa Ramalhete, Supervisor of Special Education; Joseph Monroe, Principal of Wolcott High School; Walter Drewry, Assistant Principal of Wolcott High School; Arline Tansley, Principal of Tyrrell Middle School; Daniel Caetano, Assistant Principal of Tyrrell Middle School; Shawn Simpson, Principal of Alcott School; Joseph Norcross, Principal of Frisbie School; Robert Nagashima, Principal of Wakelee School; Jason Fontaine, Music Teacher at Wakelee School; and Joan Gray, Board Clerk.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mrs. Najarian, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

**Approval of Minutes:**

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to approve the minutes of the special meeting of February 9, 2016. So voted.

**Communications:**

None

**Business Manager's Report:**

**Budget Transfers:**

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Lumia, to authorize the transfer of \$46,443.37 presented in the Business Manager's report. So voted.

**Expenditures:**

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Lumia, to approve expenditures in the amount of \$219,594.26 paid on February 23, 2016 for fiscal year 2015-2016. So voted.

**Superintendent's Report:**

CABE Board of Directors' member, Ms. Elizabeth Brown presented the Wolcott Board of Education with a Communications Award for the Wolcott High School 2015-2016 Student Handbook.

The School Principals gave two minute reports on the activities at their schools. Mr. Hollis reported on his department of Student Services.

The Board of Education will be rotating their meeting schedule to visit all five schools. The next meeting is March 14<sup>th</sup> at Wolcott High School.

If you have a child who will be five year old on or before January 1, 2017, please contact the Superintendent's office at 203 879-8183 to pre-register your child for kindergarten.

The Department of Student Services is accepting applications for the Alcott Preschool Program for 2016-2017. The deadline to apply is March 7<sup>th</sup>. A lottery will determine the enrollment for the 3 and 4 year old programs. Contact Student Services at 203 879-8178.

Mr. Fontaine and the Wakelee Choral Ensemble performed for the Board of Education.

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

**Public Comment:**

No one came forward.

**Committee Reports:**

Mrs. Gubitosi reported that the Facilities Committee met at 6:30 p.m. and received an update from Mr. Stankus on projects and facilities in the District.

Mrs. Mancini said that the Finance Committee met earlier. Mr. Bendtsen reported on pending invoices, budget reports, transfers, the Olga Krasnovsky scholarship, and the status of the 2016-2017 budget.

Mrs. Lumia said the Negotiations Committee is in ongoing negotiations with the Para and School Secretaries unions.

**OLD BUSINESS:****Adopt the 2016-2017 School Calendar – Final Vote:**

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to approve on final vote the 2016-2017 school calendar as presented. So voted.

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

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

1. **Jessica Bonacassio** in the position of P.M. Latchkey Instructor at Wakelee Elementary School effective on February 19, 2016;
2. **Briana Daniele** in the position of Assistant Volleyball Coach at Wolcott High School effective immediately.

So voted.

**Approve – Out of State Field Trips:**

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to approve the following out-of- state field trip:

1. Wolcott High School's Golf Team (9) requests permission to go to Queenstown, Maryland for spring training at a professional golf course from May 30 to June 1, 2016.

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.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8.06 p.m. So voted.

Note: A videotape of this meeting in its entirety can be viewed on the WLCT96 site on the Town of Wolcott's website, [www.wolcottct.org](http://www.wolcottct.org).

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

A Budget Hearing of the Board of Education was held at Tyrrell Middle School on Thursday, February 25, 2016. Present 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, Arthur Lerz, and Cynthia Mancini, all Board Members. Also in attendance were: Dr. Anthony Gasper, Superintendent of Schools; Todd Bendtsen, Business Manager; Joseph Monroe, Principal of Wolcott High School; Deborah Osvald, 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 School; Shawn Simpson, Principal of Alcott School; Kevin Hollis, Student Services Director; and Joan Gray, Board Clerk.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Dr. Gasper, Superintendent of Schools, gave a presentation on the proposed 2016-2017 Wolcott Public Schools' Budget.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

No one came forward.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion:           by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to adjourn at  
7:25 p.m. So voted.

**Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – March 14, 2016**

**RESOLUTION:                   EXPENDITURES**

**Resolution** from Dr. Anthony Gasper, Superintendent of Schools, to the Honorable Board of Education of the Town of Wolcott, making recommendation

To approve the April 2016 payroll expenditure in the amount of **\$1,400,000.**

To approve expenditures in the amount of **\$875,537.87** paid on March 15, 2016 for fiscal year 2015-2016.

WOLCOTT PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT  
SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

March 14, 2016

Two Minute School Highlights:

Alcott:

Frisbie:

Wakelee:

Tyrrell:

Wolcott High:

Student Learning & Teaching:

The statewide administration of the SAT took place on March 2, 2016. Thanks to the hard work of the school administration, teachers, and Mr. Purcaro this complex undertaking went off smoothly and with minimal disruption to the school day. Parents have received a letter from the WHS School Counseling Department explaining their options regarding using these scores for college-entrance purposes.

Our pilot project of new mathematics resources is underway in grades Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup>. A total of twenty-four teachers are using the pilot materials in their classroom during four weeks of instruction. A total of five titles are being piloted: in grades K-5, Bridges published by the Math Learning Center and in grades K-8 Envisions by Pearson and Go Math by Houghton-Mifflin. All of the series were chosen because they are likely to tie in well with our recently-revised curriculum documents and also for having substantial online resources for teachers and students. I would like to thank the teachers who have volunteered for this important project and for the additional effort that they are dedicating. A final recommendation for selection will be brought to the Board of Education in the month of April.

Kindergarten registration materials have been mailed and e-mailed to those parents who have already contacted the Board of Education. Parents who have access to the internet at home are strongly recommended to use the e-mail message to complete the necessary forms online. This will speed the process for parents and streamline operations for the school system. Parents who may not have access to the internet may complete the paper forms and bring them with them when they attend their appointment at their school.



The Wolcott Kindergarten Staff will be presenting Orientation Sessions for parents/guardians of preschoolers scheduled to begin Kindergarten during the 2016-2017 school year on the following dates:

Alcott School on Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>  
Frisbie School on Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup>  
Wakelee School on Wednesday, March 30<sup>th</sup>

All presentations will be held at 6:30 p.m. Parents are welcome to attend any of these presentations. They will be identical in content. Any child residing in Wolcott who will be five years old on or before January 1, 2017 should be registered. Please RSVP at the site you will attend as soon as possible.

Tonight's, presentation is by Mrs. Osvald, who is going to report on WHS' Discovery Program. If you would like to see a Student interview about the Discovery Program, please click on the attached YouTube video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=agpMsX4iAuw>

## Conference Attendance Report March 14, 2016

DATE	COST	PERSON(S)	SCHOOL/POSITION	SUB	PRESENTER	TITLE	LOCATION
03/16/16	(M) Only	Anthony Mancini	Alcott/Gr 1 Teacher	Yes	Samuel Staples School	HOT Schools Leadership Conf	Easton, Ct
03/16/16	(M) Only	Andrea Curcio	Alcott/Pre-K Teacher	Yes	Samuel Staples School	HOT Schools Leadership Conf	Easton, Ct
03/16/16	(M) Only	Nancy Warzecha	Alcott & Frisbie/Tech Teacher	Yes	Samuel Staples School	HOT Schools Leadership Conf	Easton, Ct
03/16/16	(M) Only	Erik Chupron	Alcott/PE Teacher	Yes	Samuel Staples School	HOT Schools Leadership Conf	Easton, Ct
03/18/16	\$80 + (M)	Alyssa Giedra	WHS/School Counselor	No	Ct School Counselor Assoc	CSCA Annual Conference 2016	New Haven, Ct
03/18/16	\$80 + (M)	Kelley Brochu	WHS/School Counselor	No	Ct School Counselor Assoc	CSCA Annual Conference 2016	New Haven, Ct
03/18/16	\$80 + (M)	Aisha Mobley	WHS/Director of School Counseling	No	Ct School Counselor Assoc	CSCA Annual Conference 2016	New Haven, Ct
03/22/16	\$20 + (M)	Brittany Garguilo	WHS/SPED Teacher	Yes	SERC	Understanding Transition from School to Adulthood for Students with Autism	Middletown, Ct
03/24/16	\$15.00	Matthew Toller	WHS/Soc Studies Teacher	Yes	CSDE & CT Council for Social Studies	The Frameworks, Inquiry Instruction & Assessment	New Britain, Ct
03/24/16	\$15.00	Joe Morgan	WHS/Soc Studies Teacher	Yes	CSDE & CT Council for Social Studies	The Frameworks, Inquiry Instruction & Assessment	New Britain, Ct
04/08/16	\$85 + (M)	Charles Guerrero	WHS/Business Ed Teacher	Yes	CREC	Teaching Financial Literacy	Southbury, Ct
04/26/16	\$239.00	Sarah Stabile	WHS/Math Teacher	Yes	BER	"FLIP" your Math Instruction	Bristol, Ct
04/28/16	None	Aisha Mobley	WHS/Director of School Counseling	No	Lincoln College	Annual Spring School Partners Luncheon	Southington, Ct
04/29/16	None	Joanne Mumley	TMS/Gr 7 ELA Teacher	Yes	ACES	TEAM Mentor Update	Hamden, Ct
04/29/16	None	Eileen Simon	TMS/Gr 7 ELA Teacher	Yes	ACES	TEAM Mentor Update	Hamden, Ct

HOT	Higher Order Thinking
CSCA	Ct School Counselors Association
SERC	State Education Resource Center
BER	Bureau of Education & Research

Field Trip Chart  
BOE Meeting 3-14-16

ID	Trip	Date	# Students	Trip Destination	Educational Objectives	Contact Name
784	Math Team Meet #6	03/16/16	20	Suffield High School	To complete in CAML with students from all over the state and to increase knowledge in specific math content areas	Stabile, Sarah
794	AP Psychology/Drama Students Curious Incident	03/23/16	41	Barrymore Theater 243 West 47th St, NY, NY	This Tony Award winning play places the audience inside the mind of an autistic boy. Students will increase their awareness and understanding of autistic spectrum disorders.	Thies, Michelle
840	Math-terpiece!	03/18/16	75	New Britain Museum of American Art	The tour focuses on how artists use math in many ways (pattern, symmetry, perspective, problem solving and formula making for complex sculptural installations, etc.) to create their work. We rely upon the CCSS Standards for Mathematical Practice to inform both the tour and the related art activity, which we've affectionately nicknamed "Math Selfies." Students use a gridded mirror (it has the coordinate plane superimposed upon it) to literally "plot" out their faces, while following the same formula of facial proportions that the earliest American portrait makers would have used. It's a fun project that opens their minds to how math truly can be used to make art.	Stabile, Sarah
852	Gr. 7 Project Explore-Visual Thinking Strategies	03/22/16	30	Mattatuck Museum, Waterbury, CT	Participate in a workshop with the staff of Mattatuck Museum to utilize visual thinking strategies--focusing on inferencing/learning to use what they already know to figure out what they don't so they are then prepared to explore other complex subject matter alone and with peers.	Conway, Pamela

Field Trip Chart  
BOE Meeting 3-14-16

ID	Trip	Date	# Students	Trip Destination	Educational Objectives	Contact Name
883	TMS 8th Grade Band to WHS	03/23/16	18	Wolcott High School	To bridge the gap between Middle and High school Band. This trip will serve to foster better recruitment, retention and growth of the instrumental music program in Wolcott Public Schools. The TMS Band will be rehearsing with the WHS band, and will be performing in the WHS spring concert.	Regimbald, Jeremiah
884	Walmart and Panera Bread	03/15/16	30	Walmart Panera Bread Wolcott St, Wtby. CT 06705	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•The students will be ordering their own menu item from Panera bread. They are working on choosing their item to order and the students came up with a budget of \$15.00. They will be bringing change home!</li> <li>•The students doing a scavenger hunt at Walmart! Students will research items online and assist in the scavenger hunt. Some students may wish to purchase items.</li> </ul>	Garguilo, Brittany
891	Criminology	03/23/16	25	Waterbury Police Station	Students will be taken through the arrest process and booking process. Also a chance to speak to the police officers.	Coppola, Sal
894	Retail Stores Mall Trip	03/18/16	40	Westfarms Mall New Britain Ave. West Hartford, CT 06110	Evaluate marketing retail selling techniques in real world setting.	Pace, Jason
899	Chemistry Olympiad	03/17/16	15	Quinnipiac University	Students will compete in the local exam of the National Chemistry Olympiad	Mascolo, Cynthia
900	IRISS Trip to Burr School	03/24/16	17	Burr School, Hartford	IRISS Grant activity	Bartz, Marie

**Fundraiser Report  
March 14, 2016**

DATE	SCHOOL	GROUP/PERSON	DESCRIPTION OF FUNDRAISER
Mar to Apr	WHS	Skills USA	Sell shaped crayons
Mar to Apr	WHS	Student Theater	Sell signs to advertise "Into the Woods"
Mar 21 to Apr 1	Wakelee	Blue Ribbon Committee	Sell Wakelee spiritwear
Mar 25	WHS	Diamond Club	Pail shake at IGAs
Apr	WHS	Student Theater	Sell tickets to "Into the Woods"
Apr Sat/Sun	WHS	Student Theater	Collect donations at Pats, Walshs, Rite Aid, Bill & Sams
Apr & May	WHS	Diamond Club	Sell clothing
Apr1-29	Tyrrell	Student Council	Sell blue ribbons
Apr 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	WHS	Community Service Club	Laps around the track (25 cents/lap) in support of Juvenile Diabetes
Apr 2	WHS	Diamond Club	Pail shake at Stop & Shop
Apr 4-8	Frisbie	Flyers	Sell scented pens, pencils, frisbees, & cards
Apr 9	District Elementaries	Project Explore	Pancakes for Parkinsons @LaFortuna
Apr 13	WHS	Diamond Club	Sell tickets to a ziti dinner @ East St Eatery
Apr 29 to May 1	WHS	Student Theater	Concessions at musical
May 1	WHS	Strength & Gridiron	Golf Tournament @ Farmingbury
May 28-29	Frisbie	Flyers	Baked good sale and pail shake @ Stop & Shop, Cheshire

**Special Meeting of the Board of Education – March 14, 2016**

**RESOLUTION:                    RESIGNATION(S)**

**Resolution** from Dr. Anthony Gasper, Superintendent of Schools, to the Honorable Board of Education of the Town of Wolcott, making recommendation

**TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION(S) OF:**

1. **Richard Bonczek** in the position of Mathematics Teacher at Wolcott High School for the purpose of retirement effective at the end of the 2015-2016 school year;
2. **Christine Fitzpatrick** in the position of Paraprofessional at Tyrrell Middle School for the purpose of retirement effective at the end of the 2015-2016 school year;
3. **Gary Jayson** in the position of Mathematics Teacher at Wolcott High School for the purpose of retirement effective at the end of the 2015-2016 school year.

(See attached)

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – March 14, 2016

RESOLUTION: NOMINATION(S)

Resolution from Dr. Anthony Gasper, 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. 2016-2017 WHS Winter Coaches:

Boys Basketball	Varsity	Matthew Craig
	Asst. Varsity (JV)	Martin Dituccio
	Asst. Varsity (FR.)	James Maisto
Cheerleading	Varsity	Jillian Guerrera (Head Coach)
	Asst. Varsity	Scott Rossignol (Asst. Coach)
Girls Basketball	Varsity	Jessica Geddes
	Asst. Varsity (JV)	Nicole Rindos
	Asst. Varsity (FR.)	Bruce Neville
Indoor Track	Varsity	Rebecca Riviezzo
	Asst. Varsity	Chris Riviezzo
	Asst. Varsity	Samantha Barrett
Dance Team	Varsity	Danielle Maringola
Strength & Conditioning		Justin Bolton
Weight Lifting		Jason Pace

2. 2016 WHS Spring Sports Volunteers:

Boys/Girls Tennis	Brandon Cepelak
Varsity Baseball	Charles Guerrera
	Don Angiolillo
	Ronald Gambino
Freshman Baseball	John Kiely
	James Maisto
Varsity Softball	Shelby Slie

(See attached)

**Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – March 14, 2016**

**RESOLUTION: OUT-OF-STATE FIELD TRIPS**

**Resolution** from Dr. Anthony Gasper, Superintendent of Schools, to the Honorable Board of Education of the Town of Wolcott, making recommendation

**TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING OUT-OF-STATE FIELD TRIP:**

1. **Wolcott High School's Grade 11 English Classes (40-50) request permission to go to New York City on April 13, 2016 to see the production of *The Crucible*.**
2. **Wolcott High School's National Honor Society (50) requests permission to go to Boston, MA on May 3, 2016 for a group problem-solving experience at *Escape the Room*.**
3. **Tyrrell Middle School's 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Students (20) request permission to travel to the Florida Keys/Everglades to study the relationships between organisms and their environment. The trip is from June 23-27, 2017.**

(See attached)



**Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – March 14, 2016**

**RESOLUTION: ADOPT 2016-2017 WOLCOTT PUBLIC SCHOOLS' BUDGET**

**Resolution** from Dr. Anthony Gasper, Superintendent of Schools, to the Honorable Board of Education of the Town of Wolcott, making recommendation

**To adopt on initial vote the 2016-2017 Fiscal Year Wolcott Public Schools' Budget in the amount of \$33,768,882.**

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

March 14, 2016

Minutes:

Finance Committee Meeting of February 25, 2016

WOLCOTT PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
WOLCOTT, CT

FINANCE COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 25, 2016

A meeting of the Wolcott Public Schools Finance Committee was held at Tyrrell Middle School on Thursday, February 25, 2016. Present Cynthia Mancini, Chairman of the Finance Committee; Patricia Najarian, Chairman of the Board; Gloria Gubitosi, Vice Chairman of the Board; Thomas Buzzelli, Gloria Clair, Anthony Gugliotti, and Arthur Lerz, all Board members. Also in attendance: Dr. Anthony Gasper, Superintendent of Schools; and Todd Bendtsen, Business Manager.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mrs. Mancini.

The Committee discussed various items in the budget and reviewed questions from workshop meetings.

Board member, Kimberly Lumia, joined the Committee meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Motion:       by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Mr. Lerz, to recess the meeting to participate in the public hearing on the budget starting at 7:00 p.m. in the Large Group Instruction Room. So voted.

Mrs. Mancini reconvened the Finance Committee meeting at 7:35 p.m.

The Committee further discussed the budget line item on modest tuition reimbursement and its particulars.

Motion:       by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m.