

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

A Board of Education meeting was held on Monday, October 27, 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, Arthur Lerz Sr. and Kimberly Lumia, all Board members. Also in attendance: Joseph Macary, Superintendent of Schools; Todd Bendtsen, Business Manager; 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; Joseph Norcross, Principal of Frisbie School; Melissa Iles, Director of Student Services; Wendie Rodriguez, Supervisor of Special Education; David Stankus, Facilities Director; and Joan Gray, Board Clerk.

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

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

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 14, 2014. So voted.

Communications:

CABE Delegate Assembly Booklet
A letter from Mr. Jannetty Sr.
Eighth Grade Curriculum & Activities Night invitation
A letter from Ms. Hubeny

Business Manager's Report:

Expenditures:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Clair, to approve expenditures as follows:

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

Superintendent's Report:

The School Principals reported on the activities at their schools. Mr. Purcaro reported on curriculum and professional staff development.

The Superintendent reminded parents and guardians that flu and cold season is here, and precautions need to be taken to prevent the spread of any virus or germs. Flu shots are highly recommended.

The Wolcott Board of Education has received the CAFE Board of Distinction Award – Level II. The Boards were judged on 34 criteria, and to qualify for Level II distinction additional indicators. The Board has received the Level I award for the past two years. Wolcott is one of only 13 School Boards in CT to attain this higher standard.

Halloween is Friday night. Please be careful and mindful of the students and their families out trick or treating.

Mr. Stankus gave the Board an overview of our District's energy conservation program, Cenergistics. He hopes by the end of the 2014-2015 school year to be able to announce that the District has had an energy savings of \$1 million since inception of the program three years ago.

Motion: by Mrs. Clair, seconded by Ms. DelBuono, 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, budget reports, October insurance claims, and substitute employees' wages were discussed.

Mrs. Lumia said the Negotiation Committee met on October 22nd and discussed the 2014-2015 contract negotiations.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Approve – Nominations:

- Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, 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.
- So voted.

Permission to Teach a Sixth Class:

- Motion: by Ms. DelBuono, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to approve teaching a 6th class by the following person(s) as indicated:
- Wolcott High School:
- Business Jason Pace & Charlie Guerrera
- So voted.

Out of State Field Trips:

- Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Ms. DelBuono, 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.
- So voted.

Approve a Union Contract:

- Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Mrs. Lumia, to table to Executive Session 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.
- So voted.

ADD TO THE AGENDA:

Approve a Nomination:

- Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Mr. Buzzelli, to add to the agenda to approve the nomination of a Reading Consultant for Tyrrell Middle School. So voted.

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

1. **Karen LeBlanc** in the position of Reading Consultant at Tyrrell Middle School effective December 1, 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 Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to take a 5 minute recess at 8:05 p.m., and then 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.

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Ms. DelBuono, to come out of Executive Session and reconvene the regular meeting at 9:15 p.m. So voted.

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ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Mrs. Lumia, to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:16 p.m. So voted.