



# OUR FUTURE IS IN CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

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

**TYRRELL MIDDLE SCHOOL  
LARGE GROUP INSTRUCTION ROOM**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT  
November 26, 2018**

**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 November 13, 2018**

**III. Committee Reports**

**IV. Communications**

**V. Business Manager's Report**

**A. Expenditures**

**VI. Superintendent's Report**

**A. Workshop**

**1. iLeap - "Sweets & a Smile" - Mr. Purcaro, Mr. Hollis, Mr. Norcross,  
Mrs. Stango and Mrs. Conway**

**VII. Public Comment**

**VIII. Old Business**

**A. Adopt Curriculum Revisions - Final Vote**

**IX. New Business**

**A. Nominations**

**B. Consent Agenda**

1. Transfers
2. Resignation(s)
3. Out of State Conference(s)

X. Time for the Public

XI. Items for the Next Agenda

XII. Adjournment

**Note:**

**Facilities Committee at 6:30 p.m. in the Tyrrell Middle School Library:**

1. Review Additional Method for Consolidation of Schools
2. Wolcott High School Locker Room Improvements
3. Time for the Public

**Finance Committee at 7:00 p.m. in the Tyrrell Middle School Library:**

1. Business Manager's Report
2. Expenditures
3. Time for the Public

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT**

A meeting of the Board of Education was held on Tuesday, November 13, 2018, at Tyrrell Middle School. In attendance were: Lori DelBuono Bartlett, Chairman of the Board of Education; Cynthia Mancini, Vice 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, all board members. Also in attendance: Dr. Anthony Gasper, Superintendent of Schools; Todd Bendtsen, Business Manager; Frank Purcaro, Assistant Superintendent; 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 Tyrrell Middle 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 7:30 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 Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mr. D'Angelo, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 22, 2018. So voted.

                      by Mrs. Mazza, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to approve the minutes of the special meeting of November 01, 2018. So voted

**Committee Reports:**

Ms. Leonard said that the Operations and Programs Committee met on November 5, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. and went over implementation, planning, and student discovery of each curriculum. They also discussed the out of town field trips, and Chris Lagasse, a senior at Wolcott High School, presented a plan for a possible World Language curriculum for elementary students in Wolcott.

Mrs. Mancini said the Finance Committee met at 7:00 p.m. and reviewed pending vendor invoices and high variable accounts. They also discussed October's health claims and reviewed the Internal Services Report. Lastly, they discussed the Diesel and Oil bid.

Mr. Buzzelli stated that the Facilities Committee met at 6:30 and had a discussion of the closing of state projects and the bids for the razing of the Smyth House.

Mr. Gugliotti spoke of the Building Committee meeting that was held on October 29, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. and the discussion of moving the business office upstairs at Central Office. He also said that they will be talking to the Town Council about the project on Tuesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Communications:**

Thank you card from a former staff member's family.

Rotella Monthly Montage

Invite to the WHS Fall Sports Banquet

Invite to Wakelee Schools Thanksgiving Feast

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

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

To approve expenditures in the amount of **\$807,043.15** paid on November 14, 2018 for fiscal year 2018-2019;

To approve the December 2018 payroll expenditures in the amount of **\$1,550,000** for fiscal year 2018-2019.

So voted.

**Superintendent's Report:**

The School Principals gave two-minute school highlights, and Mr. Hollis gave an update on Student Services.

Dr. Gasper reported that it has been a tumultuous two weeks for many students, staff, administrators and the Board of Education. He stated that he is thankful for the support of the Board and especially for the many in-person comments, emails, phone calls, hand written letters, and social media posts of support. The superintendent also pointed out that they know there are many who still disagree with the decision to forfeit a game, but he

will continue to commit to support school athletics and all that they can do to teach dedication, interdependence, and character.

The superintendent went on to offer his sincere appreciation for the staff and students across our school district for the way in which they honored and thanked Wolcott's veterans on Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup>.

Lastly, Dr. Gasper stated that the days are growing colder and the forecast looks ominous, he encouraged all families to verify with school secretaries that the correct contact information is in our School Messenger system. He also reminded families that this year the Board has provided up to twelve snow days to be added onto the end of the school year. If we have more than twelve cancellations, we will need to take days away from April vacation – starting with Thursday and working backwards from there.

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

**Public Comment:**

No one came forward.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Bid Award(s)**

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mr. Gugliotti, to approve the bid and award a contract at a time to be determined to Dime Oil Co LLC for #2 Fuel Oil and Diesel in the following amounts:

#2 Fuel Oil	\$0.1322	Mark-up (Prepayment Option)
Diesel	\$0.1397	Mark-up (Prepayment Option)

So voted.

**Adopt Curriculum Revisions-Initial vote:**

Motion: by Mrs. Mazza, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to adopt on initial vote the following curriculum revision for Wolcott Public Schools as presented during the Operations and Programs Committee Meeting:

- Elementary Art Part 1
- Middle School Science, Grades 6, 7, and 8
- High School English:
  - Film and Literature
  - Multicultural Literature
  - Short Fiction
- High School Science:

- Civics Part 1 – Grade 10
- Global Studies Part 1 – Grade 9
- High School Electives:
  - Capstone
  - Entrepreneurship
  - Nursing Assistant
  - PE – Unified

So voted.

**Closing Out State Projects:**

Motion: by Mr. Charette, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to approve and accept the closing out of the Wolcott Public School State Projects as follows:

1. To approve and accept as completed the closeout of the Wolcott High School Window Project, State Project Number 166-0057 with a final project cost of \$817,302.59,
2. To approve and accept as completed the closeout of the Alcott School Window Project, State Project Number 166-0061 with a final project cost of \$474,898.35,
3. To approve and accept as completed the closeout of the Wakelee School Window Project, State Project Number 166-0067 with a final project cost of \$24,038.19,
4. To approve and accept as completed the closeout of the Wolcott High School Chemistry Science Lab, State Project Number 166-0069 with a final Project cost of \$114,010.70,
5. To approve and accept as completed the closeout of the Wolcott High School Physics Lab, state project Number 166-0070 with a final project cost of \$82,8639.01.

So voted.

**Consent Agenda:**

Motion: by Mr. Gugliotti, seconded by Ms. Leonard to make Item #2 on the consent agenda a separate item to go into executive session.

So voted.

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented:

**1. Resignations:**

- a) **Patricia Cijunskas** in the position of Paraprofessional at Tyrrell Middle School effective January 1, 2018;
- b) **Matthew Hove** in the position of Wolcott High School Head Football Coach effective the conclusion of the 2018 season.

**2. WHS Boys Swim Program:**

- a) To authorize Brandon Casanova (WHS) and Nicholas DePaola (WAMS) to practice and compete for Wolcott High School on cooperation with the Wilby High School's Boys Swim Team as two one-man teams for the 2018-2019 school year.

**3. Accept a Donation:**

- a) Wakelee School requests that the Board accepts a donation from the American Legion of Wireless Audio System to be used for speeches and presentations at the school.

**4. Permission to Dispose of Equipment**

- a) To give Wolcott High School permission to dispose of the following items:
  - o Hewlett Packard color copy machine, Model Number Q5988A, Serial Number CNWHH12672, WHS ID WP03;
  - o Fiction and Non-Fiction books from the Library that fall under the American Library Association Guidelines for book weeding.

**5. Sales & Disposal of Books, Equipment & Supplies**

- a) Student Theater program request permission to sell a golden carriage set piece for \$600 that was purchased last year for \$600 from another drama program.

So voted.

**Time for the Public:**

No one came forward.

**Items for the Next Agenda:**

The next meeting is November 26 and will be at Tyrrell Middle School.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Motion: by Ms. Leonard, seconded by Mr. D'Angelo, to go into Executive Session for the purposes of discussing the performance of a high school certified staff member. So voted.

Motion: by Mr. Gugliotti, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to come out of Executive Session and reconvene the regular meeting at 8:30 p.m. So voted.

**Leave Request:**

Michelle Boulanger, Wellness Teacher at Wolcott High School, request an unpaid leave of absence to begin after the completion of her FMLA leave through the end of 2018-2019 school year.

No one made a motion, the resolution does not pass.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Mr. D'Angelo, to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 p.m.  
So voted.

Note: The Board of Education meetings are videotaped, and as result are available to be viewed on the WLCT96 site on the Town of Wolcott's website, [www.wolcottct.org](http://www.wolcottct.org).



## COMMITTEE REPORTS

November 26, 2018

Facilities Committee – November 13, 2018

Finance Committee – November 26, 2018

**WOLCOTT PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT**

**FACILITIES COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 13, 2018**

A meeting of the Wolcott Public Schools' Facilities Committee was held on Tuesday, November 13, 2018, at Tyrrell Middle School's Library. In attendance were: Thomas Buzzelli, Chair of the Facilities Committee; Lori Delbuono Bartlett, Chairman of the Board; Cynthia Mancini, Vice Chairman of the Board; Christopher Charette, Anthony Gugliotti, Roberta Leonard and Kelly Mazza. Also in attendance: Dr. Anthony Gasper, Superintendent of Schools; Todd Bendtsen, Business Manager; and Wayne Natzel Facilities Director.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mr. Buzzelli.

The committee had a discussion on the closing of State projects – review and recommend passage. They also discussed the 2 bids they received for the Smyth House Razing, one was from Resource Services out of Bridgeport for \$29,500 and the other bid was from Seymour Demolition for \$23,800.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion: by Mr. Charette, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to adjourn the Facilities Committee meeting at 6:50 p.m. So voted.

WOLCOTT PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT

FINANCE COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 13, 2018

A meeting of the Board of Education's Finance Committee was held on Tuesday, November 13, 2018, at Tyrrell Middle School. In attendance were: Lori DelBuono Bartlett, Chairman of the Board of Education; Cynthia Mancini, Vice-Chairman of the Board of Education; Paul D'Angelo, and Anthony Gugliotti. Also in attendance: Dr. Anthony Gasper, Superintendent of Schools and Todd Bendtsen, Business Manager.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mrs. Mancini.

The Finance Committee reviewed pending vendor invoices. They also reviewed the high variable accounts. The Finance Committee discussed the October Health Claims and the Internal Services Report. Lastly, they discussed the Diesel and Oil Bid Strike prices to lock in at.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm. Motion by Paul D'Angelo, seconded by Tony Gugliotti. So voted.

**Resolution No. 11-26-18: 8081**

**Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – November 26, 2018**

**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 expenditures in the amount of \$209,697.21 paid on November 27, 2018 for fiscal year 2018-2019.

**Conference Attendance Report  
November 26, 2018**

DATE	COST	PERSON(S)	SCHOOL/POSITION	SUB	PRESENTER	TITLE	LOCATION
11.29.18	\$125 + (M)	Sarah Malinak	WHS/Teacher	Yes	CREC	Career & Tech Ed State Conf.	Cromwell, CT
12.18-102.19.18	(M) Only	Lisa Goldberg	AES/Teacher	Yes	CSDE	Restorative Practices	Waterbury, CT
12.5-12.6.18	(M) Only	Diane Mango	AES/Teacher	Yes	CSDE	Restorative Practices	Waterbury, CT
12.18-12.19.18	(M) Only	Amanda Brencher	AES/Teacher	Yes	CSDE	Restorative Practices	Waterbury, CT
12.18-12.19.18	(M) Only	Lorraine Pastore	AES/Teacher	Yes	CSDE	Restorative Practices	Waterbury, CT
12.5-12.6.18	(M) Only	Anthony Mancini	AES/Teacher	Yes	CSDE	Restorative Practices	Waterbury, CT
12.5-12.6.18	(M) Only	Jenn Roberts	AES/Teacher	Yes	CSDE	Restorative Practices	Waterbury, CT
12.5-12.6.18	(M) Only	Amanda McLaughlin	FES/Teacher	Yes	CSDE	Restorative Practices	New Britain, CT
4.3.2018	(M) Only	Bryan MacKay	WHS/Asst. Principal	No	CAS/CIAC	Translating the Law of Transgender Students	Cheshire, CT
4.3.2018	(M) Only	Bryan MacKay	WHS/Asst. Principal	No	CAS/CIAC	Unsocial Media: How to Regulate	Cheshire, CT

# Field Trip Report

Wolcott Public Schools

Calendar events from Date : 11/27/2018 - 12/11/2018

Depart Date Time	Return Date Time	Departing Location	Status	Organization	Contact Name
Trip ID	Trip Name	Trip Destination	Trip State	Package Name	Contact Phone
Driver Name(s)					
11/30/2018 1:00:00 PM	11/30/2018 8:30:00 PM	Wolcott High School	Approved	Activity Account	Coppola Salvatore
1575	Model UN - University of Hartford	University of Hartford	Active		2039279744
12/1/2018 8:00:00 AM	12/1/2018 2:30:00 PM	Wolcott High School	Approved	Activity Account	Coppola Salvatore
1576	Model UN - University of Hartford	University of Hartford	Active		2039279744
12/1/2018 9:00:00 AM	12/1/2018 12:00:00 PM	Tyrrell Middle School	Approved	Tyrrell Middle School	Regimbald Jeremiah
1547	Regionals Auditions	Fair Haven School New Haven	Active		8027793835
12/4/2018 6:30:00 PM	12/4/2018 8:00:00 PM	Wolcott High School	Approved	Activity Account	solocius Laura
1566	Farmingbury Women's Club Holiday Party	St. Maria Goretti Church Hall	Active		
12/5/2018 9:30:00 AM	12/5/2018 1:30:00 PM	Tyrrell Middle School	Approved	Project Explore-TMS	Conway Pamela
1552	ELA Grade 6 Honors Theater visit	Hartford Stage, Hartford, CT	Active		2035920568
12/7/2018 4:00:00 PM	12/7/2018 7:00:00 PM	Wolcott High School	Approved	Activity Account	solocius Laura
1565	Mayor's Town Wide Holiday Party	Wolcott Senior Center	Active		
12/11/2018 9:00:00 AM	12/11/2018 12:15:00 PM	Tyrrell Middle School	Approved	Tyrrell Middle School	bstango@wolcottps.org
1569	Holiday Party hosted by National Honor Society	Wolcott High School	Active		Bethany 203-525-3116



**Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – November 26, 2018**

**RESOLUTION: ADOPT CURRICULUM REVISIONS – FINAL VOTE**

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

**To adopt on final vote the following curriculum revision for Wolcott Public Schools as presented during the Operations and Programs Committee Meeting:**

- **Elementary Art Part 1**
- **Middle School Science, Grades 6, 7, and 8**
- **High School English:**
  - **Film and Literature**
  - **Multicultural Literature**
  - **Short Fiction**
- **High School Science:**
  - **Grade 10 Science Biology**
  - **Integrated Science Grade 9**
- **High School Social Studies:**
  - **Civics Part 1 – Grade 10**
  - **Global Studies Part 1 – Grade 9**
- **High School Electives:**
  - **Capstone**
  - **Entrepreneurship**
  - **Nursing Assistant**
  - **PE – Unified Sports**



**Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – November 26, 2018**

**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. **Donna Calabro** to the position of Adult Education Teacher for the District effective November 27, 2018;
2. **Sara Tedesco** to the position of Director of Summer Studies for the District effective November 27, 2018.

(See attached)

**Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – November 26, 2018**

**RESOLUTION:                    CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED:**

**1. Transfers:**

1. **June Fishbein** in the position of Grade 5 Teacher at Wakelee School to the position of Kindergarten Teacher at Alcott School effective November 27, 2018.

**2. Resignation:**

1. **Linda Erami** in the position of Paraprofessional at Frisbie School for the purpose of retirement effective immediately.

**3. Out of State Conferences:**

1. Kristin Ferguson, SHAPE Teacher, Jill Fontanella, School Social Worker and Kristin Sweeney-Bizer, School Psychologist, at Wolcott High School, request permission to attend the Harvard Medical School's, School Mental Health Training Students K-12, at Fairmont Copley Plaza in Boston, MA on January 25 and 26, 2019.

(See attached)