

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT**

A Board of Education meeting was held on Monday, January 11, 2016, at Alcott 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; Shaye Sheehan, Interim 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; Deborah Osvald, 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; David Stankus, Facilities Director; Anthony Mancini and Krista Nori, both Alcott Teachers; 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 regular meeting of December 14, 2015. So voted.

**Communications:**

Thank you note – Mrs. Stevenson  
Holiday card – Latchkey Team  
Letter – Commissioner of Education

**Business Manager's Report:**

**Expenditures:**

Motion:           by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Lumia, to approve the following expenditures:  
To approve the February 2016 payroll expenditure in the amount of **\$1,530,000.00.**  
To approve expenditures in the amount of **\$836,982.08** paid on January 12, 2016 for fiscal year 2015-2016.  
So voted.

**Superintendent's Report:**

The School Principals gave two minute reports on the activities at their schools.

Starting with this meeting, the Board will be rotating their meeting schedule to visit all five schools. The next meeting is February 8<sup>th</sup> at Frisbie Elementary 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.

Just a reminder that our School Late Opening Schedule is as follows:

- Wolcott High School – 9:30 AM
- Tyrrell Middle School – 10:00 AM
- Elementary Schools – 10:55 AM

Alcott teachers Mrs. Nori and Mr. Mancini reported on the Book Buddies Program at Alcott School. It pairs 4<sup>th</sup> grade students with a 1<sup>st</sup> grade student. They meet twice a month to read books and work on book related projects. Alcott 4<sup>th</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> graders talked about how much they enjoyed the program.

Dr. Gasper thanked Shaye Sheehan for her service to the District as the Interim Director of Student Services.

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

**Public Comment:**

No one came forward.

**Committee Reports:**

Mrs. Mancini said that the Finance Committee met earlier and reviewed pending invoices, the Internal Service Report, budget reports, and were notified that the Business Office is reviewing the Administrator's budgets and the Superintendent and Business Manager will be meeting with all Administrators the week of January 25<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Leonard reported that the Operations and Programs meeting met at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Monroe reviewed the additions to the Wolcott High School's Course of Studies Guide; and Mr. Purcaro reported on K-12 Math Curriculum and a resource audit.

Mrs. Lumia spoke about the Negotiations Committees ongoing negotiations with two Unions.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Approve – Resignation(s):**

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

1. **Daniel Goldstone** in the position of Boys and Girls Track Coach at Tyrrell Middle School for the 2016 spring season;
2. **Scott Welton** in the position of Custodian at Wolcott High School effective January 31, 2016.

So voted.

**Approve – Nomination(s):**

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to appoint the following person as indicated:

1. **Anjeza Cukos** to the position of Long Term Substitute Social Studies Teacher at Tyrrell Middle School effective late January 2016;
2. **Briana Danielle** to the position of Assistant Outdoor Track Coach at Wolcott High School for the 2016 Spring Season;
3. **Alyssa Giedra** to the position of National Honor Society Co-Advisor at Wolcott High School effective for the 2015-2016 school year;
4. **Paula Meier** to the position of Custodian 2<sup>nd</sup> Shift at Alcott Elementary School effective January 12, 2016;
5. **Amber Thibeau** to the position of Office Assistant – Part Time (CASA Grant) at Wolcott High School effective January 13, 2016;
6. **John Waitkus** to the position of Interim Math Department Head at Wolcott High School effective for the remainder of the school year;
7. **WHS 2016 Fall Sports Coaches:**

Matthew Craig	Cross Country
Bryan Plona	Boys Head Soccer
Antony Vaughn	Assistant Boys Soccer Co-Coach
Inacio Dias	Assistant Boys Soccer Co-Coach
Chris Riviezzo	Girls Soccer
Samantha Gigliotti	Assistant Girls Soccer
Briana Daniele	Assistant Girls Volleyball (JV)
Dale Bartlett	Assistant Girls Volleyball (Freshman)
Jason Pace	Head Football Coach
Chris Hayes	Assistant Football (JV)
James Crandall	Assistant Football
Joe Cornielo	Assistant Football
Jim Pawlak	Freshman Football (Freshman)
Jill Guerrero	Head Cheerleading Coach

Scott Rossignol                      Assistant Cheerleading  
Danielle Maringola                  Dance Team Coach  
Justin Bolton                          Weight Training (Fall)

So voted.

**Permission to Teach a Sixth Class:**

Motion:            by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to approve teaching a 6<sup>th</sup> class at Wolcott High School by the following person(s) as indicated:

Sara Stabile                      Algebra 1

So voted.

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

Motion:            by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Mrs. Lumia, to approve the following out-of- state field trip:

1. Tyrrell Middle School’s Grade 8 Students (approximately 200) request permission to go to Washington, D.C. from May 30-June 3, 2016 to experience/view topics discussed in Social Studies and ELA classes throughout the course of the school year.

So voted.

**Approve – Out of State Conferences:**

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

1. Wolcott High School’s **Kristin Ferguson**, SHAPE Coordinator, **Jill Fontanella**, Social Worker, and **Kristin Sweeney-Bizier**, School Psychologist, request permission to attend the Harvard Medical School’s Department of Psychology’s conference entitled, “School Mental Health: Treating Students K-12” being held in Boston from January 29-30, 2016.

So voted.

**Permission to Recycle Equipment:**

Motion:            by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to approve the IT Department’s request to recycle the following old and obsolete equipment:

- 4 (approximately 10 years old) televisions
- 30 computer monitors
- 8 broken towers
- 2 obsolete laptops
- 6 broken printers
- 10 old speakers
- 1 old fax machine

- 35 keyboards
  - Assorted cables and wires
- So voted.

**Approve the 2016-2017 Course of Studies Guide – Initial Vote:**

Motion: by Ms. Leonard, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to approve on initial vote the Wolcott High School's Course of Studies Guide 2016-2017.  
So voted.

**Approve a Contract:**

Motion: by Mrs. Leonard, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to approve entering into a contract with the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education (CABE) to provide professional services to the Wolcott Board of Education.  
***The following Board Members voted “aye”: Mrs. Clair, Mrs. Gubitosi, Ms. Leonard, Mrs. Lumia, Mrs. Mancini, and Mrs. Najarian.***  
***The following Board Members voted “no”: Mr. Buzzelli, Mr. Gugliotti, and Mr. Lerz.***  
***The motion carries.***

**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. Lumia, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to go into Executive Session for the discussion of a document exempt from disclosure pursuant to the attorney-client privilege and discussion of an administrative position (non-certified employee). So voted.

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to come out of Executive Session and reconvene the regular meeting at 9:10 p.m. So voted.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Approve – Transfer Between Jobs:**

Motion: by Ms. Leonard, to approve the transfer of a current employee to the position of Data Management System Specialist.  
The motion fails for lack of a second.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:15 p.m. So voted.