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

A regular meeting of the Board of Education was held on Monday, May 23, 2016, at Tyrrell Middle 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, Anthony Gugliotti, Roberta Leonard, Arthur Lerz, and Cynthia Mancini, all Board members. Also in attendance: Dr. Anthony Gasper, Superintendent of Schools, Todd Bendtsen, Business Manager; Frank Purcaro, Director of Student Learning & Teaching; Kevin Hollis, Director of Student Services; 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; Shannon Gomez, Ellen Kasek, and Taylor Palmeri, all Frisbie 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 Ms. Leonard, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to approve the amended minutes of the regular meeting of May 9, 2016. So voted.

Communications:

Thank You Note from Frisbie School
Invitation to Frisbie's Cultural Food Fair

Business Manager's Report:

Budget Transfers:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to authorize the transfer of **\$156,134.10** presented in the Business Manager's report. So voted.

Expenditures:

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

To approve expenditures in the amount of **\$393,230.94** paid on May 24, 2016 for fiscal year 2015-2016. So voted.

Superintendent's Report:

Mrs. Gomez, Mrs. Palmeri, and Mrs. Kasek spoke about Frisbie's One School/One Book Program. The book Charlotte's Web by E.B. White was read by the whole school, and Grade appropriate classroom activities were carried out during the school year.

The Principals gave the Board two minute updates on the events at their schools. Mr. Hollis reported on his area of Student Services.

Alcott, Frisbie and Tyrrell were recognized at a ceremony in Hartford for their success in the Governor's Summer Reading Challenge.

The Wolcott Summer Studies Program begins on June 27th. It will be at Tyrrell and run for five weeks from 8:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Over 500 students will take part this summer.

An "end of the year" survey will be conducted in June. Students, parents, teachers, staff and community members are encouraged to log onto the District website and complete the survey.

Graduation ceremonies are on June 13th. Tyrrell's is at 4:00 p.m. and Wolcott High School is at 7:00 p.m.

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

Public Comment:

No one came forward.

OLD BUSINESS:

Approve the 2016-2017 School Handbooks – Final Vote:

Motion: by Ms. Leonard, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to approve on final vote the 2016-2017 Handbooks as follows:

The Elementary Schools Parents/Guardians Handbook

Tyrrell Middle School Student Handbook

Wolcott High School Student Handbook

So voted.

Approve the 2016-2017 Board of Education Meeting Schedule-Final Vote:

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to approve on final vote the following 2016-2017 schedule of Board of Education meeting dates:

	<u>FIRST</u>	<u>SECOND</u>
JULY	18 (Monday)	
AUGUST	8 (Monday)	22 (Monday)
SEPTEMBER	12 (Monday)	26 (Monday)
OCTOBER	11 (Tuesday)	24 (Monday)
NOVEMBER	14 (Monday)	
DECEMBER	12 (Monday)	
JANUARY	9 (Monday-Alcott)	
FEBRUARY	13 (Monday-Frisbie)	27 (Monday-Wakelee)
MARCH	13 (Monday-WHS)	27 (Monday)
APRIL	24 (Monday)	
MAY	8 (Monday)	22 (Monday)
JUNE	12 (Monday)	26 (Monday)

All Board of Education meetings will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Tyrrell Middle School’s Large Group Instruction Room unless otherwise indicated.

All meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month unless otherwise indicated.

So voted.

Bid Award – Facilities Conditions Assessment:

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Mrs. Lumia, to approve the bid and award a contract to Friar Associates to conduct a facilities conditions assessment for the Wolcott Public Schools in the amount of \$29,500. So voted.

NEW BUSINESS:

Approve – Resignation(s):

- Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mr. Lerz to accept the resignation(s) of:
1. **Jessica Kowalski** in the position of Special Education Paraprofessional at Wakelee Elementary School effective on May 18, 2016;
 2. **Kathleen Synnott** in the position of Grade 3 Teacher at Frisbie Elementary School for the purpose of retirement effective at the end of the 2015-2016 school year;
 3. **Christine Taylor** in the position of Teacher for the 2016 Summer Studies Program effective immediately.

So voted.

Approve – Transfer Between Jobs:

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to approve the following transfers to the positions indicated:

1. **Carolyn Barnet** from the position of Grade 5 Teacher at Wakelee Elementary School to the position of Grade 5 Teacher at Frisbie Elementary School effective August 25, 2016;
 2. **Jennifer Deleo** from the position of 4.0 hour Food Service Worker at Wakelee Elementary School to the position of Food Service Cook at Wakelee Elementary School effective August 23, 2016;
 3. **Deborah Goodman** from the position of School Psychologist at Alcott Elementary School to the position of School Psychologist at Wakelee Elementary School effective August 25, 2016;
 4. **Amanda Gorton** from the position of School Psychologist at Wakelee Elementary School to the position of School Psychologist at Alcott Elementary School effective August 25, 2016;
 5. **Krista Nori** from the position of Grade 4 Teacher at Alcott Elementary School to the position of Grade 5 Teacher at Alcott Elementary School effective August 25, 2016;
 6. **Michelle Walden** from the position of 4.0 hour Food Service Worker at Wolcott High School to the position of 5.0 hour Food Service Worker at Tyrrell Middle School effective August 23, 2016.
- So voted.

Approve – Nominations:

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mr. Lerz, to appoint the following person(s) as indicated:

1. **Martin Dituccio** to the position of Girls Varsity Basketball Coach at Wolcott High School effective for the 2016 Winter Season;
2. **Kathryn Garrigus** to the position of Math Teacher at Wolcott High School effective August 25, 2016 pending certification;
3. **Kelly Gunneson** to the position of Math Teacher at Wolcott High School effective August 25, 2016 pending certification;
4. **2016 Summer Studies Staff:**

Teaching Staff:

Richard Bonczek

Brittany Jenkins

Paraprofessionals:

Rosanna Ali

Gilda Burns

Angela Cormier

Erik DiDomizio

Lynn DiManno

Anna Famiglietti

Janice Gallagher

Justin Hitchcock

Cheryl Lago

Kari Langdeau
Rachel Levesque
Paula Luis
Arlene Mainwaring
Fallon Mesaros
Kari Prescott
Brenda Ruegg
Carmen Slebonick
Patricia Stanco
Susan Zabbara

Paraprofessionals Substitutes:

Emily Cantor
Victoria Guerrero
Jenn Giuggio
Stefanie Maisto
Madison Muccino
Sarah Russolillo

So voted.

Permission to Trade In/Discard Old Equipment:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mr. Lerz, to grant permission for the Facilities Department to
Trade in old snow blowers:
Two Husqvarna's
One Ariens
Discard the following equipment:
Two Husqvarna's snow blowers
One Band Saw

So voted.

Revise the Board of Education's June Meeting Schedule:

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mr. Lerz, to revise the Board of Education's regular meeting schedule as indicated:

- Change the location of the June 6 meeting to Wolcott High School's Auditorium

So voted.

Bid Award - Milk:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to approve the bid and award a contract to Guida Dairy to provide milk to the Wolcott Public Schools with fluctuating prices for the 2016-2017 school year. So voted.

ADD TO THE AGENDA:**Accepting a Donation:**

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Mrs. Lumia, to add to the agenda a resolution to accept a donation of a memorial tree. So voted.

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to accept the donation of a memorial tree to be planted on the grounds of Wolcott High School. So voted.

Committee Reports:

Ms. Leonard stated that the Operations & Programs Committee met at 6:00 p.m. and received a presentation by Mr. Purcaro on the articulated courses at NVCC and an explanation of the high quality schools grant. Mr. Hollis also update them on the WHS Phoenix Program. In addition, Ms. Leonard reported on the meeting of the ACES Governing Board. They discussed International Enrollment Program and the CT Partnership Plan.

Mrs. Gubitosi said that the Facilities Committee received an update from Mr. Stankus on all the school buildings.

Mrs. Mancini reported that the Finance Committee met earlier and discussed pending invoices, the Affordable Care Act, Friar Associates, the milk bid and the favorable review received by our Food Service Department by the Child Nutrition Program.

Time for the Public:

The following people came forward to express their support for the Music Teacher at Tyrrell Middle School:

Richard Giannamore
Jamie Ross
Pasquale Petronia
Zachary Fitzsimons
Lisa Pilarski
Matthew Emerick
Michael Ross
Alexander Forte
Matthew Maglio
Laura Singleton
Zarek Grauer
Zachary Marzucca
Sandy Fitzsimmons
Deborah Pria
Craig Lagasse
Matthew Iasevoli

Chris Lagasse
Brandon LePage
Carter Medina

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 Ms. Leonard, to go into Executive Session for discussion of a non-certified staff member's contract; and an update on pending negotiations (non-certified employees). So voted.

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

The Board Members discussed field trips.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Mr. Lerz, to adjourn the regular meeting at 10:15 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.