

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT**

A meeting of the Board of Education was held on Monday, November 25, 2019, at Tyrrell Middle School. In attendance were: Cynthia Mancini, Chairman of the Board; Paul D'Angelo, Vice Chairman of the Board; Roberta Leonard, Secretary of the Board; Christopher Charette, Kathleen Cordone, Tony Gugliotti, Sean Hughes, Timothy McMurray, and Kelly Mazza, all Board Members. Also in attendance: Dr. Anthony Gasper, Superintendent of Schools, Shawn Simpson, Assistant Superintendent; Todd Bendtsen, Business Manager; Kevin Hollis, Director of Student Services;; 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; Matthew Calabrese, Principal of Alcott Elementary School; Kimberly Murtaugh, Principal of Frisbie Elementary School; Deborah Osvald, 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. Cynthia Mancini, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a moment of silence was held for Mr. Bernard D. Mazza Jr. Mrs. Mancini then read the Wolcott Public Schools' Mission Statement.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. D'Angelo, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 25, 2019.
Aye – 8
Nay – 0
Abstained – 1

Approved:



Cynthia Mancini, Chairman
Wolcott Public Schools

Committee Reports:

A committee of the Whole meeting was held at 6:30, topics included a discussion on Pension Management, the Business Manager's Report, and Expenditures.

Communications:

Letter from a parent;
Invite to WEA Holiday Party

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

Motion: by Mr. Gugliotti, seconded by Mr. Charette, to approve the following expenditures:
To approve expenditures in the amount of **\$787,000.85** paid on December 10, 2019.
To approve the January 2020 payroll expenditures in the amount of **\$1,495,000.00** for fiscal year 2019-2020.
So voted.

Superintendent's Report:

Each Principal from all the schools gave a two-minute highlight on each building. The assistant Superintendent also gave highlights from Teaching and learning and technology.

Mr. Norcross spoke with the board about the beginning findings of working on a new schedule for Tyrrell Middle School. This is in the very early stages and may not be completed until the 2021-2022 school year.

Dr. Gasper spoke of the beginning process of applying for district-wide accreditation for our schools. There was a group of 14 teachers, students, parents, and administrators that gathered to start this process.

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

Public Comment:

No one came forward.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nominations:

Motion: by Mr. Charette, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to appoint the individual(s) as indicated:

1. **Kara Currier** to the position of School Social Worker at Wakelee School effective January 02, 2020.

A roll call was taken.

Name	Yes	No	Abstained
Mr. Charette	1		
Mrs. Cordone	2		
Mr. D'Angelo		1	
Mr. Gugliotti		2	
Mr. Hughes		3	
Ms. Leonard	3		
Mrs. Mazza	4		
Mr. McMurray		4	
Mrs. Mancini	5		

Award A Contract – Principal Financial Advisors, Inc.:

Motion: by Mr. D'Angelo, seconded by Mr. Hughes to award a contract to **Principal Financial Advisors, Inc.**, for Pension Management in the amount of \$22,900 per year and Investment Advisory Services in the amount of .078% of Assets under Management per year.
So voted.

Consent Agenda:

Motion: by Mr. D'Angelo, seconded by Mrs. Mazza, to approve the consent Agenda as presented:

A. Out of State Field Trip(s):

1. To allow Wolcott High School's Nursing and Anatomy classes (40) to visit the Boston Science Museum Body's World in Boston, MA. on December 17, 2019, to learn about the complexity, resilience, and vulnerability of the human body through anatomical studies of the body in distress, disease, and optimal health.
2. To allow Wolcott High School's Robotics Team (20) to attend the Western New England University Robotics Competition in Springfield, MA, from March 20th – March 22nd, 2020.
3. To allow the Wolcott High School's Robotics Team (20) to attend the Eastern State Exposition to compete in the New

- England Championship for Robotics, in West Springfield, MA, from April 8th – April 11th, 2020,
4. To allow the Wolcott High School's Robotics Team (20) to attend the Joe Lewis Arena to compete in the Robotics World Championship, in Detroit, MI, from April 29th – May 2nd, 2020.

Time for the Public:

No one came forward

Items for the Next Agenda:

The next meeting is January 13th and will be at Tyrrell Middle School.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mrs. Mazza, to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m. So voted.

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