

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT**

A special meeting of the Board of Education was held on Monday, August 03, 2020, on Google Meet. 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; Rosa Ramalhete, Supervisor of Student Services; Joseph Morgan, Assistant Principal of Wolcott High School; Dan Caetano, Assistant Principal of Tyrrell Middle School; Deb Osvald, Principal of Wakelee School; Wayne Natzal, Facilities Director; Alex Pagan, Director of Technology, Erich Urban, Senior Desktop Technician; and Jessica Kenny, Board Clerk.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mrs. Cynthia Mancini, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Consent Agenda**

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

**1. Resignations:**

- a. **Satomi Connolly** from the position of Latchkey at Alcott School effective at the end of the 2019-2020 school year.
- b. **Brett DiStatsio** from the position of Special Education Teacher, Soccer and Basketball Coach, and Athletic Director, at Tyrrell Middle School effective July 28, 2020;
- c. **Rhonda Pelletier** from the position of Paraprofessional at Wolcott High School effective immediately;
- d. **Tashua Sotil** from the position of School Psychologist at Tyrrell Middle School effective immediately.

So voted.

APPROVED:



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Cynthia Mancini, BOE Chairman  
Wolcott Public Schools

**Adopt a Policy – One-to-One Chromebooks – Final Vote:**

Motion: by Mr. Gugliotti, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to adopt on Final Vote a Board Policy – One-to-One Chromebook Policy as presented.

Name	Yes	No
Paul D’Angelo		1
Roberta Leonard	1	
Christopher Charette	2	
Kathy Cordone	3	
Tony Gugliotti	4	
Sean Hughes	5	
Timothy McMurray		2
Kelly Mazza	6	
Cynthia Mancini	7	

So voted.

**Discussion on the Role and Value of School Resource Officers:**

The Board had a discussion on the role and value the School Resource Officers play in the Wolcott Public School. A few board members spoke about the how wonderful it is having SRO’s in our schools, working with Wolcott Students. Ms. Leonard spoke of a time that a SRO helped her daughter and how appreciative she was on how well the officer was to her daughter and herself. The Board had wonderful things to say about the SRO’s in the Wolcott Public Schools.

**Discussion on the 2020-2021 School Calendar and format for reopening schools during the COVID-19 Pandemic:**

Mrs. Mancini turned the meeting over to Dr. Gasper who showed a presentation on what for opening the Wolcott Public Schools for the 2020-2021 School Year. During the presentation he showed the revised calendar that he was presenting to the Board in hopes of having them approve it. He suggested, staying in accordance with Governor Lamont’s order of students going to school 177 days, pushing the start of school back to September 8, 2020 with the first 4 days of school being half days and the last day of school going to June 11<sup>th</sup> instead of June 10<sup>th</sup>. The Superintendent also spoke about starting school in a Hybrid Group 1 and Group 2 Schedule. This was original called a Day A/Day B schedule.

**Public Comment:**

Edward Hawthorne, 53 Woodward Drive, stated this was a Robust Plan, he spoke about questions on Teacher’s having to do Double Duty in the Classroom, Live Streaming classes, Substitute Teachers, Shortened days and Isolation Room.

Lori Crono, 53 Nichols Road, her questions were already answered.

Colette Rose, 89 Nichols Road, asked about Teachers doing Double Duty in the classroom.

Kristine Mansino, 35 Manor Lane, asked about the A/B Schedule and if the kids will be learning the same thing as the day before.

Lisa Lawlor, 20 Margaret Terrace, asked when will we know what student falls on an A/B Day, Ventilation in the Schools, and outdoor, mask free time for students.

Melissa Hughes, 106 Hickory Lane, asked about Daycare, if we would be able to have Latchkey all day and would lesson be repeated.

**Amend the 2020-2021 School Calendar:**

Motion: by Mr. D'Angelo, seconded by Mr. Gugliotti, to amend the 2020-2021 Wolcott Public Schools Calendar as presented.  
So voted.

**Format for Reopening Schools during the COVID-19 Pandemic:**

Motion: by Mr. Gugliotti, seconded by Mr. Charette to approve the format for reopening schools during the COVID-19 Pandemic as presented.  
So voted

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Mr. Gugliotti, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. So voted.

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