

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

A Board of Education meeting was held on Monday, August 18, 2014, at Tyrrell Middle School. In attendance were: Patricia Najarian, Chairman of the Board; Gloria Gubitosi, Vice Chairman of the Board; Cynthia Mancini, Secretary of the Board; Thomas Buzzelli, Gloria Clair, Lori DelBuono, Roberta Leonard, and Arthur Lerz Sr., all Board members. Also in attendance: Joseph Macary, Superintendent of Schools; Todd Bendtsen, Business Manager; Frank Purcaro, Director of Curriculum & Professional Development; Joseph Monroe, Principal of Wolcott High School; Walter Drewry, Assistant Principal of Wolcott High School; Arline Tansley, Principal of Tyrrell Middle School; Shawn Simpson, Assistant Principal of Tyrrell Middle School; Wendie Rodriguez, Supervisor of Special Education; David Stankus, the Interim Facilities Director; and Joan Gray, Board Clerk.

The regular Board meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m., the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mrs. Najarian read the Wolcott Public Schools' Mission Statement.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Ms. DelBuono, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 21, 2014. So voted.

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Ms. DelBuono, to approve the minutes of the special meeting of August 4, 2014 with the correction of Board member, Gloria Clair's name in attendance. So voted.

Communications:

Thank you letter from the Gleason Family

Thank you note from Mr. George

Letter to Town Council

Letter from Ms. Perrone-Petta

Letter from CABA

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Thank you note from Mr. Regan

Business Manager's Report:**Budget Transfers:**

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to authorize the transfer of **\$413,935.35** presented in the Business Manager's report. So voted.

Expenditures:

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

To approve the September 2014 payroll expenditure in the amount of **\$1,500,000.**

To approve expenditures in the amount of **\$114,246.94** paid on August 19, 2014 for fiscal year 2013-2014.

To approve expenditures in the amount of **\$1,679,522.90** paid on August 19, 2014 for fiscal year 2014-2015.

So voted.

Superintendent's Report:

Wolcott Summer Studies is celebrating its 50th Anniversary. There are approximately 520 students who participated in the program this year.

Registration for new students at Wolcott High School is by appointment on August 21 and 22 from 9:00 to 1:00. Call 203 879-8157 on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday mornings during the summer to schedule.

Elementary registration is on Friday, August 22, 2014 from 9:00 to 2:00 at Alcott, Frisbie or Wakelee.

All athletes will need a current physical to participate at the high school and middle school. Forms can be picked up at the schools.

School bus schedules are posted on the district website: www.wolcottps.org; and in the Wolcott Community News and the Waterbury Republican.

Mr. Jeff Shannon was introduced as Mr. Macary's Superintendent Intern for the 2014-2015 school year.

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

Public Comment:

No one came forward.

Committee Reports:

Mrs. Gubitosi reported the Facilities Committee met at 6:30 and received an update on summer projects from the Interim Facilities Director, David Stankus.

Mrs. Mancini said the Finance Committee met earlier. Pending invoices, budget transfers, July health claims, and information on the purchase of equipment were discussed.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:**Approve – Resignations:**

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to accept the following resignations of:

1. **Mirlinda Abou Arrage** in the position of 4 Hours Food Service Worker Floater for the Wolcott Public Schools effective immediately;
2. **Brittany Jenkins** in the position of Supervisor of the Latchkey Program at Frisbie Elementary School effective June 24, 2014;
3. **Diana Wohlhieter** in the position of Grade 5 Teacher at Wakelee Elementary School effective August 22, 2014.

So voted.

Approve – Transfer Between Jobs:

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

1. **Lodi Attalah** from the position of Special Education Paraprofessional - Life Skills at Wolcott High School to the position of Special Education Paraprofessional - Pre K at Alcott Elementary School effective August 27, 2014.

So voted.

Approve – Nominations:

Motion: by Mrs. Clair, seconded by Ms. DelBuono, to appoint the following person(s) as indicated:

1. **Carolyn Barnet** in the position of Grade 5 Teacher at Wakelee Elementary School effective on August 25, 2014;
2. **Daniel Cocchiola** in the position of Guidance Counselor at Wolcott High School effective on August 25, 2014;

3. **Daniel Cocchiola** in the position of Guidance Department Head at Wolcott High School & Tyrrell Middle School effective on August 25, 2014;
4. **Alyssa Ferrone** in the position of Guidance Counselor at Wolcott High School effective on August 25, 2014;
5. **Kimberly Livingston** in the position of Special Education Teacher at Wakelee Elementary School effective on August 25, 2014;
6. **Kate Lynch** in the position of Science Teacher at Wolcott High School effective August 25, 2014;
7. **Michael Lynch** in the position of Guidance Counselor at Tyrrell Middle School effective on August 25, 2014;
8. **Jason Pearson** in the position of Boys Soccer Coach at Tyrrell Middle School effective on August 27, 2014;
9. **Becky Riviezzo** in the position of Girls Soccer Coach at Tyrrell Middle School effective on August 27, 2014;
10. **Shelby Slie** in the position of Grade 9 English Teacher at Wolcott High School effective on August 25, 2014;
11. **Laura Stabile** in the position of Long-Term Substitute Guidance Counselor at Wolcott High School effective August 25, 2014;
12. **Sara Vumbaca** in the position of Art Teacher at Alcott & Frisbie Elementary Schools effective on August 25, 2014.

So voted.

Permission to Teach a 6th Class:

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to approve teaching a 6th class by the following person(s) as indicated:

Wolcott High School:

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| English | David Niemitz |
| Social Studies | Dan Caetano |
| Science | Steve Jasulavic |
| Mathematics | John Waitkus |
| Spanish | Tom Pelosi |

Tyrrell Middle School:

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| French | Lisa Tassinari |
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So voted.

Permission to Dispose of Equipment:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Clair, to approve permission to dispose of the following equipment:

- A Set of Risers at Alcott Elementary School
- A VHS RCA Camcorder at Tyrrell Middle School

So voted.

Approval for Girls Swim Programs:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to authorize Sarah Burton and Carrington Conner to practice and compete for Wolcott High School in cooperation with the Naugatuck High School’s Girls Swim Team as two one-man teams for the 2014-2015 school year. So voted.

Approve 2014-2015 Tuition Rate:

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Ms. DelBuono, to approve the following tuition rate for the 2014-2015 School Year:

ALL GRADES - \$11,393

So voted.

Approve the 2014-2015 Special Education Tuition & Related Services Rates:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Ms. DelBuono, to approve the following Special Education tuition and related services rates for the 2014-2015 School Year:

Special Education Teacher	-	\$50.00/hour
Speech Therapy	-	\$88.00/hour
Counseling	-	\$85.00/hour
Social Work Services	-	\$80.00/hour
Occupational Therapy	-	\$80.00/hour
Physical Therapy	-	\$72.00/hour
Music Therapy	-	\$60.00/hour
Nursing Services	-	\$55.00/hour
Instructional Assistant	-	\$16.00/hour

So voted.

Approve the Wolcott Public Schools’ Security & Safety Plan – Initial Vote:

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to approve on initial vote the Wolcott Public School’s Security & Safety Operations Plan. So voted.

Approve Revised & New Curriculum – Initial Vote:

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to adopt on initial vote the following curriculum:

Revised:

1. Spanish 1-A (Grade 7)
2. Spanish 1-B (Grade 8)
3. Spanish 1 (Grade 9)
4. 20th Century Global Studies (Grade 9)
5. Science (Grade 4)

New:

1. Model United Nations (Grades 11 & 12)
- So voted.

Approve CT Core State Standards Curriculum – Initial Vote:

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to adopt on initial vote the following CT Core State Standards Curriculum:
English Language Arts (Grades K-8)
Mathematics (Grades K-8)

So voted.

Approve Revised Board Policies/Regulations – Initial Vote:

Motion: by Ms. DelBuono, seconded by Mr. Lerz, to adopt on initial vote the following Board policies/regulations:

1. Policy #5114 – Students – Suspension & Expulsion/Due Process
2. Policy 5131.911 – Students – Hazing – Bullying
3. Policy 5141.7 – Students – Student Sports – concussions & Head Injuries
4. Policy/Regulation 5141.21 – Students – Administering Medications
5. Regulations 6142.101 – Instructions – Student Nutrition & Physical Activity – District Nutrition Standards

So voted.

Approve a Contract:

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to table to Executive Session a personnel contract. So voted.

Bid Waiver:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to waive the bid for the purchase of equipment.

ADD TO THE AGENDA:**Approve – Resignation:**

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to add to the agenda a resolution to approve the resignations of a school nurse from Tyrrell Middle School. So voted.

Motion by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Ms. DelBuono, to accept the resignation of:

1. **Lori Diorio** in the position of School Nurse at Tyrrell Middle School effective September 5, 2014.

So voted.

Time for the Public:

No one came forward.

Items for the Next Agenda:

Final votes on resolutions.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to take a 5 minute recess at 7:55 p.m., then go into Executive Session for the purpose of conducting the Superintendent's evaluation; and the consideration of a proposed resolution of pending action regarding enforcement of legal rights in a vendor contract.

Motion: by Ms. Leonard, seconded by Ms. DelBuono, to come out of Executive Session and reconvene the regular meeting at 9:53 p.m. So voted.

ADD TO THE AGENDA:**Approve an Amendment to a Contract:**

Motion: by Ms. Leonard, seconded by Ms. DelBuono, to add to the agenda to approve an amendment to the contract entitled Wolcott Board of Education Special Education Transportation Services 2013-2018. So voted.

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Mrs. Clair, to approve an amendment to the contract entitled Wolcott Board of Education Special Education Transportation Services 2013-2018. So voted.

Approve a Contract:

Motion: by Ms. DelBuono, seconded by Mrs. Manini, to approve the following contract:
Joseph Macary Superintendent of Schools 2014-2017
So voted.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: by Ms. DelBuono, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:55 p.m. So voted.