

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT**

A meeting of the Board of Education was held on Monday, July 17, 2017, at the Board Offices. In attendance were: Patricia Najarian, Chairman of the Board; Gloria Gubitosi, Vice Chairman of the Board; Thomas Buzzelli, Anthony Gugliotti, Roberta Leonard, and Cynthia Mancini, all Board members. Also in attendance: Dr. Anthony Gasper, Superintendent of Schools, Shawn Simpson, Principal of Alcott Elementary School; David Stankus, Facilities Director; 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. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 26, 2017. So voted.

Communications:

Wolcott High School invitation to Freshman Orientation

Thank you notes: Mrs. Tansley & Mr. Lerz

Parent letter of support for a WHS teacher

Business Manager's Report:

Budget Transfers:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to authorize the transfer of **\$ 273,685.71** from fiscal year 2016-2017 as presented in the Business Manager's report. So voted.

Expenditures:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to approve the following expenditures:
To approve the August 2017 payroll expenditure in the amount of **\$900,000.**

To approve expenditures in the amount of **\$129,020.05** paid on July 18, 2017 for fiscal year 2016-2017.

To approve expenditures in the amount of **\$712,441.72** paid on July 18, 2017 for fiscal year 2017-2018.

So voted.

Superintendent's Report:

Summer facilities upgrades and maintenance are going well. The project to bring natural gas to Tyrrell Middle School, and to switch the water heater to natural gas is on schedule as planned.

Hiring over the summer is progressing well. We have had a small number of openings due to retirements and teachers moving out of state. External postings have had good pools of qualified candidates.

Wolcott Summer Studies Program continues to be a success. We again have over 500 students enrolled in 134 classes. The Program is being held at Wolcott High School.

The maintenance and custodial crews have begun their usual summer cleaning, repairs, and maintenance throughout the district.

Wolcott High School is preparing for its accreditation visit from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges in the spring of 2019. Mrs. Thies and Mr. Jasulavic are serving as co-chairs of the steering committee. The Superintendent met at the high school with the administrators regarding the NEASC visit. He thanked the Board for allowing him to attend the recent NEASC conference in Massachusetts.

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

Public Comment:

No one came forward.

OLD BUSINESS:

Adopt Curricula – Final Vote:

Motion: by Ms. Leonard, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to adopt on final vote the following Curricula for Wolcott High School:

- Architectural Design
- Introduction to Business
- Grade 11 ELA, Part 2

So voted.

NEW BUSINESS:**Resignations:**

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

1. **Christine Romero** in the position of Spanish Teacher at Tyrrell Middle School effective July 14, 2017;
2. **Andrea Tordanato** in the position of Speech Language Pathologist at Alcott Elementary School effective July 11, 2017.

So voted.

Transfer Between Jobs:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to approve the following transfer to the position indicated:

1. **Brittany Jenkins** from the position of Grade 4 Teacher at Frisbie Elementary School to the position of Grade 4 Teacher at Wakelee Elementary School effective with the 2017-2018 school year;
2. **Sara Tedesco** from the position of Computer Technology Teacher at Tyrrell Middle School to the position of Grade 1 Teacher at Alcott Elementary School effective with the 2017-2018 school year.

So voted.

Nominations:

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to appoint the following person(s) to the position as indicated:

1. **Roy Bauchman** to the position of .4 Tech Ed/Auto Teacher at Wolcott High School effective with the 2017-2018 school year;
2. **Brandon Cepelak** to the position of Night Custodian at Wakelee Elementary School effective on July 19, 2017;
3. **Nicholas Galullo** to the position of Social Studies Teacher at Wolcott High School effective with the 2017-2018 school year;
4. **Matthew Hove** to the position of Science Teacher at Wolcott High School effective with the 2017-2018 school year;
5. **Kristin Huag** to the position of Dance Team Coach at Wolcott High School effective with the 2017-2018 school year;
6. **Kate McCasland** to the position of Head Teacher at Wakelee Elementary School effective with the 2017-2018 school year;
7. **Laura Stabile** to the position of Long Term Substitute School Counselor at Wolcott High School effective with the 2017-2018 school year;
8. **Sarah Stabile** to the position of Department Head for Career & Technology Education at Wolcott High School for the 2017-2018 school year;

9. 2017-2018 Tyrrell Coaches:

Justin Savarese	Baseball Co-coach
James Rocca	Baseball Co-coach
Jason Pearson	Softball Coach
Michelle LaRoche	Track and Field Head Coach
Robert Moffo	Track and Field Assistant Coach

So voted.

Accept a Grant:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Ms. Leonard, To approve and accept a Main Street Community Foundation’s Grant which is awarded to Wolcott Citizens Against Substance Abuse in the amount of \$2,000 to support the Social Marketing Campaign on the dangers of underage drinking.
So voted.

Permission to Dispose of Equipment:

Motion: by Ms. Leonard, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to approve the request to dispose of outdated computers and monitors at Frisbie and Wakelee Elementary Schools which are no longer of use. So voted.

Approve the 2016-2017 Wolcott Public Schools’ Annual Report:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to approve the 2016-2017 Wolcott Public Schools’ Annual Report. So voted.

Approve Teaching a Sixth Class:

Motion: by Ms. Leonard, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to approve teaching a 6th class by the following person(s) as indicated:
Tyrrell Middle School:
Lisa Tassinari French
So voted.

Committee Reports:

Mrs. Gubitosi reported that the Facilities Committee met at 6:30 p.m. and received a report from Mr. Stankus, the Facilities Director, on ongoing projects. The Committee also discussed upcoming facilities needs and usages.

Mrs. Mancini said the Finance Committee met earlier and discussed pending vendor invoices, the budget reports, the internal service report, and the CASA grant that the Board approved earlier.

Time for the Public:

No one came forward

Items for the Next Agenda:

The next meeting is August 14 and will be at the Board Offices at Alcott School. Board members can contact the Board of Education Office if you have additional agenda items.

Mrs. Najarian requested a moment of silence in memory of Mrs. Marge Firmani, who was a former employee of the Wolcott Public Schools.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. So voted.

Note: During the summer, the Board of Education meetings are not videotaped, and as result are not available to be viewed on the WLCT96 site on the Town of Wolcott's website, www.wolcottct.org.