

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

A Board of Education meeting was held on Monday, April 20, 2015, 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, Arthur Lerz Sr., and Kimberly Lumia, all Board members. Also in attendance: Joseph Macary, Superintendent of Schools; Todd Bendtsen, Business Manager; Joseph Monroe, Principal of Wolcott High School; Deborah Osvald, Assistant Principal of Wolcott High School; Arline Tansley, Principal of Tyrrell Middle School; Shawn Simpson, Assistant Principal of Tyrrell Middle School; Dr. Gail Gilmore, Interim Principal of Alcott School; Joseph Norcross, Principal of Frisbie School; Robert Nagashima, Principal of Wakelee School; Melissa Iles, Director of Student Services; Wendie Rodriguez, Supervisor of Special Education; Kathryn Pierpaoli, WHS Teacher; Sara Tedesco, Tyrrell Teacher; 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 Ms. Leonard, seconded by Ms. DelBuono, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 23, 2015. So voted.

**Communications:**

Thank you card – Dr. Gilmore  
Thank you card – Mrs. Wrenn  
Letter – Mrs. Penta  
Rotella Monthly Montage – April 2015  
The CABA Journal – April 2015

**Business Manager's Report:**

**Expenditures:**

Motion:           by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Lumia, to approve the following expenditures:

- The May 2015 payroll expenditure in the amount of **\$1,500,000**.
- To approve expenditures in the amount of **\$981,251.08** paid on April 21, 2015 for fiscal year 2014-2015.

So voted.

**Superintendent's Report:**

Ms. Pierpaoli, Teacher at Wolcott High School, with the assistance of her student, Jenessa Teta, gave the Board an overview of the Family and Consumer Science Program and the Child Development Course being offered at the high school.

Mrs. Tedesco, Tyrrell's Computer Education Teacher and the District's Web Master, demonstrated for the Board the District's new website.

The School Principals gave two minute highlights of activities at their schools, and Mrs. Osvald updated the Board on the District's Curriculum and Professional Development programs.

The Summer Studies Program will be held at Tyrrell Middle School starting June 29<sup>th</sup>. This year, Latchkey Services will be available after the summer school day with lunch included. Applications can be downloaded at [www.wolcottps.org](http://www.wolcottps.org).

The last day of school in Wolcott is Friday, June 19, 2015. June 18 and 19 will be early dismissal days.

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

**Public Comment:**

No one came forward

**Committee Reports:**

Mrs. Mancini reported the Finance Committee met earlier. The Business Manager reported on pending invoices, and the internal service report.

Mrs. Lumia, the Chair of the Negotiations Committee, said that her committee will be going into mediation with two unions.

Leah Ciccone, President of WHS' Student Government, reported on what the Student Government is working on, i.e., Community Outreach website is about to be launched, the Climate Committee is suggesting a Yearbook Day, Executive Positions in Student Government for next year will be filled soon so that the new officers can work with the current officers before the school year ends.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:****Approve – Resignations:**

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mr. Buzzelli, to accept the resignations of the following employees for the purpose of retirement at the end of the 2014-2015 school year:

1. Nancy Mehmetali Teacher-Special Education Tyrrell Middle School
  2. Thomas Pelosi Teacher-World Language Wolcott High School
  3. Janice Penta Teacher-Talented & Gifted Tyrrell Middle School
- So voted.

**Approve – Transfer Between Jobs:**

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to approve the following transfer to the position indicated for the 2015-2016 school year:

1. **Cristin Buckley** from the position of Pre-K Teacher at Alcott Elementary School to the position of Grade 1 Teacher at Alcott Elementary School;
2. **Sheila Cossette** from the position of Grade 2 Teacher at Alcott Elementary School to the position of Grade 4 Teacher at Alcott Elementary School;
3. **Amy D’Ettore** from the position of Special Education Teacher at Tyrrell Middle School to the position of Grades 3-5 Special Education Teacher at Frisbie Elementary School;
4. **Lisa DeSerio** from the position of Speech & Language Pathologist at Alcott Elementary School to the position of Speech & Language Pathologist at Frisbie Elementary School;
5. **Helene Leder** from the position of Grade 5 Teacher at Frisbie Elementary School to the position of Grade 3 Teacher at Frisbie Elementary School;
6. **Kate McCasland** from the position of Grade 4 Teacher at Wakelee Elementary School to the position of Grade 5 Teacher at Wakelee Elementary School;
7. **Michelle McNerney** from the position of Grade 2 Teacher at Frisbie Elementary School to the position of Kindergarten Teacher at Frisbie Elementary School;
8. **Taylor Palmieri** from the position of Grade 1 Teacher at Frisbie Elementary School to the position of Reading Consultant (K-2) at Frisbie Elementary School;

9. **Jennifer Whipple** from the position of Grade 2 Teacher at Wakelee Elementary School to the position of Grade 3 Teacher at Wakelee Elementary School.

So voted.

**Approve – Nominations:**

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

1. **Judith Sweeney** in the position of 4 Hour General Food Service Worker Floater for the District effective April 22, 2015;
2. **Andrea Tordanato** in the position of Speech and Language Pathologist for Alcott Elementary School effective with the 2015-2016 school year;

3. **2015-2016 WHS Winter Sports Coaches** as follows:

Jim Maisto	Boys Freshman Basketball
Martin Dituccio	Boys J.V. Basketball
Matthew Craig	Boys Varsity Basketball
Bruce Neville	Girls Freshman Basketball
Nicole Rindos	Girls J.V. Basketball
Jessica Geddes	Girls Varsity Basketball
Michele Cordeau	Head Cheerleading
Ronald Cordeau	Assistant Cheerleading
Becky Riviezzo	Head Indoor Track
Chris Riviezzo	Assistant Indoor Track
Samantha Barrett	Assistant Indoor Track
Danielle Maringola	Varsity Dance
Jason Pace	Weight Training
Justin Bolton	Strength and Conditioning

So voted.

**Out of State Field Trips:**

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Ms. DelBuono, to approve the following Out of State Field Trips:

1. Tyrrell Middle School's 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus (45) request permission to go to New York City to see the play *Phantom of the Opera* on April 23, 2015;
2. Alcott Elementary School's Grade 4 Students (38) request permission to go to Old Sturbridge Village, Sturbridge, MA on June 15, 2015. The trip will enhance the students' study of colonial life.

So voted.

**Accept a Donation:**

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Mrs. Clair, to accept the following:  
 1. A donation from the Mid-Atlantic Company of a Kindle for the Library at Alcott Elementary School.  
 So voted.

**Approve a Graduation Date:**

Motion: by Ms. DelBuono, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to approve **June 19, 2015** as the date for the following graduation ceremonies:  
 Tyrrell Middle School at 4:00 p.m., and  
 Wolcott High School at 7:00 p.m.  
 So voted.

**Approve the 2015-2016 Board of Education Meeting Schedule – Initial Vote:**

Motion: by Ms. DelBuono, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to approve on initial vote the following 2015-2016 schedule of Board of Education meeting dates:

	<u>FIRST</u>	<u>SECOND</u>
JULY	20 (Monday)	
AUGUST	17 (Monday)	
SEPTEMBER	8 (Tuesday)	21 (Monday)
OCTOBER	13 (Tuesday)	26 (Monday)
NOVEMBER	9 (Monday)	16 (Monday)
DECEMBER	14 (Monday)	
JANUARY	11 (Monday-Alcott)	
FEBRUARY	8 (Monday-Frisbie)	22 (Monday-Wakelee)
MARCH	14 (Monday-WHS)	28 (Monday-WHS)
APRIL	11 (Monday-WHS)	
MAY	9 (Monday-WHS)	23 (Monday-WHS)
JUNE	13 (Monday-WHS)	27(Monday-WHS)

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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of the month unless otherwise indicated.

So voted.

**Adopt a New Job Description-Director of Student Learning & Teaching:**

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to approve the following new Job Description:

1. Director of Student Learning and Teaching

So voted.

**Accept WEF Grant Awards:**

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Clair, to approve and accept the Wolcott Education Foundation's Grant Award as follows:

1. Ellen Cox & Todd Jones \$200  
School: Tyrrell Middle School  
Project Title: Sixth Grade Family Math 7 Science Night
  2. Kristin Stec, Jennifer Murphy & Dana Colgate \$891  
School: Wakelee Elementary School  
Project Title: Using the Kindle Fire HD in the daily classroom
- So voted.

**Time for the Public:**

No one came forward.

**Items for the Next Agenda:**

Final vote on the 2015-2016 Board of Education meeting schedule

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mr. Buzzelli, to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of collective bargaining issues from non-certified employees and certified employees, and a discussion of the employment of a certified employee.

Motion: by Ms. DelBuono, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to come out of Executive Session and reconvene the regular meeting at 9:18 p.m. So voted.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:19 p.m. So voted.