

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

A Board of Education meeting was held on Monday, April 28, 2014, at Wolcott High 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, and Kimberly Lumia, all Board members. Also in attendance: Joseph Macary, Superintendent of Schools; Todd Bendtsen, Business Manager; Frank Purcaro, Director of Curriculum and Professional Development; Walter Drewry, Assistant 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; Holly Wrenn, Principal of Alcott School; Joseph Norcross, Principal of Frisbie School; Robert Nagashima, Principal of Wakelee School; a WEA Representative; Danielle Deloy, Frisbie 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, and a moment of silence was held for the Jonathan Law High School Student, Maren Sanchez.

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

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: by Ms. Leonard, seconded by Mrs. Lumia, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 7, 2014. So voted.

Communications:

The Rotella Monthly Montage – April 2014

A letter from LISA

A letter from Senator Markley and Representative Sampson

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

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to approve the expenditures in the amount of **\$323,431.27** paid on April 29, 2014 for fiscal year 2013-2014. So voted.

Superintendent's Report:

Mrs. Deloy introduced the Frisbie ORFF Ensemble, who performed an instrumental number for the Board. The ORFF members are Jenika Kearney, Joseph Kearney, Bethany Perry, Isabella Lumia, Jalynn Maia, Kyle Hensel, Jared Day, Hannah Wright, Christina Japs, Christopher Evangelista, and Heather Spada.

The Principals gave two minute updates on their schools and Mrs. Osvald reported on Wolcott High School for Mr. Monroe, who was unable to attend the meeting.

Mr. Purcaro reported on Curriculum and Professional Development, which included an update on Smarter Balanced Assessment testing in the District.

The Superintendent congratulated Alcott and Frisbie Elementary Schools and Tyrrell Middle School for winning the 2013 Governor's Summer Reading Challenge. The Governor will present their awards in May at the State Library.

Wolcott Students in Grades 4, 5, 7, & 8 will take the Smarter Balanced Assessment Tests from April 28 to May 16; and Grades 3 & 6 from May 19 to June 6.

Graduation for Tyrrell Middle School will be June 24th at 4:00 p.m. in Tyrrell's Gymnasium and graduation for Wolcott High School will be June 24th at 7:00 p.m. at the high school on Monroe Field (weather permitting). The last day of school for all students is Tuesday, June 24, 2014. June 23 and 24 will be early dismissal days for students.

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

Public Comment:

No one came forward.

Committee Reports:

Mrs. Mancini reported that the Finance Committee met at 7:00 p.m. and discussed pending invoices, March health claims and a video service agreement for 2014-2015.

OLD BUSINESS:

Approve – the 2014-2015 Board of Education Meeting Schedule – Final Vote:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Lumia, to approve on final vote the following 2014-2015 schedule of Board of Education meeting dates:

	<u>FIRST</u>	<u>SECOND</u>
JULY	21 (Monday-TMS Large Group Instruction Room)	
AUGUST	18 (Monday-TMS Large Group Instruction Room)	
SEPTEMBER	8 (Monday)	22 (Monday)
OCTOBER	14 (Tuesday)	27 (Monday)
NOVEMBER	17 (Monday)	
DECEMBER	8 (Monday)	
JANUARY	12 (Monday-Alcott)	
FEBRUARY	9 (Monday-Frisbie)	23 (Monday-TMS)
MARCH	9 (Monday-Wakelee)	23 (Monday)
APRIL	20 (Monday)	
MAY	11 (Monday)	26 (Tuesday)
JUNE	8 (Monday)	22 (Monday)

All Board of Education meetings will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Wolcott High School Resource Center unless otherwise indicated.

All meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month unless otherwise indicated.

So voted.

Approve – New & Revised Policies & Regulations – Final Vote:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to adopt on final vote the following new or revised policies and regulations:

1. New
 - a. 1316.2 – Community Relations: Civility
 - b. 6172.12 – Instruction: Magnet Schools
 - c. 9273 – Bylaws of the Board: Conflict of Interest
2. Revised
 - a. 0521 – Mission-Goals-Objectives: Nondiscrimination
 - b. 1331 – Community Relations: Smoke-Free Environment
 - c. 4118.231 – Personnel-Certified/Non-Certified: Alcohol, Drugs & Tobacco
 - d. 5113 – Students-Policy: Attendance & Excuses
 - e. 5144.4 – Students Discipline: Physical Exercise & Discipline of Students

So voted.

Approve – The WHS 2014-2015 Course of Studies Guide – Final Vote:

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to approve on final vote the Wolcott High School's Course of Studies Guide 2014-2015. So voted.

NEW BUSINESS:**Approve – Resignation(s):**

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mr. Buzzelli, to accept the resignations of:

1. **Margaret Maddaloni** in the position of Preschool Teacher at Alcott Elementary School for the purpose of retirement at the end of the 2013-2014 school year;
2. **Mary Rodrigues** in the position of Grade 1 Teacher at Wakelee Elementary School effective May 1, 2014.

So voted.

Approve – Leave of Absence Request:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to approve the request of Lori Galvin, Reading Specialist at Wakelee Elementary School, for an unpaid leave of absence from her position until August 2014.

So voted.

Approve – Nominations:

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

1. **Cassandra DePaolo** in the position of Food Service General Worker at Alcott Elementary School effective April 30, 2014;
2. **Anthony Goldberg** in the position of 2nd Shift Custodian at Tyrrell Middle School effective May 1, 2014;
3. **Christopher Hayes** in the position of Junior Varsity Football Coach at Wolcott High School effective for the 2014 fall sports season pending certification;
4. **Lori Hubeny** in the position of Food Service General Worker at Wolcott High School effective April 30, 2014;
5. **Bruce Neville** in the position of Girls Freshman Basketball Coach at Wolcott High School effective for the 2014 sports season pending certification;
6. **2014 Tyrrell Fall Sports Coaches:**

Laura Didominzio	Dance Team
Christina VanOrmer	Girls Soccer
Mike Terry	Boys Soccer Co-Coach
Lee Kelsey	Boys Soccer Co-Coach
Marian Boisvert	Volleyball

- Dan Goldstone Cross Country
 - 7. **2014 Tyrrell Softball Volunteers:**
 Jim Ward
 Chuck Cammaratta
 John Antonowitz
 - 8. **2014 WHS Spring Sports Volunteers:**
 Sean Begley Varsity Baseball
 Frank Melillo Baseball
 Ronald Gambino Baseball
 Charlie Guerrero Baseball
 James Maisoto Freshman Baseball
 John Kiely Freshman Baseball
 Domenic Angiolillo Baseball
 Loren Angiolillo Softball
 Mikelyn Messina Softball
 Gabrielle Gallucci Softball
 Alex Harbanuk Softball
 Alyssa Perazzella Softball Scorekeeper
- So voted.

Approve – Out of State Field Trip:

- Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Lumia, to approve the following out-of-state field trip:
- 1. Wolcott High School’s Football Team (55) requests permission to go to the Beckett YMCA’s football camp in Beckett, MA from August 23-24, 2014.
- So voted.

Approve – Disposal of Equipment:

- Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mr. Buzzelli, to approve Alcott Elementary School’s requests for permission to dispose of the following old furniture from the Teacher Room:
- 13 - Steel framed chairs
 - 1 - 8’ Conference table
- So voted.

ADD TO THE AGENDA:

Approve – A Resignation:

- Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to add to the agenda a resolution to accept a resignation. So voted.

Motion: by Mr. Lerz, seconded by Mrs. Lumia, to accept the resignation of **Cynthia Demchak** in the position of Grade 4 Teacher at Alcott Elementary School for the purpose of retirement at the end of the 2013-2014 school year. So voted.

Time for the Public:

No one came forward.

Items for the Next Agenda:

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to take a 5 minute recess at 8:05 p.m., then go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of a collective bargaining issue (non-certified employee), pending lawsuits and completed grievances.

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Ms. DelBuono, to come out of Executive Session and reconvene the regular meeting at 9:21 p.m. So voted.

ADD TO THE AGENDA:

Approve – Nominations:

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Mr. Buzzelli, to add to the agenda a resolution to approve nominations. So voted.

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

1. **Jeremiah Regimbald** in the position of Music/Band Teacher at Tyrrell Middle School effective August 25, 2014;
2. **Kristin Weber** in the position of Family and Consumer Science Teacher at Tyrrell Middle School effective August 25, 2014.

So voted.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: by Ms. DelBuono, seconded by Mrs. Lumia, to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:23 p.m. So voted.