

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT**

A meeting of the Board of Education was held on Monday, January 14, 2019, at Alcott School. In attendance were: Lori DelBuono Bartlett, Chairman of the Board; Cynthia Mancini, Vice Chairman of the Board; Roberta Leonard, Secretary of the Board; Thomas Buzzelli, Christopher Charette, Kathleen Cordone, Anthony Gugliotti and Kelly Mazza, all board members. Also in attendance: Dr. Anthony Gasper, Superintendent of Schools; Frank Purcaro, Assistant Superintendent of Schools; Todd Bendtsen, Business Manager; Kevin Hollis, Director of Student Services; Rosa Ramalhete, Supervisor of Special Education; Walter Drewry, Principal of Wolcott High School; Bryan MacKay, Assistant Principal of Wolcott High School; Joseph Morgan, Assistant Principal of Wolcott High School; Joseph Norcross, Principal of Tyrrell Middle School; Daniel Caetano, Assistant Principal of Tyrrell Middle School; Kimberly Murtaugh, Principal of Frisbie Elementary School; Deborah Osvald, Principal of Wakelee Elementary School; Wayne Natzel, Facilities Director; and Jessica Kenny, Board Clerk.

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 p.m. by Mrs. DelBuono Bartlett, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Mrs. DelBuono Bartlett then read the Wolcott Public Schools' Mission Statement.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to approve the minutes of the special meeting of December 10, 2018. So voted.

by Mrs. Mazza, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 10, 2018. So voted.

by Ms. Leonard, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to approve the minutes of the special meeting of January 7, 2019. So voted.

APPROVED 

Lori DelBuono Bartlett, Chairman
Wolcott Board of Education

Committee Reports:

Mrs. Mancini said that the Finance Committee met at 6:15 p.m. and reviewed pending vendor invoices, the Internal Service Report, and the projected fund balance. They also reviewed the variable accounts report. Lastly they reviewed the videographer contract and the photographer bid.

The Operations and Programs committee met at 6:45 p.m. and was presented the Wolcott High School Course of Studies for the 2019-2020 school year and lastly, Dr. Gasper presented proposed policy edits.

Communications:

Thank You Cards,
Christmas Cards,
Rotella Monthly Montage

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

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mr. Gugliotti, to approve the following expenditures:
To approve expenditures in the amount of **\$1,213,705.95** paid on January 15, 2019 for fiscal year 2018-2019.
To approve the February 2019 payroll expenditures in the amount of **\$1,485,000** for fiscal year 2018-2019.
So voted.

Superintendent's Report:

Two Minute Highlights were given by principals from Frisbie, Wakelee, Tyrrell and Wolcott High School. Mr. Purcaro also gave his two minute highlights.

Alcott students gave a presentation after completing a two-week artist residency with musicians, Chuck and Mira Costa. The two-week program was called Where the Songs Come From. During the residency Chuck and Mira worked with each student in grade levels Pre K-5. They taught students how to write a song: When writing a song, you start with a blank page, have a theme, and then develop lyrics and a chorus around this theme. Students used the theme of kindness, friendship and home for their songs. These themes connect directly to our one book-one school reading of Cricket in Times Square by George Seldon that we will start in March. Students shared their songs with the Board of Education.

Dr. Gasper took a look at our 2018 SBAC assessment data, in the last three years we have improved our scores as follows:

- In 2014-2015, we ranked 102nd out of 186 in the state for ELA. We now rank 59th ...surpassing 43 districts in three years of work.

- Previously we ranked 89th in the state for Math. We now rank 49th...surpassing 40 districts in three years of work.
- Where previously we were performing on par with districts like Lebanon, Branford, Region 13, and Newington.... we are now tied with North Haven and Shelton and we **outperformed** districts like Bethel, West Hartford, Southington, and Waterford.

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Mr. Charette, to approve the Superintendent's Report.

So voted.

Public Comment:

No one came forward.

Add Item to the Agenda:

Motion: by Mr. Gugliotti, seconded by Mrs. Mancini to add Item 9D Approval of the Wolcott High School Course of Studies – Initial Vote on the agenda.

So voted.

OLD BUSINESS:

Adopt revised Policies/Regulations – Final Vote

Motion: by Ms. Leonard, seconded by Mrs. Mazza, to adopt on final vote the following revised Board policies and regulations:

- Policy/Regulation 1330 – Community Relations:
Use of School Facilities
- Policy/Regulation 5141.21 – Students:
Administering Medications
- Policy/Regulation 5144.1 – Students:
Use of Physical Force:
Physical Restraint/ Seclusion/
Exclusionary Time Out
- Policy/Regulation 6153.1 – Instructions:
Field Trips and Excursions:
Procedures for Planning and
Proposing Overnight Field Trips

So Voted.

NEW BUSINESS:**Nominations:**

- Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Mazza, to approve the following nomination(s) to the position indicated:
1. **Brianna Daniele** to the position of Wolcott High School Assistant Indoor Track Coach effective January 15, 2019;
 2. **Joseph Dunn** to the position of Security Aide for Wolcott High School effective January 16, 2019;
 3. **Charlie Guerrera** to the position of Wolcott High School Assistant Unified Coach effective January 15, 2019;
 4. **Amanda Peck** to the position of Paraprofessional at Frisbie Elementary School effective January 15, 2019;
 5. **Haley Shoop** to the position of Project Director – Drug Free Communities Grant effective January 18, 2019;
 6. **Heidi Thomas** to the position of Special Education Paraprofessional at Wakelee Elementary School effective January 15, 2019.
- So Voted.

Bid for Wolcott High School Photography Services

- Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mr. Gugliotti, to enter into a contract with **Impression Studios** for photography services at Wolcott High School from 2/1/2019 – 1/31/2021 using the attached rates.
- So Voted.

Consent Agenda:

- Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Mrs. Mazza, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented:

A. Resignation(s):

- a. **Samantha Chuck** in the position of Assistant Indoor Track Coach at Wolcott High School effective immediately;
- b. **Catherine DeNegriz** in the position of Special Education Paraprofessional at Wolcott High School for the purpose of retirement effective at the end of the 2018-2019 school year;
- c. **Matthew Hove** in the position of Weight Lifting Co-Coach at Wolcott High School effective immediately.

B. Grant Award(s):

- a. **To approve and accept the Wolcott Education Foundation's Grant as Follows:**
Heather Pytel and Pam Conway **\$1,100.00**
Location: Tyrrell Middle School

Project Title: Bring Shakesperience to Tyrrell

- b. **To approve and accept the New England Dairy and Food Council's Grant as Follows:**

Eileen Girgenti 1 hot chocolate dispenser and \$151.00 for the purchase of promotion incentives

Location: Wolcott High School

Project Name: Hot Chocolate Milk Program

C. Dispose of Equipment**Alcott School**

58 student desks
9 computer tables and carts
2 file cabinet
3 old shelving units
102 combo desk/chairs
108 student chairs
1 office chair
1 TV with cart
2 portable tack boards
1 freezer (unrepairable)

Request permission to donate or recycle dispose following:
Approximately 100 PCs and Monitors 1 old printer
8 old smart boards (2 at Frisbie)

Frisbie School

24 old faded metal chairs
Old water softener tank (no longer required)
4 café tables (in disrepair)
8 circle café tables (in disrepair)
1 chalkboard
Rug (sat through a flood)
Old gym divider (broken)
69 wooden Wakelee student desks
Old wooden computer desk
5 pull down screens (replaced by technology)
Kindergarten wooden play refrigerator, stove playset that has been replaced

Wakelee School

5 old teacher's desks that have been replaced

Tyrrell School

Floor machine (unrepairable)

Carpet Machine (unrepairable- both units from 2000 renovation)

So voted.

Approve Wolcott High School Course of Studies – Initial Vote

Motion: by Mrs. Cordone, seconded by Mrs. Mazza to approve the Wolcott High School 2019-2020 Course of Studies – Initial Vote.

So Voted.

Time for the Public:

No one came forward.

Items for the Next Agenda:

The next meeting is February 11 and will be at Frisbie School.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Mr. Charette, to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

So voted.

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