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

A meeting of the Board of Education was held on Monday, January 9, 2017, at Alcott Elementary School. In attendance were: Patricia Najarian, Chairman of the Board; Gloria Gubitosi, Vice Chairman of the Board; Kimberly Lumia, Secretary of the Board; Thomas Buzzelli, Anthony Gugliotti, Arthur Lerz, and Cynthia Mancini, all Board members. Also in attendance: Dr. Anthony Gasper, Superintendent of Schools, Todd Bendtsen, Business Manager; Frank Purcaro, Director of Student Learning & Teaching; Kevin Hollis, Director of Student Services, Rosa Ramalhete, Supervisor of Special Education; Walter Drewry, Interim Principal of Wolcott High School; Bryan MacKay, Assistant Principal of Wolcott High School; Joseph Morgan, Interim Assistant Principal of Wolcott High School; Arline Tansley, Principal of Tyrrell Middle School; Daniel Caetano, Assistant Principal of Tyrrell Middle School; Joseph Norcross, Principal of Frisbie Elementary School; Deborah Osvald, Principal of Wakelee Elementary School; Shawn Simpson, Principal of Alcott Elementary School; 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. Gubitosi, seconded by Mrs. Lumia, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 12, 2016. So voted.

**Communications:**

Holiday card – Town of Wolcott

**Business Manager's Report:**

**Expenditures:**

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

To approve the February 2017 payroll expenditure in the amount of **\$1,660,000.**

To approve expenditures in the amount of **\$921,315.21** paid on January 10, 2017 for fiscal year 2016-2017.

So voted.

**Superintendent's Report:**

Mr. Simpson introduced Mrs. Caouette and Mrs. Sickles' Alcott Grade 2 students who read their writing samples which they created during the HOT School's Creative Writing Program.

Two minute school highlights were presented by each principal. Cynthia Dias, the President of the Wolcott High School Student Government, updated the Board on what the students were working on. Mr. Hollis reported on the activities in the Student Services Department.

Dr. Gasper asked for a moment of silence in memory of Gilda Burns, who served as Frisbie's Library Paraprofessional. She was a long time employee and resident of Wolcott, who was highly regarded within our community.

Alcott School has been recognized by CAS for exemplary practices in school climate.

In December, the second round of i-Ready assessments was completed. The results showed good growth trends across all three elementary schools and Tyrrell Middle School.

The Superintendent publically thanked Mr. Stankus, his staff, and the IT department for successfully moving the Board offices from Center Street to the upper wing of Alcott School. The move was accomplished without a hitch and no disruption in services. He also thanked the District's Art Teachers for decorating our bulletin boards with student art work.

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

**Public Comment:**

No one came forward.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:****Resignations:**

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

1. **Cindy Skerritt** in the position of Physical Education Teacher at Wakelee Elementary School for the purpose of retirement effective at the end of the 2016-2017 school year;

2. **Arline Tansley** in the position of Principal at Tyrrell Middle School for the purpose of retirement effective July 1, 2017.  
So voted.

**Nominations:**

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

**Wolcott High School's Spring 2017 Coaches:**

Steve Jasulavic	Varsity Boys Tennis
Becky Riviezzo	Head Coach – Girls Outdoor Track
Chris Riviezzo	Assistant Coach – Girls Outdoor Track
Will Balanda	Head Coach – Boys Outdoor Track
Briana Daniele	Assistant Coach – Boys Outdoor Track
Lisa Belval	Varsity Girls Softball
Charisse Courtney	Junior Varsity Girls Softball
Tary Scott	Varsity Boys Baseball
Dave Pelletier	Freshman Boys Baseball
Craig Kealey	Varsity Boys Golf

So voted.

**Accept a Grant Award:**

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to approve and accept the Exxon Mobil Educational Alliance Grant awarded to Wolcott High School in the amount of \$500.00 for the maintenance and support in the area of math and science. So voted.

**Permission to Dispose of Equipment:**

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to approve the following Departments' request to dispose of equipment:

- **Central Office**
  - Obsolete or unusable computer equipment
  - Damaged filing cabinets
  - Damaged desk equipment
  - Outdated testing material
- **Wolcott High School – Nurses Office**
  - Unusable Audiometer MAICO MA 39

So voted.

**Approve Out of State Field Trip:**

Motion: by Mr. Gugliotti, seconded by Mr. Buzzelli, to table the resolution to approve an out-of-state field trip. So voted.

**Approve Out of State Conferences:**

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to approve the following out of state conferences:

**Kristin Ferguson, Jill Fontanella, and Kristin Sweeney-Bizier**, who are all student support staff at Wolcott High School, request permission to attend the Harvard Medical Centers' conference titled, "School Mental Health; Treating Students K to 12," being held in Boston, MA on February 3-4, 2017.

So voted.

**ADD TO THE AGENDA:**

**Resignations:**

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Mrs. Lumia, to add to the agenda a resolution to accept two resignations. So voted.

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to accept the resignation(s) of:

1. **Roy Bauchman** in the position of Applied Technology Teacher at Wolcott High School for the purpose of retirement effective at the end of the 2016-2017 school year;
2. **Robert Current** in the position of Custodian at Tyrrell Middle School for the purpose of retirement effective on February 1, 2017.

So voted.

**Committee Reports:**

Mrs. Mancini reported that the Finance Committee met earlier and reviewed pending invoices, and the Internal Service report. They also received an update on the budget process, ECS funding, and the student activity accounts.

Mrs. Gubitosi said the Facilities Committee met at 6:00 p.m. and received a presentation from Bob Roach of Friar Associates on what a feasibility study is.

Mrs. Lumia, the Chair of the Negotiations Committee, said the Committee met last week to review the contracts of the Cafeteria Workers, Custodians, and Nurses.

**Time for the Public:**

No one came forward.

**Items for the Next Agenda:**

The next Board meeting will be Monday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at Wakelee School.

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

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. So voted.

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