



OUR FUTURE IS IN CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

**MONDAY
7:30 P.M.**

**FRISBIE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
CAFETERIA**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT
AGENDA
February 9, 2015**

I. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, and Reading of the Mission Statement

The mission of the Wolcott Public Schools is to promote the academic, social, and emotional development of all students to become contributing members of the global community.

II. Approval of Minutes

A. Regular Meeting of January 13, 2015

III. Communications

IV. Business Manager's Report

A. Expenditures

V. Superintendent's Report

A. Mr. Macary's Report

B. Invention Convention – Frisbie Students

C. Social Emotional Learning – Ms. Ramalhete

VI. Public Comment

VII. Committee Reports

VIII. Old Business

A. Adopt CT Core State Standards Curriculum – Final Vote

B. Approve Revised Board Policies/Regulations – Final Vote

IX. New Business

A. Resignation(s)

B. Nomination(s)

- C. Leave Request
 - D. Out of State Field Trip(s)
 - E. Approve the 2015-2016 WHS Course of Studies Guide – Initial Vote
 - F. Accept a Donation
 - G. Approve a Contract
 - H. Bid Waiver
- X. Time for the Public
- XI. Items for the Next Agenda
- XII. Executive Session

Recommended Motion: “that the Board go into executive session for the purpose of discussion of strategy with respect to pending litigation to which the Board of Education is a party.

ADJOURNMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

- XIII. Adjournment

Note:

Finance Committee at 6:30-7:30 p.m. in Frisbie Elementary School’s Library:
1) Presentation of the Superintendent’s 2015-2016 Proposed Budget;
2) Expenditures; and 3) Business Manager’s Report.

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

A Board of Education meeting was held on Tuesday, January 13, 2015, at Alcott Elementary 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, and Arthur Lerz Sr., all Board members. Also in attendance: Joseph Macary, Superintendent of Schools; Todd Bendtsen, Business Manager; Joseph Monroe, Principal of Wolcott High School; 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; Wendie Rodriguez, Supervisor of Special Education; David Stankus, Facilities Director; Leah Ciccone, President of WHS Student Government; 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 Mrs. Clair, seconded by Ms. DelBuono, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 8, 2014. So voted.

Communications:

CABE Journal – December 2014
Thank you note – Ms. Schinkel
Christmas card – Print Shop
CABE letter dated December 12, 2014
CABE – 2015 State Agenda brochure
Textbook – Mr. DiLeo

Business Manager's Report:

Expenditures:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Ms. DelBuono, to approve expenditures as follows:

To approve the February 2015 payroll expenditure in the amount of **\$1,500,000.**

To approve expenditures in the amount of **\$847,516.61** paid on January 13, 2015 for fiscal year 2014-2015.

So voted.

Superintendent's Report:

Mrs. Wrenn introduced six students who are finalist in the Grade 4 Invention Convention held at Alcott School. Each student gave a demonstration of his/her winning project.

They were:

Christopher Wrinn – Ouch Band
Logan Crutchfield – Bus Safety Pole
Ethan Robinson – Rake Break
Jenna Marciano – Snack Trio
John Lago – Shoe Dazzlers
Olivia Kiazim – WH₂O

The School Principals gave two minute highlights of activities at their schools.

Starting in January, the Board will be rotating their meetings to visit all five schools. The next meeting will be at Frisbie School on February 9, 2015.

We are conducting pre-registration for 2015-2016 kindergarten students. If your child will be five years old on or before January 1, 2016, please call the Superintendent's Office at 203 879-8183. An information packet will be emailed to you in March.

Student Services is accepting applications for the 2015-2016 Alcott Preschool Program. A lottery will be held in March to determine the preschool enrollment for the 3 year and 4 year old programs. To obtain an application call 203 879-8178.

Late Opening Schedules for the District's Schools are

Wolcott High School	9:00 a.m.
Tyrrell Middle School	9:30 a.m.
Elementary Schools	10:25 a.m.

Wolcott Public School's Ten Year Enrollment Projections were presented by Mr. Macary.

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

Public Comment:

No one came forward

Committee Reports:

Mrs. Gubitosi stated that the Facilities Committee met at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Stankus gave them a report on facilities, Cenergistics, and the School Upgrade Building Committee.

Mrs. Mancini reported the Finance Committee met earlier. Mr. Bendtsen discussed pending invoices, the payroll estimate, budget reports, the internal service report, health claims and the bid for oil and diesel fuel.

Leah Ciccone, President of WHS' Student Government, gave her first report to the Board on the formation of the Student Government and the work being done by the group to formulate new policies. She will be giving the Board a monthly report on the group.

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

Motion: by Ms. DelBuono, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to accept the resignation of Phyllis Jones from the position of secretary for the Summer Studies Program effective January 1, 2015. So voted.

Approve – Nominations:

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

1. **Andrew Bundock** in the position of Senior Desktop Technician for the Wolcott Public Schools effective January 5, 2015;
2. **David Pelletier** in the position of Freshman Boys Baseball at Wolcott High School for the 2015 spring season;
3. **Erich Urban** in the position of Senior Desktop Technician for the Wolcott Public Schools effective January 5, 2015;
4. **2015 Fall Coaches** at Wolcott High School:

Matthew Craig	Cross Country (Boys and Girls)
Bryan Plona	Varsity Head Boys Soccer Coach
Dan Caetano	Assistant Boys Soccer Coach
Chris Riviezzo	Girls Varsity Soccer Coach
Samantha Gigliotti	Assistant Girls Soccer Coach (JV)
Briana Daniele	Assistant Girls Volleyball (JV)
Dale Bartlett	Assistant Girls Volleyball (Freshman)
Jason Pace	Varsity Head Football Coach
Chris Hayes	Assistant Football Coach (JV)
Steve Jasulavic	Assistant Football Coach

Joe Cornelio	Assistant Football Coach
Jim Pawlak	Freshman Football Coach
Michele Cordeau	Varsity Cheerleading Coach
Ron Cordeau	Assistant Cheerleading Coach
Danielle Maringola	Dance Team Coach
Justin Bolton	Weight Training (Fall)

So voted.

Approve – Leave Request:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Ms. DelBuono, to approve the request of Jenn Mazurek, Social Studies Teacher at Wolcott High School, for an unpaid leave of absence through the first semester of the 2015-2016 school year. The unpaid leave would begin after her 12-week period of FMLA ends. So voted.

Out of State Field Trip(s):

Motion: by Ms. DelBuono, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to approve the following out of state field trips:

1. Wolcott High School’s Cheerleaders (17) request permission to participate at the Nationals in Orlando, FL from February 26 to March 2, 2015;
2. Tyrrell Middle School’s Grade 6 Project Explore Students (30) request permission to go to the New York Botanical Garden, Bronx, NY, on May 13, 2015 to attend an educational workshop on the role of plants in the water cycle.

So voted.

Out of State Conference(s):

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Mrs. Clair, to approve the following out of state conferences:

Jill Fontanella, School Social Worker, and **Kristin Sweeney-Bizier**, School Psychologist, request permission to attend the workshop entitled “School Mental Health: Treating Students K-12” being held January 30-31, 2015 in Boston, MA by Harvard Medical School’s Department of Psychiatry.

So voted.

Accept Grant Award(s):

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Ms. DelBuono, to approve and accept the State of Connecticut Grant for Alcott Elementary School Grade 4 Students to participate with Bucks Hill Elementary School Students in the Indian Rock Nature Center’s Science Buddies Program. So voted.

Adopt CT Core State Standards Curriculum – Initial Vote:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mr. Lerz, to adopt on initial vote the following CT Core State Standards Curriculum:
 English Language Arts (Grades K-8)
 Mathematics (Grades K-8)
 So voted.

Approve – Revised Board Policies – Initial Vote:

Motion: by Mrs. Clair, seconded by Mr. Lerz, to adopt on initial vote the following revised Board policies:

1. Policy 1331 – Community Relations – Smoke Free Environment
2. Policy 5113 – Students – Attendance/Excuses/Dismissal
3. Policy 5141.4 – Students – Reporting of Child Abuse & Neglect

So voted.

Bid Award – Oil:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Ms. DelBuono, to approve the bid and award a contract to Dime Oil Company LLC for #2 Fuel Oil and Diesel in the following amounts:

#2 Fuel Oil	\$.1622	Mark-up (Prepayment Option)
Diesel	\$.1672	Mark-up (Prepayment Option)

So voted.

Time for the Public:

Theresa Marin, 1147 Wolcott Road, informed the Board that the 4th Annual Project Safe Graduation was in the planning stages. The committee will be meeting Thursday, January 29th at 7:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed.

Kathy Cordone, 80 Old Boundline Road, questioned the Finance Committee's approval of the contract with Triflection, the District's technology service provider.

Joseph Macary, Superintendent of Schools for the Town of Wolcott, responded to Mrs. Cordone's comments about the contract with Triflection.

Items for the Next Agenda:

Final votes on the CT Core State Standards Curriculum and the revised Board policies. Board members can contact the Board of Education Office if you have additional agenda items.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mr. Lerz, to go into Executive Session for the purpose of 1) discussion of two vendor contract issues; 2) a discussion of a confidential student matter which would result in disclosure of information protected by FERPA; and 3) the contract of the Superintendent of Schools.

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to amend the original motion as follows: to go into Executive Session for the purpose of 1) discussion of strategy with respect to pending legal claims to which the Wolcott Board of Education is a party; 2) a discussion of a confidential student matter which would result in disclosure of information protected by FERPA; and 3) the contract of the Superintendent of Schools.
*All Board members present voted "aye" to amend the original motion.
All Board members present voted "aye" on the amended motion.
The amended motion carries.*

Motion: by Ms. DelBuono, seconded by Mr. Lerz, to come out of Executive Session and reconvene the regular meeting at 10:16 p.m. So voted.

ADD TO THE AGENDA:

Authorize the Superintendent:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mr. Lerz, to add to the agenda a resolution authorizing the Superintendent to act on a technology issue.
So voted.

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Ms. DelBuono, to authorize the Superintendent to work with legal counsel to file a claim to assert the Board's legal right regarding a technology contract. So voted.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Mr. Lerz, to adjourn the regular meeting at 10:18 p.m. So voted.

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – February 9, 2015

RESOLUTION: EXPENDITURES

Resolution from Joseph Macary, Superintendent of Schools, to the Honorable Board of Education of the Town of Wolcott, making recommendation

To approve the March 2015 payroll expenditure in the amount of **\$1,500,000.00.**

To approve expenditures in the amount of **\$1,460,243.62** paid on February 10, 2015 for fiscal year 2014-2015.

WOLCOTT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT
SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

February 9, 2015

Two Minute School Highlights:

Alcott:

Frisbie:

Wakelee:

Tyrrell:

Wolcott High:

Curriculum & PD:

Just a reminder, starting last January, the Wolcott Board of Education will be rotating their meeting schedule to visit all five (5) schools over the next few months. Next meeting is at Tyrrell Middle School on February 23rd.

If you have a child who will be Five (5) years old on or before January 1, 2016, you are requested to contact the Office of the Superintendent of Schools at 203-879-8183 in February. The child's: name, address, age, date of birth, and e-mail addresses will be taken over the phone. Information will be mailed to your home in March. Early pre-registration is greatly appreciated in order for us to plan classes and the budget appropriately.

The Department of Student Services will be accepting applications for the Alcott Preschool Program for 2015-2016. Applications are available for all Wolcott residents who have a child between the ages of 3 and 4, born in 2011 and 2012. The deadline for applications is March 1st. A lottery will be held in March to determine the preschool enrollment for the 3-year-old and 4-year-old programs for the next school year. Parents will be notified of the results by March 15th. If you would like an application, please contact the secretary in the Student Services office at 203-879-8178. Thank You

Just a reminder that our School Late Opening Schedule is as follows:

- Wolcott High School – 9:00AM
 - Tyrrell Middle School – 9:30AM
 - Elementary Schools – 10:25AM
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- Now, a Presentation from Frisbie ES Students on Invention Convention
 - And Social Emotional Learning at Frisbie School – Ms. Ramalhete

Conference Attendance Report February 9, 2015

DATE	COST	PERSON(S)	SCHOOL/POSITION	SUB	PRESENTER	TITLE	LOCATION
2/20 - 2/22	\$497.00	Jason Pace	WHS/Teacher/Coach	Yes	Glazier Clinics	2015 Greenwich 150 Football Clinic	Grrenwich, Ct
03/05/15	\$30 + (M)	Eileen Girgenti	District/Food Service Director	No	State Dept of Admin Services	What's Trending in Child Nutrition	Southington, Ct
03/16/15	(M) Only	John Matthews	WHS/Teacher	Yes	CSDE	Briefing Session for Statewide CTE Assessment	Hartford, Ct
03/18/15	None	Janet Discepolo	Elem/Proj Explore Teacher	No	Ct Teacher of the Year Council & SERC	Grow the Profession-Cultivating Collective Capacity	Cromwell, Ct
03/26/15	\$135 + (M)	Jennifer DiNunzio	TMS/Nurse	Yes	Association of School Nurses	Critical Issues in School Health	Cromwell, Ct
3/27 & 4/27	None	Dale Bartlett	WHS/Reading Consultant	No	ACES	Basic Training for the Instruction of English Learners	Hamden, Ct

CSDE	Ct State Dept of Education
SERC	State Education Resource Center

**Field Trip Report Viewer
BOE Meeting 2-9-15**

Trip ID	Trip Name	Date	School	# Students	Destination	Educational Objectives	Contact
483	Math Team Meet #5	02/11/15	WHS	25	Southington High School	Students will be participating in a CT run Math Team Meet against other students in various high schools.	Stabile, Sarah
511	Quebec Winter Carnival	2/13/15 thru 2/16/15	WHS	44	Quebec, Canada	To expose students to the history and culture of the French-speaking province of Quebec	Tassinari, Lisa
561	Capstone/ECE Trip to Uconn	02/20/15	WHS	40	Uconn Campus, Storrs	Students will sit in on college classes, interview professors on topics relating to their Capstone, and research in the Dodd Center and Homer Babbidge library.	Thies, Michelle
564	WHS Boys Basketball Team	02/21/15	WHS	36	Southern Connecticut State University	Team Bonding	Craig, Matthew
566	8th Gr band to HS	02/18/15	TMS	18	Wolcott High School	Music Field Trip	Regimbald, Jeremiah
567	Make-Up: Trip Bob's Retail Store	02/17/15	WHS	19	910 Wolcott Street, Waterbury, CT 06705	Given a website search, students will be able to make a shopping list of up to 5 items. Given a student created shopping list of up to 5 items, the students will independently search for and locate 4/5 items on their list.	Garguilo, Brittany
569	Make-Up Field Trip- Wolcott Police D	02/19/15	WHS	7	225 Nichols Road, Wolcott, CT 06716	Given a lesson on community awareness, students will be able to state what the purpose and role of a police department is. Given a lesson in maps, students will be able to navigate and/or direct a person to the police department by stating a main connector road.	Garguilo, Brittany
570	Pat's IGA	02/23/15	WHS	7	816 Wolcott Road, Wolcott, CT 06716	Given a student created shopping list, students will locate and purchase 4/5 items on their list.	Garguilo, Brittany

**Fundraiser Report
February 9, 2015**

DATE	SCHOOL	GROUP/PERSON	DESCRIPTION OF FUNDRAISER
Feb-Apr	WHS	Varsity Softball	Obtain sponsors for a team banner
Feb 10	Wakelee	PTO	Sell food @ Wendy's
Feb 12	WHS	Hoops Club	Pail shake at Pat's IGA
Feb 19	WHS	Excel Club	Dinner at LaFontuna
Feb 19 to Mar 10	Tyrrell	Drama Club	Sell ads to the TMS playbook
Feb 27 to Mar 9	WHS	Diamond Club	Sell items from Pasta Heaven
Feb 28	WHS	Hoops Club	Bowling fundraiser
March	WHS	Excel Club	Sell Fascia Chocolates
Mar 1-28	Tyrrell	Drama Club	Sell tickets to play
Mar 13	WHS	Strength & Gridiron Club	Sell tickets to Angelina Diana Show
Mar 16-27	Tyrrell	Grade 7	Penny war challenge between homerooms
Mar 23	WHS	Strength & Gridiron Club	Sell tickets to dinner @ Amalfi
Mar 27-28	Tyrrell	Chorus	Sell water & snacks at play
Apr 1-10	WHS	Diamond Club	Sell sportswear
Apr 16	Wakelee	PTO	Dinner at LaFontuna
May 3	WHS	Strength & Gridiron Club	Golf tournament
June	WHS	Strength & Gridiron Club	Sell ads for annual football ad book

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – February 9, 2015

RESOLUTION: ADOPT CT CORE STATE STANDARDS CURRICULUM

Resolution from Joseph Macary, Superintendent of Schools, to the Honorable Board of Education of the Town of Wolcott, making recommendation

To adopt on final vote the following CT Core State Standards Curriculum:

English Language Arts (Grades K-8)

Mathematics (Grades K-8)

(See attached)

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – February 9, 2015

RESOLUTION: ADOPT REVISED POLICIES

Resolution from Joseph Macary, Superintendent of Schools, to the Honorable Board of Education of the Town of Wolcott, making recommendation

To adopt on final vote the following Board policies:

- 1. Policy 1331 – Community Relations – Smoke Free Environment**
- 2. Policy 5113 – Students – Attendance/Excuses/Dismissal**
- 3. Policy 5141.4 – Students – Reporting of Child Abuse & Neglect**

(See attached)

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – February 9, 2015

RESOLUTION: RESIGNATION

Resolution from Joseph Macary, Superintendent of Schools, to the Honorable Board of Education of the Town of Wolcott, making recommendation

TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF:

1. **Amy Devine** in the position of Grade 8 Special Education Teacher at Tyrrell Middle School, effective February 13, 2015;
2. **Lori Egan** in the position of Paraprofessional at Wakelee Elementary School, effective February 4, 2015;
3. **Charlene Mitchell** in the position of 4 hour Food Service Worker at Alcott Elementary School, effective January 30, 2015.

(See attached)

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – February 9, 2015

RESOLUTION: NOMINATION(S)

Resolution from Joseph Macary, Superintendent of Schools, to the Honorable Board of Education of the Town of Wolcott, making recommendation

TO APPOINT THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) AS INDICATED:

1. **Bjanka Avxhiu** in the position of Long Term Substitute Kindergarten Teacher at Wakelee School effective mid February 2015;
2. **Thomas McNerney** in the position of 2nd Shift Custodian at Wolcott High School effective on February 10, 2015;
3. **Renee Merchant** in the position of Special Education Paraprofessional at Wakelee School effective February 10, 2015;
4. **Danielle Noyes-Tortora** in the position of Long Term Substitute Art Teacher at Alcott and Frisbie Schools effective April 1, 2015;
5. **Rachid Sofiane** in the position of Long Term Substitute Special Education Teacher at Tyrrell Middle School effective February 11, 2015;
6. **2015 Spring Coaches** at Wolcott High School:
Brianna Danielle Assistant Girls Track
Steven Jasulavic Varsity Girls Tennis
7. **2015 Fall Coaches** at Wolcott High School:
Kaity Craig Varsity Volleyball
8. **2015 Spring Volunteer Coaches** at Wolcott High School
Domenic Angiolillo Varsity Baseball
Ron Gambino Varsity Baseball
Frank Melillo Varsity Baseball
John Kiely Freshman Baseball
Jim Maisto Freshman Baseball
Shelby Slie Varsity Softball
Brendan Cepelak Varsity Boys/Girls Tennis

(See attached)

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – February 9, 2015

RESOLUTION: LEAVE REQUEST

Resolution from Joseph Macary, Superintendent of Schools, to the Honorable Board of Education of the Town of Wolcott, making recommendation

Sara Vumbaca, Art Teacher at Alcott/Frisbie Schools, requests an unpaid leave of absence to the end of the 2014-2015 school year to commence after her six-week period of FMLA ends.

(See Attached)

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – February 9, 2015

RESOLUTION: OUT-OF-STATE FIELD TRIPS

Resolution from Joseph Macary, Superintendent of Schools, to the Honorable Board of Education of the Town of Wolcott, making recommendation

TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING OUT-OF-STATE FIELD TRIPS:

1. Wolcott High School's Golf Team (8) requests permission to play in the Queenstown Harbor Maryland Golf Tournament from May 25 to 27, 2015;
2. Tyrrell Middle School's Grade 7 Science Florida Trip (20) requests permission to go to the Florida Keys and Everglades to study the relationships between organisms and their environment from June 25 to 29, 2016.

(See attached)

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – February 9, 2015

RESOLUTION: APPROVAL OF COURSE OF STUDIES GUIDE 2015-2016

Resolution from Joseph Macary, Superintendent of Schools, to the Honorable Board of Education of the Town of Wolcott, making recommendation

To approve on initial vote the Wolcott High School's Course of Studies Guide 2015-2016.

(See attached)

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – February 9, 2015

RESOLUTION: ACCEPT A DONATION

Resolution from Joseph Macary, Superintendent of Schools, to the Honorable Board of Education of the Town of Wolcott, making recommendation

To accept the following:

- 1. A donation of \$3000 to Jen Whipple and Kate McCasland at Wakelee Elementary School to purchase mini iPads for their classrooms from the Ben Was Here Foundation, a charity established in memory of Benjamin John Buckley.**

(See attached)

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – February 9, 2015

RESOLUTION: APPROVE A CONTRACT

Resolution from Joseph Macary, Superintendent of Schools, to the Honorable Board of Education of the Town of Wolcott, making recommendation

To approve a contract as follows:

Carolyn Dei Dolori in the position of Software Training Consultant from January 5, 2015 to June 30, 2015.

(See attached)

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – February 9, 2015

RESOLUTION: BID WAIVER

Resolution from Joseph Macary, Superintendent of Schools, to the Honorable Board of Education of the Town of Wolcott, making recommendation

To waive the bid and award a contract to NSI to provide IT support for the Wolcott Public Schools for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year.