



OUR FUTURE IS IN CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

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

**WAKELEE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
CAFETERIA**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT
AGENDA
March 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 February 23, 2015
- B. Budget Hearing of February 26, 2015
- C. Expulsion Hearing of March 2, 2015

III. Communications

IV. Business Manager's Report

- A. Expenditures

V. Superintendent's Report

- A. Mr. Macary's Report
- B. Wakelee's Invention Convention

VI. Public Comment

VII. Committee Reports

- A. WHS Student Government

VIII. Old Business

IX. New Business

- A. Resignation(s)
- B. Nomination(s)

C. Adopt the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Budget – Initial Vote

- X. Time for the Public
- XI. Items for the Next Agenda
- XII. Adjournment

Note:

Finance Committee at 7:00-7:30 p.m. in Wakelee's Library: 1) Final Review of the 2015-2016 Budget; 2) Expenditures; and 3) Business Manager's Report.

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

A Board of Education meeting was held on Monday, February 23, 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; 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; Frank Purcaro, Director of Curriculum and Professional Development; Melissa Iles, Director of Student Services; David Stankus, Facilities Director; Andrea Krug, Michelle LaRochelle, Joanne Mumley, and Sara Tedesco, all Tyrrell Teachers/Staff Members; 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. Mancini, seconded by Mr. Buzzelli, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 9, 2015. So voted.

Communications:

Cirma Annual Report – 2013-2014
Rotella Montage – February 2015

Business Manager's Report:

Expenditures:

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

To approve expenditures in the amount of **\$308,030.43** paid on February 24, 2015 for fiscal year 2014-2015.
So voted.

Superintendent's Report:

Mrs. Tansley introduced Mrs. Larochelle, who explained the "Book Tasting" event that took place at Tyrrell in the Media Center to introduce students to different books and start discussion amongst the students. The following Tyrrell students helped with the presentation: Jamie Hoban, Lauren Kazamekas, Daniel Podzunas, Caitlin Regan, and Edona Zhuta.

The School Principals gave two minute highlights of activities at their schools. Mr. Purcaro updated the Board on Professional Development and March testing.

Starting in January, the Board will be rotating their meetings to visit all five schools. The next meeting will be at Wakelee Elementary School on March 9th.

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.

Safety and security continue to be a top priority for the Wolcott Public Schools. Wolcott received approximately \$150,000 from a competitive "Security Grant" from the State of CT to aid in this effort.

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

Public Comment:

No one came forward

Committee Reports:

Mrs. Gubitosi said the Facilities Committee met at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Stankus gave them an update on Facilities, plus the work being done by the Building Committee to renovate the schools. He also reviewed the District's energy conservation program.

Mrs. Mancini reported the Finance Committee met earlier. Mr. Bendtsen gave his Business Manager's report including pending invoices, the internal service report, and a potential program called Consult a Doctor.

OLD BUSINESS:**Approve the 2015-2016 WHS Course of Studies Guide – Final Vote:**

Motion: by Ms. DelBuono, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to approve on final vote the Wolcott High School's Course of Studies Guide 2015-2016. So voted.

NEW BUSINESS:**Approve – Transfer Between Jobs:**

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to approve the following transfer to the position indicated:

1. **Carin Grunwald** from the position of General Food Service Worker at Wolcott High School to the position of Cook (6 hour) at Frisbie Elementary School effective February 25, 2015;
2. **Michelle Walden** from the position of General Food Service Worker Floater for the District to the position of 4 Hour General Food Service Worker at Wolcott High School effective February 25, 2015.

So voted.

Approve – Nominations:

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

1. **Jennifer Giuggio** in the position of 4 Hour General Food Service Worker at Alcott Elementary School effective February 25, 2015;
2. **Maria Johnson** in the position of 4 Hour General Food Service Worker at Wolcott High School effective on February 25, 2015;
3. **Kate Murphy** in the position of Summer Studies Program Secretary effective with the 2015 Summer School.

So voted.

Approve – A Grant Submission:

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Ms. DelBuono, to authorize the submission and approve the appropriation request for a Connecticut State Department of Education District Technology Upgrades to Support Transition to the New Standards Grant. So voted.

Time for the Public:

Robert Lee, 79 Kingswood Lane, reported a bus safety issue.

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. Clair, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to go into Executive Session for the purpose of the mid-year evaluation of the Superintendent.

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Mrs. Lumia, to come out of Executive Session and reconvene the regular meeting at 10:06 p.m. So voted.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Ms. DelBuono, to adjourn the regular meeting at 10:07 p.m. So voted.

BOARD OF EDUCATION
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT

A Budget Hearing of the Board of Education was held at Wolcott High School in the Resource Center on Thursday, February 26, 2015. Present were: Patricia Najarian, Chairman of the Board; Gloria Gubitosi, Vice Chairman of the Board; Cynthia Mancini, Secretary of the Board; Thomas Buzzelli, Gloria Clair, Roberta Leonard, Arthur Lerz, and Kimberly Lumia, all Board Members. Also in attendance were: Joseph Macary, Superintendent of Schools; Todd Bendtsen, Business Manager; Joseph Monroe, Principal of Wolcott High School; Deborah Osvald, Assistant Principal of Wolcott High School; Melissa Iles, Student Services Director; and Joan Gray, Board Clerk.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Joseph Macary, Superintendent of Schools, gave a presentation on the proposed 2015-2016 Wolcott Public Schools' Budget.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No one came forward.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mr. Buzzelli, to adjourn at
7:15 p.m. So voted.

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – March 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 April 2015 payroll expenditure in the amount of \$1,650,000.

To approve expenditures in the amount of \$484,134.50 paid on March 10, 2015 for fiscal year 2014-2015.

WOLCOTT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT
SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

March 9, 2015

Two Minute School Highlights:

Alcott:

Frisbie:

Wakelee:

Tyrrell:

Wolcott High:

Student Services:

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 Wolcott High School on March 23rd.

Teachers and staff have been working to prepare our students for the upcoming smarter balanced assessments in the next three months. The Smarter Balanced Testing will take place in Wolcott from April 27th to June 5th in Grades 3 through 8. The CMT Science Test will be administered on March 17th for Grade 5; March 18th for Grade 8 and March 11th for Grade 10. Please make sure that students are well rested and prepared for this important assessment. We want everyone to put forward their best effort. Thank you.

The Wolcott Kindergarten Staff will be presenting Orientation Sessions for parents/guardians of preschoolers scheduled to begin Kindergarten during the 2015-2016 school year on the following dates:

Alcott School on Thursday, March 26th

Frisbie School on Monday, March 16th

Wakelee School on Wednesday, March 18th

All presentations will be held at 7:00 p.m. Parents are welcome to attend any of these presentations. They will be identical in content. Any child residing in Wolcott who will be five years old on or before January 1, 2016 should be registered. Please RSVP at the site you will attend as soon as possible.

Presentation from Wakelee...

- Grade 4 Students on Invention Convention

Conference Attendance Report March 9, 2015

DATE	COST	PERSON(S)	SCHOOL/POSITION	SUB	PRESENTER	TITLE	LOCATION
03/19/15	(M) Only	Bryan MacKay	WHS/Science Teacher	Yes	Uconn Biology ECE	Bryophytes: 400 million years of evolution and into the classroom	Storrs, Ct
03/19/15	None	Sara Tedesco	TMS/Computer Teacher	No	ACES	ACES Technology/LMS Council	Hamden, Ct
03/26; 03/27	\$100.00	Lisa Riggi	WHS/Athletic Director	No	CIAC	CIAC-Ct Assoc of Athletic Directors Annual Conf.	Rocky Hill, Ct
03/31/15	None	Robert Cormier	WHS/Science Teacher	Yes	Uconn	Uconn Physics ECE Workshop	Storrs, Ct
04/20/15	(M) Only	Nancy Nevins	WHS/Social Studies Teacher	Yes	Uconn	Uconn ECE US History Workshop	Storrs, Ct
05/18/15	None	Robert Cormier	WHS/Science Teacher	Yes	Uconn	Uconn ECE Engineering Workshop	Storrs, Ct

ECE

Early College Experience

Field Trip Report
BOE Meeting 03/09/15

ID	Trip	Date	School	# Students	Destination	Educational Objectives	Contact
477	GR1 Charlotte's Web	03/18/15	Wakelee	47	Lincoln Theater- West Hartford	Theater presentation of literature read in class	Klemenz, Lisa
524	NBC STUDIOS	03/19/15	WHS	10	West Hartford	Studio will reflect real life experience as to what is taught in class.	Miele, MARY LOU
587	Child Development Field Trip 2	03/11/15	WHS	9	Children's Village Wolcott 545 Boundline Road Wolcott, CT 06716	Observe physical, cognitive, and social-emotional development in infants, toddlers and pre-schoolers. Students will complete an observation chart based on their findings.	Pierpaoli, Katie

Fundraiser Report March 9, 2015

DATE	SCHOOL	GROUP/PERSON	DESCRIPTION OF FUNDRAISER
2015-2016	WHS	Unified Sports Basketball	Items to be sold at Unified/Varsity Games
Mar 9-Apr 10	WHS	Skills USA	Sell shaped crayons for cancer
Apr 3, 11, 12	WHS	Diamond Club	Pail shake at Pats IGA, Stop & Shop, Dunkin Donuts
Apr 13-17	Wakelee	Physical Educ Classes	Jump Rope for Heart
May 14	WHS	Unified Sports Basketball	Dinner at LaFortuna

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

RESOLUTION: RESIGNATIONS

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

TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATIONS OF THE FOLLOWING EMPLOYEES FOR THE PURPOSE OF RETIREMENT AT THE END OF THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR:

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| 1. <u>Linda Daigle</u> | Grade 1Teacher | Alcott Elementary School |
| 2. <u>Marie Finelli</u> | Grade 3 Teacher | Frisbie Elementary School |
| 3. <u>Lucille Tina Palmer</u> | Reading Specialist | Frisbie Elementary School |
| 4. <u>Holly Wrenn</u> | Principal | Alcott Elementary School |

(See attached)

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – March 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. Bryan Camaratta in the position of Sports Volunteer for the Tyrrell Middle School's Softball Team effective spring 2015.

(See attached)

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

RESOLUTION: ADOPT 2015-2016 WOLCOTT PUBLIC SCHOOLS' BUDGET

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

To adopt on initial vote the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year Wolcott Public Schools' Budget in the amount of \$33,274,075.