

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT**

A regular meeting of the Board of Education was held on Monday, June 20, 2016, at Wolcott High 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, Gloria Clair, Anthony Gugliotti, Roberta Leonard, Arthur Lerz, and Cynthia Mancini, all Board members. Also in attendance: Dr. Anthony Gasper, Superintendent of Schools, Frank Purcaro, Director of Student Learning & Teaching; Kevin Hollis, Director of Student Services; 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; Daniel Caetano, Assistant Principal of Tyrrell Middle School; Shawn Simpson, Principal of Alcott School; Joseph Norcross, Principal of Frisbie School; Robert Nagashima, Principal of Wakelee 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. Lumia, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 23, 2016. So voted.

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Lumia, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 6, 2016. So voted.

Motion: by Mrs. Clair, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to approve the minutes of the special meeting of June 15, 2016. So voted.

Communications:

Thank You notes from a recipient of the Olga Krasnovsky Scholarship
Thank You note from Tyrrell Students & Staff

Business Manager's Report:

Budget Transfers:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Lumia, to authorize the transfer of **\$269,338.48** presented in the Business Manager's report. So voted.

Expenditures:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Clair, to approve expenditures in the amount of **\$873,978.69** paid on June 21, 2016 for fiscal year 2015-2016.
So voted.

Superintendent's Report:

The Principals gave the Board two minute updates on the events at their schools.
Mr. Hollis reported on his area of Student Services & Alternative Programs.

Dr. Gasper reported on some of the outstanding accomplishments for the Wolcott Public Schools this year:

- Strides in technology in the classrooms with the addition of Chromebooks in the middle and high schools;
- New math series, envision Math from Pearson Publishing approved for the 2016-2017 school year;
- Wolcott High School honored by the College Boards;
- Frisbie recognized by the State Department of Education as a School of Distinction;
- Alcott, through the HOT School Program, had a resident artist, Nancy Fischel, throughout the school year working with Kindergarten and First grade students on interdisciplinary lessons;
- Frisbie's Principal, Joseph Norcross, earned the recognition of CT Association of Schools' Principal of the Year, and will represent CT elementary schools in Washington at the National Recognition Program and Ceremony;
- Lastly, Dr. Gasper thanked the community and schools for the warm welcome he received during his first school year as Superintendent.

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

Public Comment:

No one came forward.

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

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mr. Lerz, to accept the resignation(s) of:
1. **Danielle Maringola** in the position of Head Coach of the Varsity Dance Team at Wolcott High School effective immediately.
So voted.

Approve – Nominations:

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

1. **Meagan Angelone** to the position of Library/Media Paraprofessional at Wolcott High School effective August 29, 2016;
2. **Paige Cipriano** to the position of Grade 3 Teacher at Frisbie Elementary School effective August 25, 2016;
3. **Brunida Cironaku** to the position of Food Service General Worker at Wolcott High School effective August 23, 2016;
4. **Angela Cormier** to the position of Special Education Paraprofessional – Life Skills at Wakelee Elementary School effective August 29, 2016;
5. **Anjeza Cuko** to the position of Social Studies Teacher at Wolcott High School effective August 25, 2016;
6. **Sarah Daley** to the position of Food Service General Worker at Wakelee Elementary School effective August 23, 2016;
7. **Jason Downes** to the position of Social Studies Teacher at Tyrrell Middle School effective August 25, 2016;
8. **Jennifer Spino** to the position of Food Service General Worker at Wolcott High School effective August 23, 2016;
9. **2016 Summer Studies Staff:**
 - Emily Cantor - Paraprofessional
 - Mary Devaney - Teacher
 - Sara Gutis – Special Education Teacher Substitute
 - Jennifer Murphy – Special Education Teacher Substitute

So voted.

Permission to Dispose of Outdated Teacher Resource Kits:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Lumia, to grant permission to Alcott Elementary School to discard the following outdated resource kits:

- Five (5) Growing with Math Teacher Resource Kits, and
- One (1) My Sidewalks on Reading Street Teacher Resource Kit

So voted.

Approve a Contract – Videographer:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mr. Gugliotti, to award a contract to **Michael Bruce Video** to furnish equipment and services necessary to video/audio record the meetings of the Wolcott Board of Education for the amount of **\$250.00 per meeting**. So voted.

Committee Reports:

Mrs. Mancini reported that the Finance Committee met earlier and discussed the \$150,000 reduction in the 2016-2017 budget, pending invoices, budget reports, transfer requests, and the May's Health claims.

Mrs. Gubitosi said the Facilities Committee met at 6:30 p.m. and received a report from Mr. Stankus on all school projects and repairs going on during summer break, also District issues.

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.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: by Ms. Leonard, seconded by Mrs. Clair, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:50 p.m. So voted.

Note: A videotape of this meeting in its entirety can be viewed on the WLCT96 site on the Town of Wolcott's website, www.wolcottct.org.