

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

A Board of Education meeting was held on Monday, April 7, 2014, at Wolcott High 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, and Kimberly Lumia, all Board members. Also in attendance: Joseph Macary, Superintendent of Schools; Frank Purcaro, Director of Curriculum and Professional Development; Joseph Monroe, 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; a WEA Representative; Helene Leder, Frisbie Teacher; and Joan Gray, Board Clerk.

The regular Board meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m., and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mrs. Najarian read the Wolcott Public Schools' Mission Statement.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: by Ms. Leonard, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 24, 2014. So voted.

Communications:

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Business Manager's Report:

Expenditures:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mr. Buzzelli, to approve the May 2014 payroll expenditure in the amount of **\$1,720,000.**
To approve expenditures in the amount of **\$475,734.73** paid on April 8, 2014 for fiscal year 2013-2014.
So voted.

Superintendent's Report:

Ms. Leder introduced two Frisbie students, Tyler Chance and Jalynn Maia, who explained their projects for the Grade 5 Science Fair.

The Principals gave two minute updates on their schools and Mr. Nagashima reported on the Student Services Department for Mrs. Iles, who was unable to attend the meeting.

The Superintendent reminded parents that there will be no school from April 14 to April 18 for Spring Vacation.

Pre-school prescreening is being held on April 25th at 9:30 a.m. The purpose of the screening is to identify any preschool age children, 3 or 4, who may have a disability. Call Student Services office at 203 879-8178 to register for the screening.

The Smarter Balanced Assessments begin March 25 to April 11 for Grade 11 Students; April 28 to May 16 for Grades 4, 5, 7, & 8; and May 19 to June 6 for Grades 3 & 6.

The last day of school is Tuesday, June 24, 2014. June 23 and 24 will be early dismissal days for students.

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

Public Comment:

No one came forward.

Committee Reports:

Mrs. Mancini reported that the Finance Committee met at 6:30 p.m. with Tony Marino, the Treasurer for the Town of Wolcott. They also discussed pending invoices and a bid award for Security Access Control Systems.

Ms. Leonard said that at the ACES meeting she attended it was announced that Dr. Craig Edmondson, the Executive Director for ACES, was retiring. She also reported that the Board's Operations and Programs Committee met on March 31st and reviewed WHS' Course of Studies Guide for 2014-2015, new and revised Board policies and regulations, and also received an update on Common Core.

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

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to approve the following transfers to the positions indicated:

1. **Donna Calabro** from the position of Grade 5 Teacher at Wakelee School to the position of Grade 4 Teacher at Wakelee School effective August 25, 2014;
2. **Jennifer Marino** from the position of Grade 3 Teacher at Wakelee School to the position of Grade 2 Teacher at Wakelee School effective August 25, 2014;
3. **Tara Taylor** from the position of Grade 3 Teacher at Frisbie School to the position of Grade 2 Teacher at Frisbie School effective August 25, 2014;
4. **Jennifer Whipple** from the position of Grade 3 Teacher at Wakelee School to the position of Grade 2 Teacher at Wakelee School effective August 25, 2014.

So voted.

Approve – Nominations:

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

1. **Lisa Riggi** in the position of Director of the 2014 Summer Studies Program effective April 8, 2014.
2. **2014-2015 WHS Winter Sports Coaches:**

Matthew Craig	Head Boys Basketball Coach
Marty DiTuccio	Junior Varsity Boys Basketball Coach
James Maisto	Freshman Boys Basketball Coach
Jessica Geddes	Head Girls Varsity Basketball Coach
Nicole Rindos	Junior Varsity Basketball Coach
Becky Riviezzo	Head Indoor Track Coach
Chris Riviezzo	Assistant Indoor Track Coach
Michele Cordeau	Head Cheerleading Coach
Ron Cordeau	Assistant Cheerleading Coach
Justin Bolton	Weight Training Coordinator Coach
Jay Pace	Weight Lifting Coach

So voted.

Approve – Out of State Field Trip(s):

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mrs. Clair, to approve the following out-of-state field trips:

1. Wolcott High School's Robotics Team (15) requests permission to compete in a robotics competition in Boston, MA on April 10-13, 2014;

2. Wolcott High School’s A and P, Nursing, and AP Biology Students (50) request permission to go to New York City to see the Bodies World Exhibit on April 25, 2014;
3. Wolcott High School’s Golf Team (6) requests permission to change the date of their Board approved trip to Queenstown Harbor, MD to participate in a golf tournament from April 14-16 to May 26-28, 2014;
4. Wolcott High School’s National Honor Society (40-50) requests permission to go to Newport, RI on May 27, 2014 to compare social strata in the ‘Gilded Age’ on site;
5. Alcott Elementary School’s 4th Grade (42) requests permission to go to Old Sturbridge Village, Sturbridge, MA on June 3, 2014 to study the lifestyles of early American Colonists;
6. Wolcott High School’s Senior Class (125) requests permission to go to 6 Flags New England, Agawam, MA on June 9, 2014 for their senior class trip.

So voted.

Approve – a Graduation Date:

Motion: by Ms. DelBuono, seconded by Mrs. Lumia, to approve June 24, 2014 as the date for the following graduation ceremonies:
 Tyrrell Middle School at 4:00 p.m. and
 Wolcott High School at 7:00 p.m.
 So voted.

Approve – the 2014-2015 Board of Education Meeting Schedule – Initial Vote:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to approve on initial vote the following 2014-2015 schedule of Board of Education meeting dates:

	<u>FIRST</u>	<u>SECOND</u>
JULY	21 (Monday-TMS Large Group Instruction Room)	
AUGUST	18 (Monday-TMS Large Group Instruction Room)	
SEPTEMBER	8 (Monday)	22 (Monday)
OCTOBER	14 (Tuesday)	27 (Monday)
NOVEMBER	17 (Monday)	
DECEMBER	8 (Monday)	
JANUARY	12 (Monday-Alcott)	
FEBRUARY	9 (Monday-Frisbie)	23 (Monday-TMS)
MARCH	9 (Monday-Wakelee)	23 (Monday)
APRIL	20 (Monday)	
MAY	11 (Monday)	26 (Tuesday)
JUNE	8 (Monday)	22 (Monday)

All Board of Education meetings will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Wolcott High School Resource Center unless otherwise indicated.

All meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month unless otherwise indicated.

So voted.

Approve – New & Revised Policies & Regulations – Initial Vote:

Motion: by Ms. DelBuono, seconded by Mr. Lerz, to adopt on initial vote the following new or revised policies and regulations:

1. New
 - a. 1316.2 – Community Relations: Civility
 - b. 6172.12 – Instruction: Magnet Schools
 - c. 9273 – Bylaws of the Board: Conflict of Interest
2. Revised
 - a. 0521 – Mission-Goals-Objectives: Nondiscrimination
 - b. 1331 – Community Relations: Smoke-Free Environment
 - c. 4118.231 – Personnel-Certified/Non-Certified: Alcohol, Drugs & Tobacco
 - d. 5113 – Students-Policy: Attendance & Excuses
 - e. 5144.4 – Students Discipline: Physical Exercise & Discipline of Students

So voted.

Approve – The WHS 2014-2015 Course of Studies Guide – Initial Vote:

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to approve on initial vote the Wolcott High School's Course of Studies Guide 2014-2015.

So voted.

Bid Award – Security Access Council:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mr. Lerz, to approve the bid and award a contract for the Security Access Control to Sterling Security Systems, Inc. in the amount of **\$19,727.20**. So voted.

Time for the Public:

Kathy Cordone, 80 Old Boundline Road, explained the history of the Young Authors Celebration, which is held annually at Wakelee Elementary School.

Items for the Next Agenda:

Final votes on the BOE's 2014-2015 Meeting Schedule, Policies & Regulations, and WHS's 2014-2015 Course of Studies.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to take a 5 minute recess at 8:15 p.m., then go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of the employment of a certified employee and consideration and review of a document protected by attorney-client privilege.

Motion: by Mr. Lerz, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to come out of Executive Session and reconvene the regular meeting at 8:54 p.m. So voted.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Ms. DelBuono, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:55 p.m. So voted.